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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, March 12, 2014

The Senate met at 10 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend Dr. ERNEST L. REID, JR., Zion Baptist Church, Reading, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, it is with an appreciative heart that we are grateful for this day, thankful for life itself, and the purpose to which You have called us. We are confident that You are here in our midst. As we have assembled ourselves, we ask that Your wisdom and courage be upon this Assembly as they face the challenges of this day. We pray that You lead this Assembly and this Commonwealth as You have in days past. It is our prayer that each Member of this Assembly be sensitive to Your voice, the needs of the people of Pennsylvania, and, indeed, in tune to the changing dynamics of this world. May those who are doubtful and cynical be renewed with zest and zeal. May those who feel powerless find strength from You. May those who feel inadequate find encouragement from their brother or sister, and may those filled with complaints find satisfying dialogue across the aisle. May the decisions made here be for the good of the Commonwealth, the United States of America, and even the world. May Your grace and mercy rest upon us all in the name of Him who is able to keep us from falling, I pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Dr. Reid, who is the guest today of Senator Schwank.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

March 12, 2014

Senators HUGHES, McILHINNEY, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, SCHWANK, GREENLEAF, YUDICHAK, ALLOWAY, KASUNIC, COSTA, SOLOBAY, TARTAGLIONE and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 1271**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for Public School Employees' Retirement Board and for the State Employees' Retirement Board.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 12, 2014.

Senators SOLOBAY, SCHWANK, ERICKSON, KASUNIC, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, COSTA, BREWSTER and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1274**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in the State Fire Commissioner, providing for light-frame truss-type construction signage and prescribing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 12, 2014.

Senators TOMLINSON and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1275**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in the State System of Higher Education, further providing for definitions, for powers and duties of the Board of Governors, for powers and duties of councils of trustees and for method of disposition and consideration by the General Assembly, and providing for transfer from the State System of Higher Education; and providing for transfer institutions.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 12, 2014.

Senators STACK, TEPLITZ, SCHWANK, EICHELBERGER, FONTANA, SMITH, KASUNIC, COSTA and SOLOBAY presented to the Chair **SB 1282**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in offenses against public decency, providing for the offense of Internet posting of criminal activity; and imposing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 12, 2014.

Senators McILHINNEY, LEACH, WASHINGTON, SMITH, FONTANA, SOLOBAY and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 1284**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, providing for parent educational information regarding eating disorders.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 12, 2014.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

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

March 11, 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, Jennifer L. Hoy, 21 Woodland Drive, Lock Haven 17745, Clinton County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, as Recorder of Deeds, Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court, in and for the County of Clinton to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Gail M. Gephart, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGE

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 681**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The PRESIDENT. Pursuant to Senate Rule 13(c)(2)(i), the bill will be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator MENSCH, from the Committee on Aging and Youth, reported the following bills:

HB 316 (Pr. No. 3130) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, further providing for domestic violence and rape victims services; and providing for children's advocacy centers.

HB 434 (Pr. No. 3131) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for definitions, for establishment of Statewide database, for disposition of founded and indicated reports, for expunction of information of perpetrator under the age of 18, for amendment or expunction of information, for information relating to prospective child-care personnel, for information relating to family day-care home residents, for information relating to other persons having contact with children, for cooperation of other agencies and for reports to Governor and General Assembly; repealing provisions relating to students in public and private schools and for background checks for employment in schools; and making a related repeal.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator MENSCH, from the Committee on Aging and Youth, reported the following resolution:

SR 303 (Pr. No. 1788)

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator McIlhinney, and a legislative leave for Senator Smucker.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator McIlhinney, and a legislative leave for Senator Smucker.

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

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of January 28, 2014, and January 29, 2014, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of January 28, 2014, and January 29, 2014.

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

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

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

YEA-48

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

GUEST OF SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I am very happy to introduce today's guest Chaplain to my colleagues in the Senate, Reverend Dr. Ernest L. Reid, Jr. This is a young pastor who has shaken up our community in a good way. In February 2012, Pastor Reid was called to serve as the thirteenth pastor of the historic Zion Baptist Church in Reading. Since coming to Zion, he feverishly, and that is a good word, works in the community and currently serves as executive board member of the Reading Berks Conference of Churches, board member of the Ready. Set. READ! commission of the United Way, and a member of the Reading and Vicinity Ministerial Association, just to name a few of his affiliations. He is also part of the Central Baptist Association and the Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention. He is married to Sherelle Harris Reid of Richmond, Virginia, and they are the parents of two children, Ernest Lee Reid III and Noah Zachary Reid. He is a strong advocate for our community, and we are so glad to have him in the city of Reading and the greater Reading community. Please join me in welcoming Reverend Dr. Ernest Reid, Jr., to the Senate.

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 ELISABETH J. BAKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, it is my pleasure today to introduce members of the Tri-State Society for Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, a multidisciplinary professional association that serves Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey. They are here today to observe Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week in Pennsylvania. The theme for this year's observance is "Better Breathing, Better Living." Pulmonary disease is the fourth-leading cause of death in the Commonwealth and the fifth-leading cause of death in the nation. These dedicated professionals visiting us today work with those diagnosed to improve their lung function and breathing to slow the progression of the disease and to improve their quality of life.

So, please join me in welcoming Nadine Greco of Wayne Memorial Hospital in Honesdale; Ruth Akers of Bryn Mawr Hospital; Kathy Thumma of Holy Spirit Hospital; Jill Fox from Somerset Hospital; Cheryl Walter from Evangelical Hospital in Lewisburg; Joy Reardon and Karen Neismith from Pinnacle Health in Harrisburg; Denise Sheffield, Debra Querry, and Brittany Horton of JC Blair in Huntingdon; Lisa Pope of Brandywine Hospital in Coatesville; and Pat Comoss from Nursing Enrichment Consultants in Harrisburg. I ask my colleagues to please join me in offering a warm Senate welcome to my guests.

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

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Education to be held in the Rules room immediately.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Education to be held in the Rules room immediately, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 89 (Pr. No. 744) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for DARE plate and for payments to special funds.

Upon motion of Senator PILEGGI, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was laid on the table.

HB 89 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 89, Printer's No. 744, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 164, HB 431 and HB 770 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 1023 (Pr. No. 1799) -- 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.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1036, SB 1055, SB 1085, SB 1159, SB 1197 and SB 1205 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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 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

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

NAY-0

A 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

HB 1424 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1985 (Pr. No. 2936) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

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

NAY-0

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

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS REREFERRED

SB 149 (Pr. No. 102) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act regulating bail bond enforcement agents; requiring licensure and registration; and providing for penalties.

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

HB 198 (Pr. No. 2988) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 874 (Pr. No. 969) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 997 and **SB 1000** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS REREFERRED

SB 1016 (Pr. No. 1730) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for State income tax intercept.

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

SB 1017 (Pr. No. 1731) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for lottery winnings intercept.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1053 and **SB 1107** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 1118 (Pr. No. 1460) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 18, 1998 (P.L.146, No.22), known as the Check Casher Licensing Act, further providing for definitions, for authority of the department, for conditions for licensing and for fees and charges; and providing for recovery of losses due to fraudulent misrepresentation.

Upon motion of Senator PILEGGI, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was laid on the table.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1149, **SB 1155**, **HB 1164**, **SB 1188** and **SB 1191** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS REREFERRED

SB 1194 (Pr. No. 1753) -- 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, further providing for school police officers.

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

SB 1199 (Pr. No. 1618) -- 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 special plates for honorary consuls and official representatives of foreign governments.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1236, **SB 1237**, **SB 1238**, **SB 1254**, **HB 1263**, **HB 1719** and **HB 1796** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 1281 (Pr. No. 1810)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, adding winter emergency provisions and further providing for days schools not to be kept open.

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators BAKER, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, WASHINGTON, GREENLEAF, WOZNAK, FERLO, STACK, HUGHES, FONTANA, SMITH, FARNESE, ALLOWAY, PILEGGI, SOLOBAY, RAFFERTY, YAW, VULAKOVICH, COSTA, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, TOMLINSON and BRUBAKER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 317**, entitled:

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senator TOMLINSON, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 318**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of March 2014 as "National Athletic Training Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, I rise to ask for unanimous approval of this resolution designating the month of March as "National Athletic Training Month." Certified athletic trainers have a long history of providing quality healthcare for athletes and persons engaged in physical activity. The National Athletic Trainers' Association represents and supports more than 30,000 members of athletic training professionals employed throughout the country. I ask for your support of this resolution that recognizes public awareness for athletic training and promoting certified athletic trainers as allied health professionals.

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 FARNESE, FERLO, DINNIMAN, STACK, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, RAF-FERTY, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, SMITH, KITCHEN, WHITE, ALLOWAY, VULAKOVICH, PILEGGI, HUGHES, KASUNIC, COSTA and BRUBAKER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 319**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 9 through 15, 2014, as "Glaucoma Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, in the interest of brevity, and since I am having a difficult time talking today, I simply will submit my remarks for the record. Thank you.

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

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator FARNESE:)

Mr. President, glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that gradually steal sight, without warning, through damage to the optic nerve. This disease group has no cure, although once diagnosed, medication or surgery can slow or prevent further vision loss.

It is the second leading cause of blindness according to the World Health Organization, with over 60 million suspected cases worldwide. Over 2.2 million Americans have glaucoma, half of whom are not even aware they are suffering from the disease. More than 120,000 Ameri-

cans are blind due to glaucoma, and prevalence in African Americans and minorities is considerably higher than in Caucasians.

The Glaucoma Service Foundation, located in my district, has a mission to preserve or enhance the health of all people with glaucoma and to provide a model of medical care by supporting the innovative educational and research efforts of the physicians of the Wills Eye Hospital Glaucoma Service, the largest glaucoma diagnosis and treatment center in the United States.

On April 26 of 2014, "Glaucoma Screening and Information Day," the Glaucoma Service Foundation will hold its annual patient-directed educational conference about glaucoma. This year's conference is called the "CARES Conference" where "CARES" stands for "Committed to Awareness through Research, Education, and Support."

Thank you for joining me in honoring the Glaucoma Service Foundation's work to combat blindness and serve those who suffer from glaucoma, as well as recognize and support the need for glaucoma education 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 PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following resolutions, which were read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Carter Joel Koch by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Vance Joseph Sunderland and to Johann Christian Malkemes by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Thomas Border by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jenna Curtis by Senators Boscola, Browne, and Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joel Michael Albert Sanders by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Muriel J. Bonnington, Anthony P. Solt and to the Student Assistance Team at Frances D. Raub Middle School by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin, Mr. and Mrs. D. Melvin Bucher and to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Burkholder by Senator Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patrick J. McGuigan, Jr., Robert Tompkins, Shannon Adamson, Emily Ridall, Andy Follett, Sr., Jesse Thomas, Valley Forge Christian College and to the citizens of East Bradford Township by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Madeline Schueren by Senators Dinniman and Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ellen M. Armour, Valentina E. Kariouk, James Finnegan, Celine T. Arabatlian, Caitlin B. Jozwiak and to Marissa R. Lee by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Richard Allen Saffer, Jr., and to JoEllen Leech by Senator Ferlo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Francis Sparrow and to Philhaven by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nathan Berg by Senators Folmer and Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Daniel Sweitzer by Senators Folmer and Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Duane Blakeney, Brendan Miller, Noah Crisswell, Kathleen Begani, Brandon Lee Bannage and to Gary Truckenmiller by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Beck family and to Mr. and Mrs. George Freeman by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mary Marinari, Mamie Watts, Sara Hill, Leona Cuascut, Maggie Auriemma, Pearl Lewis, Mary Jervis and to Dottie Fogel by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jennifer Chickola, Oona P. McGovern, Kelley J. Heaslip, Emily M. Gallo, Sarah Baker, Kendra Alice Kramer and to Nate Zwanetz and K-9 Duece by Senator McIlhinney.

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas Riley Potter, Jennifer A. Reynolds, Kristen M. Sharp and to Maria Marinakis and Canine Ruffy by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rachel M. Carlin, Kierstin S. Anderson, Canine Partners for Life and to the late Canine Alex by Senators Pileggi and Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dana A. Tarapchak, Kate Wetzel, Spring-Ford Youth Athletic League 9-and-Under Baseball Team and to the Spring-Ford Youth Athletic League 12-and-Under Baseball Team by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Emily Selverian and to the Conshohocken Business and Professional Women's Organization by Senators Rafferty and Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Karah M. Horbach by Senators Rafferty and Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jeremy Thomas Santarelli and to Charles Mazurkewiz by Senator Robins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ivan D. Swartz III by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Curtis Campbell, Sr., and to Louis S. Folino by Senator Solobay.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas K. James by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dan Dellinger by Senator Teplitz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mark Fishbough and to Kevin Douglas Howell by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Miriam W. Kelly and to Tanner Angle by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nathan Foster, Denny Weismann, Nicholas Scibetta, Matt Springer, Robert Skertich, Daniel Kuny, Gabriel Stanton, Transfiguration Roman Catholic Church of Russellton and to the Shaler Township Police Department by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Teresa M. Melago by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lucille Snyder and to Richard Amsler by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jared T. Johns and to the citizens of Cambria County by Senator Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Shawn Casey and to Joseph J. Joyce, Jr., by Senator Yudichak.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Alice Mary Stoll by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Rea D. Jones by Senator Solobay.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Keith Daniel Eisenhower by Senator Vance.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 1281, HB 316 and HB 434.

And said bills having been considered for the first time,

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 491, 1037, 1096 and 1281; and House Bills No. 316, 434 and 1513)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Room
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Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 681 and 895; Senate Resolution No. 321; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Room
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TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014

10:00 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH (public hearing on House Bill No. 162)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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12:30 P.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing to consider the nomination of Robert F. Powelson as Chairman of the Public Utility Commission)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014

9:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 799, 804 and 959)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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10:00 A.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (to consider Senate Bills No. 1180 and 1267; and House Bill No. 1259)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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10:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (Senate/House joint 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.
<u>THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014</u>		
3:00 P.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing on Electric Reliability)	Warminster Twp. Bldg.
<u>TUESDAY APRIL 1, 2014</u>		
10:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 979 - indigent criminal defense representation)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2014</u>		
9:00 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (public hearing on PPACA Navigators, Senate Bill No. 1268)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014</u>		
10:00 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (public hearing on Financially Distressed Municipalities and Senate Bill No. 1157)	Room 8E-A East Wing
<u>THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014</u>		
9:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 1095 - SLAPP suits)	Philadelphia Bar Assoc. Conf. Ctr.
<u>TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014</u>		
10:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 1215)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I will be brief. I want to thank the Members of the Senate for their unanimous vote on Senate Bill No. 1239. It is a very important piece of legislation dealing with *Commonwealth vs. Musau*, I believe the name of the defendant was, a decision by our Superior Court that found a word "notwithstanding" within the DUI statute and rendered the whole subsection underneath it null and void. Therefore, it had a terrible and chilling effect on DUI convictions of second offenses, third offenses because of the Superior Court's decision. So, working with the DA's Association and working with the law enforcement community, Ryan Boop, my chief of staff, and I drafted the legislation. We took exactly the words that the Superior Court recommended be put in the statute, we took those exact words and put them in Senate Bill No. 1239 so we can get this bill to the House of Representatives, through the House so the Governor can sign it so that subsequent DUI convictions will count toward additional time. I appreciate the Senate's consideration and vote in the affirmative.

Thank you, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators DINNIMAN, STACK, TEPLITZ, BREWSTER, GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, BROWNE, FONTANA, SCHWANK, FARNESE, PILEGGI, SMITH, FERLO, WHITE, HUTCHINSON, SOLOBAY, VULAKOVICH, HUGHES, KASUNIC, COSTA and BRUBAKER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 320**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the importance of finding the cause and cure for multiple sclerosis; expressing appreciation to the Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for their work; and recognizing the week of March 3 through 9, 2014, as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, multiple sclerosis is a devastating disease. It affects 19,000 citizens here within the Commonwealth. By this recognition, we educate people about this disease. We encourage people to donate so that we can work toward the cure of this disease and we hope that by us declaring the week of March 3 through 9 as "National Multiple Sclerosis Week" that we can continue throughout March and throughout the whole year to educate people about multiple sclerosis to find a cure and assist the 19,000 victims of this disease here in the Commonwealth.

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.

BILL SIGNED

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

HB 1985.

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, March 17, 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 10:47 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.