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SENATE

MONDAY, March 10, 2014

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend GEORGE HECKARD, of Grace United Church of Christ, Shippensburg, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

We thank You, God, for the fertile soil, the clear streams, and productive industries of Pennsylvania. We thank You for the small towns and the big cities, the new homes, and the family farms, the one-room schoolhouses, and the shadowing skyscrapers. We thank You for our ancestors who settled here centuries ago from other countries, and for our neighbors who moved here last week from other countries. Our prayer today in the season of Lent is that You give this Senate wisdom and guidance in making decisions concerning the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, so that we as the Keystone State aspire to be a model of the qualities that please You. Amen.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

TRANSFER OF GUBERNATORIAL POWER PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 13, OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSTITUTION

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which was read as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR Harrisburg

February 27, 2014

The Honorable Joseph B. Scarnati The Honorable Samuel H. Smith President *Pro Tempore* Speaker of the House Senate of Pennsylvania Pennsylvania House of Representatives

c/o Megan Totino Consedine Secretary/Parliamentarian 462 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120 c/o Clancy Myer Parliamentarian 133 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati and Speaker Smith:

Please be advised that, due to a scheduled surgical procedure, I expect to be unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office of governor during the period beginning at 7:10 a.m. on February 27, 2014, and until such time as I transmit to you a similar declaration that no disability exists, the Lieutenant Governor will be empowered to discharge the powers and duties of the office of governor as "Acting Governor" in accordance with Article IV, § 13 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

This declaration of disability is transmitted to you pursuant to sections 1 and 7 of the act of December 30, 1974 (P.L. 1072, No. 347), 71 P.S. §§ 784.1 and 784.7.

Sincerely,

TOM CORBETT Governor

RESUMPTION OF GUBERNATORIAL POWER PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 13, OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSTITUTION

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Dear Senator Scarnati and Speaker Smith:

Please be advised that I am again able to discharge the powers and duties of the office of governor. Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, § 13 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, and section 1 of the act of December 30, 1974 (P.L. 1072, No. 347) (act), 71 P.S. § 784.1, I am hereby notifying you that I have resumed the powers and duties of the office of governor, effective immediately.

This declaration is transmitted to you pursuant to sections 1 and 7 of the act, 71 P.S. §§ 784.1 and 784.7.

Sincerely,

TOM CORBETT Governor

RECALL COMMUNICATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

February 20, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 24, 2013, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Tracy Steen, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

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

TOM CORBETT Governor

TREASURER, PERRY COUNTY

February 26, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 2, 2013, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as Treasurer, in and for the County of Perry, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Mary Reisinger, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT Governor

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

February 18, 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, Lisa P. Deem, D.M.D., J.D., 161 Splitrail Lane, Blue Bell 19422, Montgomery County, Forty-fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, to serve for a term of six years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

February 18, 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, Robert F. Powelson, 135 Viburnum Drive, Kennett Square 19348, Chester County, Ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, to serve until April 1, 2019, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

February 20, 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, Jeffrey Pincus, 42 Oak Tree Road, Hummelstown 17036, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Tracy Steen, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

February 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, Cliff Benson, 133 Centennial Avenue,

Sewickley 15143, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University, to serve until July 1, 2016, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ira Lubert, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

February 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, Todd Rucci, 5 Southview Lane, Lititz 17543, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University, to serve until July 1, 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Alvin Clemens, St. David's, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE AND REVENUE

February 24, 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, David R. Kraus, Esquire, 5024 Pellingham Circle, Enola 17025, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Finance and Revenue, to serve until January 1, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE AND REVENUE

February 24, 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, R. Scott Shearer, Esquire, 6433 Farmcrest Lane, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Finance and Revenue, to serve until January 1, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND BOARD

February 25, 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, Diana Bucco, 124 Radcliff Drive, Pittsburgh 15237, Allegheny County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Children's Trust Fund Board, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Frank P. Cervone, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

February 25, 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, Charles A. Castle, MD, 645 Oakwood Lane, Lancaster 17603, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Radheshyam M. Agrawal, M.D., Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 26, 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, Michael Flinchbaugh, 30 Keller Avenue, York 17406, York County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jack Dehoff, York, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

February 26, 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, John P. Kameen, 636 Main Street, Forest City 18421, Susquehanna County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, to serve until July 24, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

February 26, 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, Narciso "Nick" A. Rodriguez-Cayro, Esquire, 2401 Ascott Way, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, to serve until July 24, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Alan Papernick, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

TREASURER, PERRY COUNTY

February 26, 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, Harva Owings Baughman, 319 Walnut Street, Newport 17074, Perry County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Treasurer, in and for the County of Perry, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Mary Reisinger, resigned.

TOM CORBETT

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

February 28, 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, Jon Anzur, 71 Kelly Drive, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Roberta McGettigan, Upper Darby, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

February 28, 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, Gloria E. Rosado, 925 Weiser Street, Reading 19601, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for appoint-

ment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2016, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Martha K. Malina, M.S., NCTMB, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

February 28, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Dr. Juanita Monteiro, Harleysville, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE BANKING AND SECURITIES COMMISSION

March 3, 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, James R. Biery, 3 Gunpowder Road, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Banking and Securities Commission, serves at the pleasure of the Governor and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Steven Irwin, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CLARKS SUMMIT STATE HOSPITAL

March 5, 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, The Honorable Alan M. Hall, P.O. Box 961, Hallstead 18822, Susquehanna County, Twenty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Clarks Summit State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Grochowski, Scranton, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

March 6, 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, Steven Bradley, 810 Felton Ave., Sharon Hill 19079, Delaware County, Eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Timothy Johnson, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

March 6, 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, Nicholas Haden, 114 Julianna Drive, Coraopolis 15108, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing authority, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

March 6, 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, George Komelasky, 42 Larch Circle, Holland 18966, Bucks County, Sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Jon Anzur, (Public Member), 71 Kelly Drive, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial

District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve until March 16, 2014 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Virginia Birmingham, Lititz, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Jon Anzur, 71 Kelly Drive, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Wade Lipscomb, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Christopher Metz (Public Member), 3027 Glenmawr Street, Pittsburgh 15204, Allegheny County, Fortysecond Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jessie Bloom, Montoursville, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority, to serve until April 8, 2014, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert G. Sanders, Philadelphia, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of 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 James Pinkerton, Prospect, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2014, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Celestino R. Pennoni, Bryn Mawr, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Joseph M. James, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, BERKS COUNTY

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senato-

rial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Berks County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Jeffrey L. Schmehl, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, BRADFORD COUNTY

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Bradford County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Jeffrey A. Smith, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Nitza I. Quinones Alejandro, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

JUDGE, PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Philadelphia Municipal Court, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, add to complement.

TOM CORBETT Governor

JUDGE, PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Philadelphia Municipal Court, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, add to complement.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Jon Anzur, 71 Kelly Drive, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Landscape Architects, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice James Barnes, York, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Landscape Architects, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice William Mullin, Monroeville, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve until October 1, 2016, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice J. Bret Delone, M.D., F.A.C.S., Camp Hill, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority, to serve [sic] for until June 2, 2014, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Agbede, Pittsburgh, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ray Morrow, Pittsburgh, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of South Mountain Restoration Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice M. Lee Hartzok, Chambersburg, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of South Mountain Restoration Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mitzi C. Smith, Mont Alto, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND HEARING

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Dr. Sean Campbell, York, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WARREN STATE HOSPITAL

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Warren State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Steven D. Mitchell, Corry, deceased.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Jon Anzur, 71 Kelly Drive, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph Fragle, Sharon, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Gerald J. LaValle, Rochester, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Thomas Fee, New Castle, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Loretta Hogans, New Castle, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WHITE HAVEN CENTER

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Jon Anzur, 71 Kelly Drive, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the White Haven Center, to serve until January 21, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Gerald Feissner, Freeland, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for County of Bucks, Magisterial District 07-2-08, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Robert E. Gaffney, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Chester, Magisterial District 15-2-06, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Rita Arnold, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Lancaster, Magisterial District 02-1-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Cheryl N. Hartman, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

CORRECTION TO NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the

Commonwealth, which was read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

February 26, 2014

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

Please note the nomination dated December 11, 2013, for the appointment of Constance H. Henry, 512 Woodcrest Drive, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2014, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Doug Enders, Camp Hill, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Constance H. Henry, 512 Woodcrest Drive, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Doug Enders, Camp Hill, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

February 19, 2014

Senators WARD, ARGALL, YUDICHAK, WHITE and RAF-FERTY presented to the Chair **SB 1242**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization, providing for failure to comply with a code requirement.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AF-FAIRS AND HOUSING, February 19, 2014.

Senators ROBBINS, SCARNATI, PILEGGI, FERLO, ERICKSON, EICHELBERGER, GORDNER, ALLOWAY, YUDICHAK, HUTCHINSON, VULAKOVICH and BAKER presented to the Chair SB 1253, entitled:

An Act amending Title 37 (Historical and Museums) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in powers and duties of Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, further providing for specific powers and duties, for personal property and for documents; providing for Commonwealth archival records, for local government archival records and for access to older public records; in historic properties, further providing for powers over certain historic property; and prescribing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, February 19, 2014.

Senators YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, COSTA, KASUNIC, SOLOBAY, HUGHES and YAW presented to the Chair **SB 1254**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 6, 1989 (P.L.207, No.33), known as the Plumbing System Lead Ban and Notification Act, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMEN-TAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 19, 2014.

Senators ERICKSON, FONTANA, TOMLINSON, FERLO, RAFFERTY, COSTA, PILEGGI, SMITH, SOLOBAY, YUDICHAK, VANCE, BRUBAKER, ALLOWAY, GREEN-LEAF and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 1255**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further providing for purposes and powers.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOV-ERNMENT, February 19, 2014.

Senators WARD, HUTCHINSON, TOMLINSON, ARGALL, ROBBINS, ERICKSON, BAKER, KASUNIC, YUDICHAK, SOLOBAY, WHITE, YAW, ALLOWAY, BLAKE, VULAKOVICH, BRUBAKER, SCARNATI, McILHINNEY, WOZNIAK, BROWNE and MENSCH presented to the Chair SB 1256, entitled:

An Act establishing a Heritage Areas Program to identify, protect, enhance and promote the historic, recreational, natural, cultural and scenic resources of this Commonwealth and to stimulate community revitalization and economic development through regional heritage conservation, recreation, tourism and partnerships; and making a related repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 19, 2014.

February 28, 2014

Senators RAFFERTY, YAW, KASUNIC, VULAKOVICH, STACK, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, SOLOBAY and SCARNATI presented to the Chair **SB 1243**, entitled:

An Act providing for remediation of real property contaminated by methamphetamine production, for decontamination standards to be developed by Department of Health and for restitution; prohibiting certain activity relating to certain property; providing for enforcement; establishing immunity for real estate professionals under certain circumstances; and authorizing fees.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 28, 2014.

Senators STACK, FONTANA, SCHWANK, SMITH, WILLIAMS, SOLOBAY, FARNESE and HUGHES presented to the Chair SB 1251, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in trade and commerce, providing for the offense of providing false consumer information to consumer reporting agency.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 28, 2014.

Senator FERLO presented to the Chair SB 1252, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of Transportation, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to East Liberty Development Corporation certain lands and improvements situate in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, February 28, 2014.

Senators FONTANA, ERICKSON, SMITH, RAFFERTY, WILLIAMS, HUGHES, YUDICHAK, KASUNIC and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 1259**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 1, 1988 (P.L.82, No.16), known as the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Act, further providing for definitions; and providing for additional use of funds for financial assistance.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 28, 2014.

Senators SMITH, FERLO, COSTA, FONTANA, BREWSTER, VULAKOVICH, SOLOBAY, WILEY, VOGEL, HUTCHINSON, ARGALL, TEPLITZ, BOSCOLA, STACK, ALLOWAY, WHITE, KASUNIC, YUDICHAK, BLAKE, LEACH, WASHINGTON, YAW, FARNESE, MENSCH, WOZNIAK, SCHWANK, WILLIAMS and BAKER presented to the Chair SB 1260, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense relating to police animals.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 28, 2014.

Senators SMITH, FERLO, COSTA, FONTANA, BREWSTER, VULAKOVICH, SOLOBAY, WILEY, VOGEL, HUTCHINSON, ARGALL, TEPLITZ, BOSCOLA, STACK, ALLOWAY, WHITE, KASUNIC, YUDICHAK, BLAKE, LEACH, WASHINGTON, YAW, FARNESE, MENSCH, WOZNIAK, SCHWANK, WILLIAMS, DINNIMAN and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 1261**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, further providing for dogs used for law enforcement.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 28, 2014.

Senators FONTANA, ERICKSON, BREWSTER, SMITH, RAFFERTY, WILLIAMS, HUGHES, YUDICHAK and COSTA presented to the Chair SB 1262, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 8, 1949 (P.L.418, No.58), entitled, "An act to provide for and regulate the accumulation, investment, and expenditure of funds by cities, boroughs, incorporated towns and townships for preparing plans for sewage disposal systems, and for the construction, improvement or replacement of sewage disposal systems for which plans have been approved by the Sanitary Water Board of the Commonwealth," further providing for definitions, for creation of a Sewage Disposal System Fund and for expenditure of fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMEN-TAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 28, 2014. Senators WILLIAMS, TEPLITZ, ALLOWAY, FONTANA, SCHWANK, RAFFERTY, COSTA, BRUBAKER, FARNESE, BROWNE, WASHINGTON, KITCHEN, SMITH, TARTAGLIONE and BLAKE presented to the Chair SB 1263, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in falsification and intimidation, providing for the offense of intimidation of witnesses or victims on an Internet website.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 28, 2014.

Senators ERICKSON, TEPLITZ, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, COSTA, VULAKOVICH, DINNIMAN, WILLIAMS and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 1264**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, further providing for cost of tuition and maintenance of certain exceptional children in approved institutions.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 28, 2014.

March 10, 2014

Senators SOLOBAY, TEPLITZ, SMITH, STACK, WASH-INGTON, BREWSTER, FERLO, KASUNIC, ALLOWAY, WHITE, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, FONTANA, SCHWANK, FARNESE, RAFFERTY, COSTA, WILEY, YUDICHAK, BRUBAKER and BROWNE presented to the Chair SB 1132, entitled:

An Act providing for compensation payments to persons who served on active military duty in combat zones in connection with the Global War on Terrorism or their beneficiaries; authorizing the incurring of indebtedness and the issue and sale of bonds by the Commonwealth for the payment of the benefits contingent upon electorate approval; establishing the Global War on Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Payment Bond Fund and the Global War on Terrorism Veterans' Bonus Payment Bond Sinking Fund; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 10, 2014.

Senators SOLOBAY, BREWSTER, SMITH, BLAKE, BROWNE, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, COSTA, ALLOWAY, VULAKOVICH, BRUBAKER and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 1265**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of S.R. 18 over Fish Creek in Freeport Township, Greene County, as the Lieutenant Colonel Cephus Lee Roupe Memorial Bridge.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 10, 2014.

Senators VANCE, PILEGGI, KITCHEN, BAKER, ERICKSON, TEPLITZ, FERLO, STACK, BREWSTER, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, KASUNIC, SOLOBAY, COSTA, SMITH, SCHWANK, WOZNIAK, BOSCOLA, HUGHES, FARNESE, YAW and FOLMER presented to the Chair SB 1267, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 8, 1986 (P.L.408, No.89), known as the Health Care Cost Containment Act, reenacted and amended June 10, 2009 (P.L.10, No.3), further providing for expiration of the act.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 10, 2014.

Senators EICHELBERGER, SCARNATI, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, WHITE, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, ERICKSON, VOGEL, HUTCHINSON, VULAKOVICH, MENSCH, BRUBAKER and BROWNE presented to the Chair SB 1268, entitled:

An Act regulating navigators, assisters and insurance producers in the education and promotion of health insurance exchanges.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 10, 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 19, 2014

Senators STACK, WOZNIAK, ERICKSON, SMITH, ARGALL, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, SOLOBAY, TARTAGLIONE, KITCHEN, COSTA, HUGHES, VOGEL and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SR 301**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to pass H.R. 318, a bill authorizing the construction of a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 19, 2014.

Senators BREWSTER, TEPLITZ, MENSCH, FONTANA, SMITH, YUDICHAK, KASUNIC, VULAKOVICH, DINNIMAN, SOLOBAY, TARTAGLIONE and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair SR 302, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a comprehensive cost analysis on the cost efficiency of the Pennsylvania State Assessment System.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 19, 2014.

February 28, 2014

Senators MENSCH, WASHINGTON, WOZNIAK, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, TEPLITZ, FERLO, BAKER, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, BROWNE, BREWSTER, STACK, EICHELBERGER, SMITH, FONTANA, COSTA, ARGALL, RAFFERTY, PILEGGI, YUDICHAK, ALLOWAY, VANCE, WHITE, TOMLINSON, BOSCOLA, HUGHES, FARNESE, BRUBAKER and SCHWANK presented to the Chair SR 303, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2014 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 28, 2014.

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 28, 2014

HB 1808 -- Committee on Judiciary. **HB 1939** -- Committee on Transportation.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

2013 HAZARDOUS SITES CLEANUP FUND ANNUAL REPORT

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Department of Environmental Protection Rachel Carson State Office Building P.O. Box 2063 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

December 20, 2013

Ms. Megan Totina [sic] Consedine Secretary of the Senate Senate Post Office Box 203053 Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

Dear Ms. Consedine:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is pleased to present to you its Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund Annual Report. This report summarizes DEP's accomplishments under the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act, which provides DEP with the ability to immediately respond to spills of hazardous substances thereby eliminating threats to public health and the environment.

As provided in the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund Funding Act, DEP is distributing the report electronically and providing a link for accessing the report online. The report can be found on DEP's Website at www.dep.state.pa.us, keyword "HSCA." From that page, click on "Remediation Services" to locate the report.

Thank you for your interest in this report and for continuing to partner with DEP to promote a clean environment and safe community for all Pennsylvanians.

Respectfully,

E. CHRISTOPHER ABRUZZO Secretary

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM ACT

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the Annual Report of the State Purchase Program Act, incorporating therein:

This report, as required by Section 7(b) of the State Food Purchase Program Act (62 P.S. Section 4047(b)), will provide insight to members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly on the activities of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Food Distribution. This includes detailed statistics on the allocation and expenditure of funds, participation in the State Food Purchase Program, and the variety, pounds and cost of food purchased. The program remains vital to serving the needs of food banks, pantries and at-risk Pennsylvanians.

This report covers the time period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013

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

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION RULINGS

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA State Ethics Commission P.O. Box 11470 Harrisburg, PA 17108

TO: FROM: Director or Administrator Robert Caruso, Executive Director

State Ethics Commission

DATE:

January 13, 2014

RE:

Distribution of State Ethics Commission Rulings

On June 26, 1989, the revised Public Official and Employee Ethics Law was enacted which re-authorized the State Ethics Commission. The State Ethics Commission is responsible for issuing various types of rulings on matters within its mandated jurisdiction. Pursuant to the law, the Commission is mandated to forward, quarterly, a copy of every Opinion, Advice of Counsel, and Order issued to one law library in each county, one public library in each county, the State Library, the State Senate Library, each authority appointing a Commission member, the Pennsylvania Association of County Commissioners, the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners, the Pennsylvania State School Boards Association, and the Pennsylvania League of Cities. Your agency is either specifically identified in the above requirement or has been selected as a library to which this mailing will be made pursuant to the above authority. As such, enclosed please find decisions of the State Ethics Commission from October 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. Due to budgetary restraints, a CD containing said rulings will replace paper copies that were previously sent.

For your information, the Commission generally issues these types of decisions as follows:

<u>Commission Opinions</u> - Opinions are advisory rulings issued by the State Ethics Commission regarding the duties and responsibilities of public officials and employees under the Public Official and Employee Ethics Law. Opinions are catalogued by year of issuance followed by the sequential number of the opinion during that year. As such, opinions relating to 2013 will begin with the number 13-001 and proceed there from as decisions are rendered.

Advice of Counsel - The Commission's Chief Counsel is authorized to issue similar advisory letters. Such letters are issued generally when there is prior precedent for counsel to rely upon in issuing a decision or when the provisions of the State Ethics Act directly provide the answer to the question posed. Advice of Counsel letters are numbered with the

year and a 500 series number that progresses in order therefrom as rulings are issued. If more than 100 such letters are issued, a 600 series number will then be used.

Orders - Commission orders are issued at the end of an investigation and are determinations as to whether or not there has been a violation of the State Ethics Act. Commission orders are categorized numerically from the date of the first order in 1979. That is, the first Order issued was Order No. 1. All orders proceed there from.

It is recommended that Opinions, Advices of Counsel and Orders be maintained separately (in numerical order) so as to afford better retrievability.

The enclosed items are being forwarded for retention, cataloging and for the purpose of being publicly available for review by citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who may have an interest therein. Additional mailings will be made on a quarterly basis henceforth. If you have any questions in relation to your receipt of these documents and future distribution, please contact me at 717-783-1610 or 800-932-0936. For your information, all Commission rulings are available online at www.ethics.state.pa.us.

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

2012-13 BUDGET REQUEST OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE

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

> COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA Office of Consumer Advocate 555 Walnut Street, 5th Floor, Forum Place Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101-1923

> > February 2014

To The Governor, The Attorney General And The Members Of The Pennsylvania General Assembly:

I am pleased to present to each of you a copy of the Annual Report of the Office of Consumer Advocate. This report discusses the major activities of the OCA during Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

If you have any questions concerning this report or the operations of the OCA, please contact me. Also, please do not hesitate to contact our Office in the future if you or any of your constituents need assistance with any utility problems or complaints.

Sincerely,

TANYA J. McCLOSKEY Acting Consumer Advocate

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT COMMISSION

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

> COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA Public Employee Retirement Commission Harrisburg, PA 17120

> > February 12, 2014

To: Governor Corbett and Members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly

As required by the Public Employee Retirement Commission Act, this annual public report is issued to summarize the Commission's findings, recommendations, and activities for the year 2013.

During 2013, the Commission authorized the attachment of eleven actuarial notes to bills and amendments and provided four advisory

notes at the request of the various committees of the General Assembly. This report contains a synopsis of each of these notes and contains a summary of the Commission's review of the Public School Employees' Retirement System. This report also describes research conducted during 2013 and summarizes the Commission's administrative activities under the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act and Act 293 of 1972.

On behalf of the Public Employee Retirement Commission and its staff, I am pleased to submit the thirty-first annual public report of the Commission. The Commission hereby expresses its thanks and appreciation to all individuals, organizations, and agencies whose assistance and cooperation contributed to the work of the Commission during

Sincerely,

ANTHONY W. SALOMONE Chairman

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

AUDITOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE

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

> COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA Department of the Auditor General Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

> > February 28, 2014

The Honorable Joseph Scarnati President Pro Tempore Senate of Pennsylvania 292 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati:

In accordance with the provisions of Article VIII of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act (Act 1 of 1999, as amended), the Auditor General is required on or before each March 1 and September 1 to make certifications to the Governor and the General Assembly of:

- The average annual tax revenues deposited in all funds in the five preceding fiscal years;
 The amount of outstanding net debt as of the end of the preceding
- fiscal year;
- The amount of net debt as of the certification date;
- The difference between the limitation upon all net debt outstanding as provided in Section 7(a)(4) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and the amount of net debt as of the certification
- The amount of such debt scheduled to be repaid during the remainder of the fiscal year in which the certificates are being issued;
- The amount of debt authorized by law to be issued, but not yet incurred; and
- The amount of outstanding obligations excluded from outstanding debt as self-sustaining pursuant to Section 7(c)(1), (2) and (3) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

A duplicate original of my certificate is enclosed.

Sincerely,

EUGENE A. DePASQUALE Auditor General

AUDITOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE Pursuant to ARTICLE VIII, Section 7(a)(4) CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA

and

Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act

To the Governor and The General Assembly:

I, Eugene A. DePasquale, Auditor General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 7(a)(4) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act (Act 1 of 1999, as amended) certify as follows:

The average annual tax revenues deposited in all funds in the five fiscal years ended preceding the date of February 28, 2014 \$ 34,173,780,183

- The amount of outstanding net debt as of the end of the preceding fiscal year \$ 9,526,883,776
- (ii) The amount of such net debt as of February 28, 2014 \$ 9,803,558,568
- (iii) The difference between the limitation upon all net debt outstanding as provided in Article VIII, Section 7(a)(4) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the amount of such net debt as of the date of February 28, 2014 \$ 50,000,556,752
- (iv) The amount of such debt scheduled to be repaid during the remainder of the current fiscal year \$ 165,440,000
- (v) The amount of debt authorized by law to be issued, but not yet incurred \$ 97,301,088,968
- (vi) The amount of outstanding obligations excluded from outstanding debt as self sustaining pursuant to Article VIII, Section 7(c)(1), (2) and (3) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Auditor General, this 1st day of March 2014.

> EUGENE A. DePASQUALE Auditor General Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, March 10, 2014

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, March 17, 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 17, 2014, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-48

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

NAY-0

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

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

GUEST OF SENATOR STEWART J. GREENLEAF PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, I rise to introduce Pastor Ghassan Thomas. He is a Chaldean pastor from Baghdad, Iraq, who started a church that was held underground in 1999 until the U.S. toppled Saddam Hussein's regime. After Iraq was liberated, he started a church out in the open called Jesus is the Light of the World in downtown Baghdad. That church grew to over 1,000 members, and during that time, his life was threatened, his wife and three children were threatened almost daily, and terrorists were assigned to kill him. Some of them went to his church to hear God's message of love and compassion and their hearts would be changed, and they would join his church. In fact, one man who sought his life presently serves as one of his youth pastors. He has had guns pointed at his head, churches bombed, neighbors killed and burned to death, all as a warning to him, but God has been with him and has enabled him to start six churches in Iraq, one church in Turkey, and to minister to the refugees there.

Now Pastor Ghassan feels God calling him to show God's love to the persecuted Syrians, Iraqis, and refugees in Turkey. He partners with Healing International for Youth With A Mission, called YWAM, which is a group of college kids who go out on short-term missions all over the world. They have started a training center in northern Iraq near the Turkish border. He shares the

vision that God gave William Penn, a blueprint to make Pennsylvania a Holy Experiment and to become the seed of a nation, and he desires to use that blueprint to plant Penn's seed to create God's peaceable kingdom, that is the quote from Penn, in the midst of the Middle East. He has personally come to America to thank us and remind us to stand firm in our forefather's foundation built upon the phrase "In God We Trust." Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Senate please join me in welcoming Senator Greenleaf's guest.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, today I have the pleasure of introducing Paula Beltran. Paula was raised in the city of Reading, where she currently lives. She graduated 10th in her class from Reading High School in 2011, received an associate's degree in business administration from Reading Area Community College, and is now on track to graduate as a senior from Alvernia University with a bachelor's degree in business management this May. Paula is a board member of Mentors for Berks Youth, an organization that I also support, and the Greater Reading Immigration Project. She is an outspoken advocate for education, especially for the DREAM Act. As you know, we have that legislation here in Pennsylvania. Paula has served as an interpreter in polling places for the Help America Vote Act. She works part-time at the Reading Public Library and part-time for a law office in Berks County. Please join me in welcoming this accomplished young lady to the Senate, Paula Beltran.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL J. FOLMER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Folmer.

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, I am very honored today to introduce Christian Bucks. Christian is the son of Alyson and Justin Bucks, a second grader at Roundtown Elementary School, which is located in the Central York School District, which is part of the new 48th Senatorial District. Christian brought up a very interesting idea. The idea was called the "Buddy Bench." And you may ask, what in the world is the buddy bench? This is really interesting. The buddy bench is so that when students are feeling lonely at recess, they have someplace to go. When other students see that someone is sitting on the buddy bench, they go ask them to play or talk. Christian learned of this idea of the buddy bench when he was with his father and his father was researching the possibility of moving for work. Christian's family researched international schools, and a school in Germany had a buddy bench.

Both the faculty and administration embraced and supported Christian's buddy bench idea and made it happen. Christian hopes that new friendships will be made because of the buddy bench. He has been featured in local and national news, including the Today Show, where Matt Lauer claimed Christian as his new favorite kid. Christian's principal is also here today, Mr. Miller, who describes Christian as a Roundtown PROUD - and I quote, "Christian is polite, responsible, outstanding, understanding, and dependable."

Mr. President, too often today we hear of bullying and the negativity that goes around us. It is a breath of fresh air to hear of the positive impact that Christian is bringing to his community and school. Let us give a warm Senate welcome to Christian and his parents for this great idea of the buddy bench.

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR GENE YAW PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lycoming, Senator Yaw.

Senator YAW. Mr. President, today I have the honor of introducing Miss Pennsylvania Teen USA, Sydney Robertson; her parents, Allan and Diane; and her sister, Holly, to the Senate Chamber. Sydney and her family reside in my Senate district in Williamsport, Lycoming County. Sydney is a sophomore at Commonwealth Connections Academy. Two years ago in 2011, Sydney decided to participate and enter the Miss Pennsylvania Teen USA pageant in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She was the youngest competitor--only 14 at the time--in the teen division and placed second runner-up in that pageant. From that competition, Sydney was scouted by a modeling agency, and by mid-2012, she was signed with an agency in New York City. She has had numerous modeling campaigns for companies such as Macy's, Kohl's, Party City, and has been featured in editorial work in the teen magazine "Seventeen," which is currently in the news stands. She is currently being featured in commercials and on billboards throughout Pennsylvania. This summer, she competed in a smaller national pageant and system in Orlando, Florida, in the teen division representing our Commonwealth and won. She decided to compete one more time in the Miss Pennsylvania Teen USA pageant this December in Pittsburgh. She won that competition, scoring perfect scores in all three phases of competition for preliminaries and finals. She won the Most Photogenic and was voted Miss Congeniality by her peers.

Sydney will be competing nationally for the crown and title later this summer. Only one young woman from Pennsylvania has ever won this title, and Sydney is the first teen from Williamsport to win the State title in the Miss Pennsylvania Teen USA, part of the Miss Universe system. She is very proud of her community and Commonwealth, and we are all very proud of her and her accomplishments. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Sydney and her family to the Senate Chamber today.

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL AND SENATOR JOHN T. YUDICHAK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, Senator Yudichak and I would like to introduce the Marian Fillies Volleyball Team today. They have just come off of a very successful season as the Class A Girls' Volleyball State Champions. Again, Mr. President, the Marian Catholic High School girls' volleyball team.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne, Senator Yudichak.

Senator YUDICHAK. Mr. President, I echo the comments by my esteemed colleague from Schuylkill County and recognize our State champions, the Marian Fillies. Thanks for coming to the Capitol today, thanks for fighting every day and becoming State champions. Thank you.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, two of the leading entrepreneurs in my district are here today. On behalf of the Monroe County Senate delegation, I would like to introduce Brandon Igdalsky and Nick Igdalsky. Brandon is the president and CEO of what many of you know as the Pocono Raceway. Nick is the executive vice president and COO. They are here today after a very successful press conference talking about the amazing fiscal and economic impact which their facility has, not just upon Monroe County, but across all of Pennsylvania.

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR STEWART GREENLEAF PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, I recognize the Archbishop Wood High School football team. They had to leave before we could introduce them. This is the second time that an Archbishop Wood High School football team has won the PIAA State Class AAA Football Championship in 3 years. Two out of 3 years they have won this honor, and I think we should obviously recognize them and indicate that. I guess it was about 2 years ago that we had the girls' basketball team here who also won the State championship and they came up from behind, and so did they. They were down about three points in the first half, and in the second half they came back, after a fairly vigorous halftime talk from their coach, Coach Devlin, and they came out

winners and won the championship. So, it is my honor to have them recognized, and I ask the Senate to do the same.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN R. GORDNER AND SENATOR ROBERT M. TOMLINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, it is my honor to recognize a State championship team and a national champion individual. I am going to introduce the individual to begin with, who is Franklyn Quiteh. Most of you are aware of the Heisman Trophy. Well, for Division II players, there is a Heisman Trophy equivalent by the name of the Harlon Hill Trophy. This individual has been a finalist in the past because of the thousands of yards that he has rushed in a season on an annual basis over his career. This past year, though, capping an incredible senior year, not only was he a finalist, but Franklyn Quiteh was the Harlon Hill recipient as the best national football player in Division II football. Mr. President, can we first recognize the Harlon Hill national winner, Franklin Quiteh.

The PRESIDENT. Would the gentleman please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, next I would like to recognize the State Championship Bloomsburg University Football Team. They won the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Championship. I should mention that in the final game they played Slippery Rock. It is a situation where the East Champion plays against the West Champion. The week before they got to play Slippery Rock, though, they got to play West Chester, and it is my satisfaction that in a very close, exciting game they were able to beat West Chester in order to set themselves up for the finals. We actually have a State Senator who is from the West Chester area and who is on the Board of Trustees of West Chester. But they beat West Chester during the regular season, went on to play Slippery Rock, and they were losing with 2 minutes to go in that championship game, and with about 1:52 left they started a drive that ended up in the touchdown that resulted in the final score of 42 to 38 to win a thriller of a back-and-forth State championship game, under the coaching of Paul Darragh, who is here. Also know that the president, David Soltz, is here. It is truly a team effort, whether offense, defense, kicking, special teams, they really came together. So, it is my honor to recognize the Bloomsburg University PSAC State Championship Football Team.

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

(Applause.)

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, I want to congratulate this fine group of young student athletes. I was at, actually I hosted Governor Schweiker at the West Chester-Bloomsburg game when West Chester was defeated by Bloomsburg by three points. I also traveled to Bloomsburg for the second round of the NCAA finals and I actually watched the game with the former coach, Danny Hale, who was a classmate and teammate of mine at West Chester, and these are two of the finest football games I think I have witnessed in the last couple of years. There was a difference of two points in that game, so a total of five points of difference between West Chester and Bloomsburg tells you a lot about the competition and the level of play in the Pennsylvania State System. Any given year, Shippensburg is right up there, and my former roommate and teammate, the head coach of Shippensburg for 28 years. I would really like to congratulate Paul Darragh, the head coach now of Bloomsburg, who has done an outstanding job, and his outstanding players.

When you realize that Quiteh played behind an offensive line that averaged over 300 pounds, it is amazing the athleticism of these young men, but they are also good students and will be very productive citizens in this country. So, congratulations, but I must tell you that West Chester went on to the semifinals in the NCAAs and went on to be the fourth-ranked team in the country. But my hat today is off to Bloomsburg to an outstanding group of young men and outstanding coaches. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the two meetings, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus as well.

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

AFTER RECESS

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Browne.

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Mensch.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Williams.

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Kitchen, and a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Yudichak.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Browne requests a legislative leave for Senator Mensch.

Senator Williams requests a legislative leave for Senator Kitchen, and a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Yudichak. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CALENDAR

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 497 (Pr. No. 1703) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 497?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Browne.

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 497.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YEA-48

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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 third time and agreed to,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

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

NAY-0

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Browne.

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator White.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Browne requests a legislative leave for Senator White. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 89 and HB 164 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BROWNE.

BILLS AMENDED

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.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration? Senator GORDNER offered the following amendment No. A5866:

Amend Bill, page 8, by inserting between lines 8 and 9: (8) The Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police or a designee.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BROWNE.

HB 798 (Pr. No. 2424) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for organization of commission.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration? Senator BROWNE, on behalf of Senator ALLOWAY, offered the following amendment No. A5370:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 13, by inserting a bracket before "for" Amend Bill, page 1, line 14, by striking out the bracket before "eight"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 14, by striking out "] four"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 15, by inserting a bracket after "qualified"

Amend Bill, page 2, line 1, by inserting a bracket before "and"

Amend Bill, page 2, line 1, by inserting after "and":

l each and may continue to hold office for a period of time not to exceed six months or Amend Bill, page 2, line 2, by inserting after "qualified":

, whichever occurs first

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BROWNE.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1055 and SB 1085 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BROWNE.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1187 (Pr. No. 1726) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for Pennsylvania hunting heritage plates and for special plates for recipients of Combat Infantry Badge; further providing for special plates for individuals in the service of the United States Merchant Marine; and, in fees, further providing for payments to special funds.

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-48

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER TEMPORARILY

SB 1195 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order temporarily at the request of Senator BROWNE.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1205 and HB 1424 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BROWNE.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 149, HB 198, HB 403, HB 408, SB 411, SB 698 and SB 997 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BROWNE.

BILL AMENDED

SB 1000 (Pr. No. 1655) -- 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 rural regional community college for underserved counties.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration? Senator BROWNE, on behalf of Senator SCARNATI, offered the following amendment No. A5914:

Amend Bill, page 10, by inserting after line 30: "Middle States." The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

"Partner institution." One or more Middle States-accredited institutions of higher education.

Amend Bill, page 12, line 29, by striking out "60" and inserting:

Amend Bill, page 12, line 30, by striking out "DESIGNATION" and inserting:

appointment of a board of trustees

Amend Bill, page 13, line 7, by striking out "COMMITTEE" and inserting:

Amend Bill, page 13, line 7, by striking out "DESIGNEE" and inserting:

designees

Amend Bill, page 16, line 8, by inserting after "PROVIDE":

services, including, but not limited to,

Amend Bill, page 16, line 20, by striking out all of said line Amend Bill, page 16, lines 23 and 24, by striking out "IN CONSULTATION AND" and inserting:

only with

Amend Bill, page 16, line 25, by striking out "ITS" and inserting: the partner institution's

Amend Bill, page 17, line 3, by inserting after "CONTRACT": between the rural regional community college and the

partner institution

Amend Bill, page 17, line 4, by striking out "FOR ITS PARTNER INSTITUTION OR INSTITUTIONS'

Amend Bill, page 17, line 8, by striking out "OPERATING" Amend Bill, page 18, line 8, by inserting after "<u>REGION</u>":

designated under section 1903-G(a)(2)

Amend Bill, page 18, line 9, by striking out "THE" and inserting: said

Amend Bill, page 18, lines 9 and 10, by striking out "DESIGNATED UNDER SECTION 1903-G(A)(2)"

Amend Bill, page 18, line 20, by inserting after "THE" where it occurs the second time:

partner

Amend Bill, page 18, lines 25 and 26, by striking out "MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITED" and inserting:

Amend Bill, page 18, line 29, by striking out "DESIGNATION" and inserting:

granting

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BROWNE.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1016 and SB 1017 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BROWNE.

BILL AMENDED

SB 1023 (Pr. No. 1733) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, further providing for the duties of the council, for revised or successor codes and for education and training programs.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration? Senator McILHINNEY offered the following amendment No. A5479:

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 10 and 11, by striking out all of said lines

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BROWNE.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1036, SB 1107, SB 1118, SB 1149, SB 1159, HB 1164, SB 1188, SB 1191, SB 1194 and SB 1199 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BROWNE.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1239 (Pr. No. 1722) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

SB 1195 CALLED UP

SB 1195 (Pr. No. 1651) -- Without objection, the bill, which previously went over in its order temporarily, was called up, from page 2 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator BROWNE.

BILL AMENDED

SB 1195 (Pr. No. 1651) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in liability and compensation, further providing for injuries outside this Commonwealth; in the Uninsured Employers Guaranty Fund, further providing for definitions, for

fund, for claims, for claim petition, for administration and for assessments and transfers; and providing for uninsured employer obligations and for administrative penalties and stop-work orders.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration? Senator GORDNER offered the following amendment No. A5926:

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment? It was agreed to.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration, as amended?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Corman. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration, as amended?

Senator TARTAGLIONE offered the following amendment No. A5358:

Amend Bill, page 13, by inserting between lines 14 and 15:

Section 4. The provisions of this act are severable. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

Amend Bill, page 13, line 15, by striking out "4" and inserting: 5
Amend Bill, page 13, line 27, by striking out "5" and inserting: 6

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentle-woman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, this amendment would address the issue of severability. In the event a court determines any of the provisions in Senate Bill No. 1195 or the State Workers' Compensation Act invalid, this amendment would allow the remaining provisions to have effect. While it is not required, this amendment is necessary because it emphasizes the importance of providing workers' compensation in Pennsylvania,

both now and in the future. By voting for this amendment today, you are supporting the Workers' Compensation Act, clarifying the legislature's intent to preserve as much of the act as possible, and protecting moneys transferred out of the Uninsured Employers Guaranty Fund that will help to maintain the fund down the road. I ask my colleagues for a "yes" vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, first of all, the base bill does a couple of important things. If we do not do anything by the end of this year, the funds in this particular fund will run out and folks who have legitimate claims will not be able to have those claims processed. So, it is very important that we take on this legislation to make sure that there are funds available for those who have legitimate claims.

The second thing this bill does is it makes necessary reforms so that this fund continues to be funded in the future. In regard to the sponsor of this amendment, I agree that we should make sure that the provisions in it are severable. I would argue that under Title I of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, Section 1925, the very first sentence says, "The provisions of every statute shall be severable." Title I, Section 1925, says that "The provisions of every statute shall be severable." It has been the policy and the history of previous provisions and acts that unless the entire amount of a bill is inseparable without breaking it apart, that the individual components of it are severable. And the concern is that if we start putting severability clauses into bills and do not put them into others, that we might be sending mixed messages to our courts, who otherwise, right now if there is an issue, they look at Title I, Section 1925, and start with the premise that the provisions of every statute shall be severable.

So, in conclusion, I agree with the notions that the Democratic chairman has, but I disagree with putting this amendment in because I think it will create problems down the road and send mixed messages to the appellate courts. I ask for a negative vote on this amendment.

And the question recurring, Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

YEA-22

Blake Boscola Brewster Costa Dinniman Farnese	Ferlo Fontana Kasunic Kitchen Leach Schwank	Smith Solobay Stack Tartaglione Teplitz Washington	Wiley Williams Wozniak Yudichak	
NAY-26				
Alloway Argall Baker Browne Brubaker Corman Eichelberger	Erickson Folmer Gordner Greenleaf Hutchinson McIlhinney Mensch	Pileggi Rafferty Robbins Scarnati Smucker Tomlinson Vance	Vogel Vulakovich Ward White Yaw	

Less than a majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration, as amended?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Stack and Senator Washington.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Costa requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Stack and Senator Washington. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration, as amended?

Senator SMITH offered the following amendment No. A5952:

Amend Bill, page 8, lines 26 and 27, by striking out ", WHICH IS PROVIDED IN ADDITION TO ONE OR MORE OF THE ITEMS LISTED IN PARAGRAPHS (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6)"

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Smith.

Senator SMITH. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 1195 specifies that the Uninsured Employers Guaranty Fund is liable for wage loss benefits upon the establishment of the amount of the claimant's wages. Unfortunately, as currently written, Senate Bill No. 1195 would prohibit the establishment of a claimant's wages through that claimant's testimony alone. As currently written, it is my opinion that this restriction violates due process requirements under both the United States and the Pennsylvania Constitutions. My amendment, Mr. President, would correct this error and allow specifically for claimant testimony alone in the establishment of wages. I ask the Senate for its support of this amendment

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I rise in opposition to the amendment. We need to go back to what the base bill is. We established this fund in 2006 with some administrative fund money. After that, we needed to put more administrative fund money in because the balance was running down to zero. That happened again, and this legislation would do it one more time. But part of what we are doing with this legislation is to try to also do some reforms and get to the base of the issue as to why this fund keeps getting drained of dollars. What Secretary Hearthway did was take a look at the year 2010 and the claims that were granted and determined what was similar among many of those claims. What she found out was that 87 percent of the claimants who were successful were unable to produce a pay stub, were unable to produce a W-2, and were unable to produce an income

tax form. Think about that, 87 percent of folks who were successful could not produce an income tax form, a W-2, or a pay stub.

Now, if you are an employer out there and you are doing what you are supposed to do, if you are a union employer out there and you are doing what you are supposed to do, you are paying unemployment compensation taxes, you have a workers' compensation policy, you are paying personal income taxes, you are paying business taxes, you are paying local EIT taxes to your municipality, whether it is Pittsburgh or Philadelphia or wherever, you are paying Federal income taxes, you are paying Social Security taxes, you are doing what you are supposed to do. But, you know what, when you are out there bidding a project and you are having to bid against another employer who is not providing a pay stub, who is not providing a W-2, who is not providing an income tax form, who is not paying UC taxes, not paying workers' comp, not paying personal income taxes, not paying business taxes, not paying local EIT taxes, not paying Federal income taxes, not paying Social Security taxes, then it is an unfair playing surface. I do not care whether you are a union employer or a non-union employer. If you are doing what is right, it should be fair. If you are not doing what is right, you should not be out there.

So, for us to continue this practice, which is what this amendment would do, would encourage the 87 percent of claimants out there who cannot produce one of the six things we have here in the bill. If you can produce a check, a check stub, or a payroll record, that is evidence; if you can produce a tax return, that is evidence; if you can produce UC records, that is evidence; if you can show a bank statement or records showing regular and recurring deposits, that is evidence; and written documentation created contemporaneously with the payments of wages. We have a lot of different things that if you are legitimate, you can produce those documents. Mr. President, I oppose this amendment and I oppose those employers out there and the employees who work with them to pay under the table and not compete fairly and competitively.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Ward. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

And the question recurring, Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Smith.

Senator SMITH. Mr. President, I just note in response to the gentleman's comments that the employers that we are talking about here are in fact the employers who are not doing the right thing. They are not the ones paying into the system. They are, in fact, the uninsured employers who are asking others to bear the burden of being uninsured. I think this bill without my amend-

ment simply finds a solution to a problem in a overly broad way and, unfortunately, punishes claimants. A claimant, for instance, who might work one day on the job and suffers an injury and they need to file for workers' compensation, that individual may not have the ability to obtain a pay stub, if they work a half-day or a full day. The problem here, Mr. President, is the fact that we are tilting the playing field far too much in favor of these employers who are not in fact paying into the system. We are punishing the claimants who have valid claims and who are simply just trying to prove without written documentation, they are trying to prove verbally the amount of their lost wages. I think when you talk about fundamental fairness in American jurisprudence, I think it is an essential tenet that everyone has their day in court, that everyone has the ability to make an argument in their favor. What this bill does is take away the claimant's ability to make their argument in their favor as to the amount of the lost wages without the additional support of written documentation that they may not have, through no fault of their own. Mr. President, I think this bill without the amendment goes too far in favor of the employers who are skirting the system and not paying into the Workers' Compensation Fund. I ask the Senate for support of this amendment. Thank you.

And the question recurring, Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

YEA-22

Blake	Ferlo	Smith	Wiley
Boscola	Fontana	Solobay	Williams
Brewster	Kasunic	Stack	Wozniak
Costa	Kitchen	Tartaglione	Yudichak
Dinniman Farnese	Leach Schwank	Tartagnone Teplitz Washington	Tudiciiak

NAY-26

Alloway	Erickson	Pileggi	Vogel
Argall	Folmer	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Baker	Gordner	Robbins	Ward
Browne	Greenleaf	Scarnati	White
Brubaker	Hutchinson	Smucker	Yaw
Corman	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	
Eichelberger	Mensch	Vance	

Less than a majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration, as amended?

Senator BLAKE offered the following amendment No. A5815:

Amend Bill, page 8, by inserting between lines 27 and 28:

(c) Alternate wage determination.--If proof under subsection (b) is not provided, the wages of the injured worker shall be determined by reference to the most appropriate area for the job performed by the employee as listed by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau

of Labor Statistics, Employment Hours and Earnings, that is applicable for the date of injury.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Blake.

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, I want to first of all commend the maker of this bill, Senator Gordner, for his work. I have enjoyed working with him on the Committee on Labor and Industry and appreciate his labors here. We actually voted this out of committee hoping that we can make some adjustments to the bill to improve it, and that is why we are here today with these amendments. We are trying to deal with solvency in the Uninsured Employers Guaranty Fund, and basically the amendment I have presented allows for the circumstance that my colleague, Senator Smith, just mentioned, those unintended consequences that might involve a worker who has been injured but may have difficulty obtaining the proof of wages.

So, Mr. President, my amendment would allow for the use of Department of Labor information published periodically as occupation and wage information. This information could be relied upon in order for a claim to be disposed of in those circumstances where the proof of wages may be difficult to be obtained. My amendment, if approved, would allow individuals to rely on this official governmental information from the Federal Bureau of Labor Standards to substantiate what acceptable wages are paid to comparable occupations in their particular labor market.

For instance, if a carpenter was working in Harrisburg and suffered an injury but could not provide proof of wages because they had only been on the job a day or two, we would know what a carpenter is typically paid in this market and, hopefully, would be able to rely on that data and that index of information to allow for disposition of a workers' compensation claim.

Mr. President, we went through reforms with respect to the UC, and I commended my colleague then for the work that he did. We want to make sure we keep the workers in mind and do not have unintended consequences. This would simply rely on Federal government standardized format for wages to guarantee the disposition of a workers' compensation claim to guarantee a worker could be protected and live with some dignity after such an injury. I would appreciate consideration and a "yes" vote on this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I will return the respect that I have for the Senator who just spoke, who is a very valuable Member of our committee, and I have worked with him on a couple of issues. I will make the same argument that I made on the previous amendment to this one. When you have 87 percent of those folks that had successful claims who could not produce a document, could not produce a pay stub, could not produce a W-2, could not produce any sort of document about what your pay is, there is an issue and there is a problem. And I will say it again to our union employers out there, our non-union employers out there, we are heading into spring and the construction season.

There are a bunch of construction companies that will be coming around to neighborhoods and areas to do asphalt work or other sort of building work, and they are going to knock on people's doors, and if they are paying people under the table, and if you go to work for someone and that employer says, you know what, you are going to get paid every week, but I am giving you cash, then in 2014, you have to know that there is a problem. If you are getting cash week in and week out, then you know there is a problem. It is unfair, Mr. President, to our union employers and our non-union employers who abide by the rules, who pay their taxes at the State level, and pay their taxes at the Federal level, and pay their taxes at the local level to local municipalities who should not have to be competing against these entities that are not doing the right thing. And if you are someone who is willing to go and work for a company and get cash week in and week out, then that is a problem. Mr. President, like the previous amendment, I ask for a negative vote on this amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Blake.

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, it is hard to argue against what Senator Gordner has just said, and in many ways I do not disagree with what he is saying, but we do not want to reward bad behavior. The last thing we want to do on this side is reward the uninsured employers, those who are not actually doing the right thing. But, we also want to be careful here with respect to the workers, Mr. President, and the burden of proof that those workers have to bear in order to be treated fairly in those circumstances that are not, as Senator Gordner pointed out, in accordance with law in the first place. I think we need to be careful about a circumstance where an injured worker has the inability to determine what it is to which they are entitled and that the taxpayer is bound to pay in order to guarantee they can be protected in the wake of an injury on the job. Again, I ask for a "yes" vote on the amendment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Blake

Costa

Boscola

Brewster

Dinniman

Farnese

And the question recurring, Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

YEA-22

Wiley Ferlo Smith Williams Fontana Solobay Wozniak Kasunic Stack Tartaglione Kitchen Yudichak Leach **Teplitz** Schwank Washington

NAY-26 Erickson Alloway Pileggi Vogel Vulakovich Argall Folmer Rafferty Baker Gordner Robbins Ward Scarnati White Browne Greenleaf Brubaker Hutchinson Smucker Yaw Corman McIlhinney Tomlinson Eichelberger Mensch Vance

Less than a majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator GREENLEAF, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following bills:

HB 1053 (Pr. No. 2653)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in judicial boards and commissions, authorizing the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners to obtain criminal history record checks.

HB 1985 (Pr. No. 2936)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of sex offenders, further providing for legislative findings and declaration of policy, for definitions, for applicability, for sexual offenses and tier system, for period of registration and for assessments.

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

SB 874 (Pr. No. 969) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in community colleges, further providing for financial program and reimbursement of payments.

SB 1197 (**Pr. No. 1793**) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in criminal history record information, further providing for juvenile records; in juvenile matters, further providing for scope of chapter, for inspection of court files and records, for juvenile history record information and for conduct of hearings; and, in registration of sexual offenders, further providing for definitions and for court notification and classification requirements.

HB 770 (**Pr. No. 3104**) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for lost, stolen, damaged or illegible registration plate and for special registration plates generally; providing for personal organization registration plates and for Appalachian Trail organization registration plates; in financial responsibility, further providing for required financial responsibility; in fees, further providing for personal registration plates; in rules of the road in general, further providing for maximum speed limits; in size, weight and load, further providing for conditions of permits and security for damages.

HB 1263 (Pr. No. 2021) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions; and providing for transfer of ownership of vehicles used for human habitation.

HB 431 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 431, Printer's No. 2694, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed on the Calendar.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators FONTANA, FERLO, GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, STACK, WASHINGTON, KASUNIC, TEPLITZ, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, ALLOWAY, SMITH, SCHWANK, SOLOBAY, RAFFERTY, HUGHES, BROWNE, HUTCHINSON, VULAKOVICH, BAKER, COSTA, PILEGGI, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, TOMLINSON and BRUBAKER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 306**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of Junior Achievement.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Fontana.

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I rise today to ask for support of this resolution congratulating the Western Pennsylvania Junior Achievement on their 75th anniversary. Mr. President, Junior Achievement was brought to Pittsburgh in 1939 by the chairman of Westinghouse, A.W. Robertson, and other businesses like Koppers, U.S. Steel, and Gulf Oil. Junior Achievement's mission is to help prepare young people for the real world by showing them how to generate wealth and effectively manage it, and how to create jobs which make their communities more robust, and how to apply entrepreneurial thinking to the workplace. Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students about workforce readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy. In fact, Mr. President, over 6,000 business, community, and parent volunteers work with more than 250,000 students each year in kindergarten through 12th grade in public and private school systems. Furthermore, volunteers from Junior Achievement have contributed over 5,900,000 hours of their time to impact over 4,424,000 students in over 187,000 classrooms in Pennsylvania during the last 60

The success of this program is evident. Eight out of 10 Junior Achievement students agree that participation in these programs reinforces the value of staying in school, and 95 percent of teachers report that students who have participated in Junior Achievement have a better understanding of how the real world operates. As we recognize the 75th anniversary of Junior Achievement in Pittsburgh, we salute the promise that this program has made and will continue to make by strengthening communities and preparing students for work readiness and financial literacy through hands-on learning.

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 BAKER on behalf of Senators MENSCH, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, DINNIMAN, FERLO, BREWSTER, KASUNIC, STACK, TEPLITZ, BAKER, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, BOSCOLA, SMITH, SCHWANK, FONTANA, HUGHES, ARGALL and SOLOBAY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 307**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of March 2014 as "Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentle-woman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I am offering this resolution today on behalf of Senator Mensch, who asked me to bring forward this important resolution. It is for the Senate to acknowledge the important role and public awareness in education to improving the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities, and we are recognizing March 2014 as "Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. So, today, the Senate expresses appreciation to all of those Pennsylvanians who conduct special outreach, education, and services, as well as to all of those who offer care, support, and services throughout the year. So, I ask for our positive consideration today.

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 VANCE, BAKER, ERICKSON, HUTCHINSON, PILEGGI, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, TEPLITZ, COSTA, ALLOWAY, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, TOMLINSON, VULAKOVICH, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, FERLO, FONTANA, HUGHES, KASUNIC, SMITH, SOLOBAY, STACK, WASHINGTON, WOZNIAK and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 308, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council and honoring the Council for working to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Cumberland, Senator Vance.

Senator VANCE. Mr. President, this resolution recognizes the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council. This group is made up of people with disabilities, family members, or advocates who work to create favorable conditions for people with developmental disabilities. They have a 5-year plan that creates funding proposals from groups and organizations to have a competitive bid process. The council has promoted, funded, and championed many issues, including attendant care programs, self-determined housing options, family support legislation, shared-ride transportation, employment opportunities, and community support for medically fragile children. I ask the Senate to join me in approving this resolution.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, KITCHEN, WASH-INGTON, FERLO, ERICKSON, ARGALL, WOZNIAK, RAF-FERTY, BAKER, BREWSTER, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, SMITH, SCHWANK, FONTANA, HUGHES, COSTA, VULAKOVICH, FARNESE, SOLOBAY, YUDICHAK, ALLOWAY and PILEGGI, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 309**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2014 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Greenleaf.

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, there are 10 million Americans living with acquired brain injury, usually caused by some trauma - a direct blow to the head, being shaken violently, caused by a fall, motor vehicle crashes, bicycle accidents, sports, recreational injuries, shaken-baby syndrome, gunshot wounds, and assaults, all of which can cause this. Mild traumatic brain injury is often underdiagnosed and misdiagnosed with symptoms not always immediately apparent. There are 50,000 to 125,000 mild traumatic brain injury concussions resulting from sports and recreational accidents every year in Pennsylvania. Nationally, children and youth from 5 to 18 years of age account for approximately 2.4 million sports-related emergency visits for traumatic brain injury. More than 50,000 Pennsylvanians have been treated and released from emergency rooms. In addition, over 32,000 Pennsylvania children under 21 years of age have a medical history that includes hospitalization for traumatic brain injury. It is an epidemic, and the best approach is, yes, medical care and awareness, but also to promote awareness, prevention, and treatment of brain injuries. This resolution designating March as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" would act as a small way to establish that awareness brings prevention and it brings treatment.

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, GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, STACK, DINNIMAN, ARGALL, EICHELBERGER, HUGHES, FONTANA, SCHWANK, KASUNIC, BREWSTER, COSTA, SMITH, TARTAGLIONE and BOSCOLA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 310**, entitled:

A Resolution observing March 14, 2014, as "Charter Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator Teplitz.

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, this resolution recognizes March 14 as "Charter Day" in Pennsylvania. On March 4, 1681, King Charles II of England granted William Penn a charter for land in the New World to make up for a large debt that the King owed to Penn's father. Williams Penn's charter exists as the formal beginning of the colony and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the first example of democracy in what would become the United States of America. William Penn wrote a frame of government for this Commonwealth that established a democratic system containing full freedom of religion, fair trials featuring independent juries, assemblies consisting of elected representatives of the people, and the separation of powers of the government. He described Pennsylvania as his Holy Experiment, and from it he hoped that a nation based on justice would grow.

It is important for the citizens of Pennsylvania to understand the overall history of the Commonwealth and how the principles of governance here can be traced back to the beliefs of William Penn. The charter itself will be on display at Pennsbury Manor, William Penn's Pennsylvania home, until March 16, 2014. I encourage all Pennsylvanians who are able to to view the Commonwealth's birth certificate during this time. So, Mr. President, as we celebrate the 333rd birthday of our great Commonwealth, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Pennsylvania's history and heritage by recognizing March 14 as Charter 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.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robby Lison by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joshua Donald Mairose by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Keystone Community Resources, Inc., by Senator Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Susan Bauer, Joshua P. Policelli, Earl Peiffer and to the Greek-American community of the City of Bethlehem by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Trooper First Class John Adam Younger by Senators Browne and Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Hertzog, Mr. and Mrs. Joe North and to Master Sergeant Jessica Ann Neidermyer by Senator Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph Samuel Rogers by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Margaret B. LeBoeuf and to Meline Avrigian by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Joseph S. Brosnan, Jeffrey Kennedy, Zachary Pick, Arthur Giddings, Bridget Wingert and to Margaret Kies Dietterich by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elizabeth Biester by Senator McIlhinney and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Samuel C. McMillan, Ian Patrick Callahan, Peggy Brendlinger and to Drew Labenberg by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Maurice P. Oconnor by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kencec, Alexis Hooper, Bryn Patton, Mark Taylor, Amanda Frampton, Remmey Lohr and to Bailey Barnyak by Senator Solobay.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Danielle L. Dustman, Lucy H. Hritzo and to Nicole A. Savini by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mason Johnson, Jonathan Probst and to Tristan Schelb by Senator Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brook Evans, Jon Lucas, Diane Madl, MMI Preparatory School and its Envirothon Team, WNEP-TV 16 Pennsylvania Outdoor Life Team and to the Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation 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 Jean K. Nelligan, to the family of the late Robert Nicholas Hessling and to the family of the late Mary Podunajec Wittig by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Sam Rosen by Senator Blake.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Donald J. Ronca by Senator Boscola.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Dr. Albert F. Leonzi by Senator Browne.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Carol Lorraine Cubbage Davis by Senators Hughes and Williams.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Dennis I. Moore, to the family of the late Francis R. Staudenmeier and to the family of the late Charles Paul Kane IV by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Ralph W. Lerch by Senator Schwank.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Shirley Elizabeth White, to the family of the late Mary Beth Rabe Menzler, to the family of the late Brian L. Anselmino, to the family of the late Faye Grimes Hunnell, to the family of the late Kalliope Moniodes and to the family of the late Louis Anthony Johns by Senator Solobay.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Barbara Jean Russell by Senator Washington.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Anthony C. Falvello, to the family of the late Stanley J. Glazenski and to the family of the late Lee Albert Namey by Senator Yudichak.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

HB 1053 and HB 1985.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014

	MONDAT, MARCH 10, 2014	
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 874 and 1197; and House Bills No. 770 and 1263)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Room
Off the Floor	JUDICIARY (to consider House Bills No. 1053 and 1985)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Room
	TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014	
9:30 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Bills No. 1155, 1236, 1237, 1238 and 1254)	Room 8E-B East Wing
10:00 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider House Bills No. 1719 and 1796)	Room 8E-A East Wing
10:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (public hearing on Emergency Response to Vehicle Accidents)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain executive nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Room

	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014	
9:30 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH (to consider Senate Resolution No. 303; House Bills No. 316 and 434)	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bill No. 1281)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Room
	TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014	
10:00 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH (public hearing on House Bill No. 162)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014	
10:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public hearing on Act 90 of 2010, Neighborhood Blight Reclamation and Revitalization Act)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
2:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of State)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
	THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014	
3:00 P.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing on Electric Reliability)	Warminster Twp. Bldg.
	TUESDAY APRIL 1, 2014	
10:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 979 - indigent criminal defense representation)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
	THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014	
10:00 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (public hearing on Financially Distressed Municipalities and Senate Bill No. 1157)	Room 8E-A East Wing
	THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014	
9:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 1095 - SLAPP suits)	Philadelphia Bar Assoc. Conf. Center
	TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014	
10:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 1215)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
PETIT	TIONS AND REMONSTRANC	CES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise for a few moments to discuss a little bit about where things were left when we left here a number of weeks ago. As you recall, Mr. President, and as my colleagues recall, we had concluded a conversation related to the Governor's budget proposal and we proceeded into the hearings of the Committee on Appropriations along those lines. I remind my colleagues, as, of course, we had said at the conclusion of the Governor's Budget Address and on this floor before we left, that we continue to have concerns about the makeup and the composition of this particular budget, and we are concerned about some of the assumptions that were made along those lines, and particularly, we were concerned about the movement of resources and the utilization of what I will call one-time revenues. One-time revenues, as we know, while they have been used in the past, in this particular instance, we think that they are very problematic as we go forward to create what we believe could be up to a \$2 billion structural deficit or structural hole in our budget. Mr. President, what we do not want to do as we go forward is piecemeal together pots of money, or take money out of the cupboard that has been there for appropriate purposes and use that to bootstrap together a budget that is going to get us through this year.

From our perspective, we believe the budget that was presented is one that was a political budget in a campaign season. Mr. President, over the course of the 3 weeks that the Committee on Appropriations had hearings, I think what we saw firsthand, for those of us who watched them on a regular basis, my colleagues who participated day in and day out, and for my colleagues who had the chance to watch them on TV, as I stated, saw firsthand some of the concerns that we had were actually realized in the conversations with some of the agencies and some of the folks who came into the hearing to testify, particularly as it relates to the questions that were being posed by my colleagues in that hearing. I want to commend all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for the work that they did in the hearing of the Committee on Appropriations in posing questions, quite frankly, that revealed that the conclusions that we reached were appropriate.

We continue today to be concerned about a structural deficit. Most importantly, we are very concerned about the lack of communication and the lack of working together to address some of the issues along the lines of vetting some of the concerns or some of the issues, some of the initiatives that this administration put forth in a budget with the agency responsible for making some of those recommendations come to light, or the implementation of some of those recommendations. We are very much concerned about the failure to communicate with the agencies that we do not know what the outcome of those situations might be.

Mr. President, through this process, we thought it was appropriate, not only as it relates to the communications and conversations that took place in the hearings, but also things that have been discussed in the public, whether it be in the media, whether it be in the pressroom, or whether it be statements by agency officials or administration officials, at the end of the day, there is a lot of misinformation that is being circulated about what the case might be and where the case might be going. For example, in the area of education, there is a continuing dispute about funding for basic education. We continue to believe that in education, this administration made a conscious decision to not reinvest \$1 billion in education. That is a fact. The bottom line is, Mr. President, we had a choice. We had a choice to make investments in education a few years back and we did not make that choice. We opted not to do that. Not we, folks on the other side of the aisle made that choice with the administration. What did they do? They took those proceeds that could have been invested in education and provided those benefits and provided those resources, or waived those resources which could have been used and gave over a half-billion dollars in business tax cuts to the business community that same year.

What did we not fund? We did not fund money as it relates to education regarding the area of charter schools, a charter school reimbursement line, \$229 million, that now for the fourth consecutive year will not be there, approaching nearly \$900 million, an accumulative amount over the course of 4 years now. What was not funded? Tutoring programs, to the tune of \$49 million back in the Governor's first year. Almost \$200 million that is not there that should have been there for our school districts to allow our students to become better equipped to be able to deal with the issues that they need to deal with as we go forward. Those are just two of the areas.

Mr. President, higher education, let us look at where higher education is at. We did initially, I think, a 19-percent cut and we followed it up with another cut, and today we sit here with some of the highest tuition rates in the country. Our kids cannot afford to go to college. That is a fact. We are not making investments along those lines. When you compare where we are today to where we were before this administration took office, we are woefully short along those lines, but yet the rhetoric that comes out of the administration claims to be different. We believe it is appropriate for us to check those facts. And to that end, Mr. President, there are a number of areas where Senate Democrats have talked about facts that are not real being spewed by this administration, and we have taken the time to put together a Web site that we ask folks to take a look at. When you hear comments made by this administration, or by the other side of the aisle, or even by our Members, we ask folks to go to what we call the fact check. Most importantly, we are checking the facts of Governor Corbett, and that is exactly the name of our program. If you go to www.checkthefactsgovcorbett.com, you will find a whole series of statements that have been made over the course of the past several months and the truthfulness of those particular statements. And what you will find is things that we have talked about here in this Chamber and across this Commonwealth, we want to make certain that they are clear and they are accurate.

So to that end, Mr. President, we continue to be concerned about some of the things we have talked about. We are concerned about a budget deficit. This year, for example, we are well over \$75 million short. We do not know where we are going to be between now and June 30. We know we have two or three of our highest gross revenue months coming in over the course of the next 3 or 4 months, but they may not get us to where we need to get to along those lines. We could be facing over and above a \$1.2 billion shortfall that I see as it relates to one-time budget gimmicks that we could be looking at further liability along those lines.

So, Mr. President, I am very concerned with the Governor's budget proposal, very concerned about what I heard at the hearings over the course of time and particularly as it relates to the truthfulness of some of the rhetoric that we have heard over the past several weeks. To that end, that is why we have put together a Web site that allows people to go to a particular source and find out the truthfulness of some of the statements that have been made. I ask my friends and colleagues to do that as well.

Thank you, Mr. President.

HOUSE MESSAGE

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 374**.

BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair wishes to announce the following bills were signed by the President pro tempore (Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the presence of the Senate:

SB 497 and HB 374.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Browne.

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:50 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.