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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, March 19, 2014

The Senate met at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend JIM JEFFREY, President of the Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, offered the following prayer:

First of all, I would like to thank you for your service to our State. It has been a joy for our college to be in the State of Pennsylvania since 1968 through the influence of Governor Scranton. We pray regularly for you and your responsibilities, and it is a joy to be with you today.

Let us bow in prayer.

Heavenly Father, thank You for being our Creator and Sustainer of all things. Thank You for the beauty of Your creation across our Commonwealth today as our eyes behold Your handiwork. Thank You for the gift of life as we live and breathe because of Your sustaining power. Thank You for Your favor toward mankind in establishing human government for our good and protection. I pray for our Commonwealth and its leadership. I pray for our State Senators, that You would grant them wisdom and guidance in their decisionmaking. I ask that You would help them to be leaders with integrity and humility as they serve the population of our Commonwealth and represent those in their region. Lord, You know the personal needs, needs of family and friends that weigh heavily upon their hearts today. Would you draw each one to Yourself so that they may experience Your grace, mercy, and love.

I pray for those who serve on their staff working tirelessly to help our Senators in their daily responsibilities. I pray, Father, also for those who serve as State Representatives in the House that You also show them Your favor and grant them Your wisdom. I pray for our Governor and those who serve in his administration, that You would help them in their work today to serve well the citizens of our Commonwealth. I pray for those who serve as judges, that You will help them as they make difficult decisions to uphold justice, protect the weak, and maintain the rule of law for the good of all of our citizens. Thank You for the freedoms that we enjoy, not only in our nation, but because of the rich history that freedom has in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We are grateful for the freedom of religion in our na-

tion that found its early roots in our Commonwealth. May our freedoms continue to be sustained and defended in years to come.

I pray for those who protect our citizens, local and State Police and fire safety, National Guard, our military and emergency personnel. Grant them Your protection this day as they go about their work. Thank You for the educational opportunities afforded to children, youth, and adults in our State. And I pray for those who lead and teach in our schools, colleges, and universities as they shape the next generation. We humbly acknowledge our dependence upon You and give You thanks for the many expressions of Your grace and goodness in our daily lives. I lift these requests before Your throne with gratitude, in Jesus' name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair thanks Reverend Jeffrey, who is the guest today of Senator Blake.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator TOMLINSON, from the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported the following bills:

SB 799 (Pr. No. 1852) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1982 (P.L.1404, No.325), known as the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, further providing for definitions, for enforcement of lien, for notice and for limitation on liability of owner.

SB 959 (Pr. No. 1853) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, providing for the definition of "certified registered nurse anesthetist" and for certified registered nurse anesthetists.

Senator VANCE, from the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, reported the following bills:

SB 1180 (Pr. No. 1854) (Amended)

An Act providing for prescription drug monitoring; creating the ABC-MAP Board; establishing the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program; and providing for unlawful acts and penalties.

SB 1267 (Pr. No. 1855) (Amended)

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.

HB 1259 (Pr. No. 3199) (Amended)

An Act providing for the regulation of indoor tanning facilities; establishing the Indoor Tanning Regulation Fund; and providing for penalties.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator COSTA asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator HUGHES, Senator LEACH, and Senator WASHINGTON, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journals of the Sessions of February 4, 2014, and February 18, 2014, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of February 4, 2014, and February 18, 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-46

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journals are approved.

**GUEST OF SENATOR SCOTT E. HUTCHINSON
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Venango, Senator Hutchinson.

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, today I am pleased to have the opportunity to introduce my constituent, Veronica Cardello from Forestville, Butler County. Veronica is currently participating in The Harrisburg Internship Semester program at the Center for Rural Pennsylvania. She is a senior at Slippery Rock University pursuing a major in political science. Veronica is an active member of our community and hopes to some day run for elective office. Please join me in welcoming Veronica Cardello to the Pennsylvania Senate.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guest of Senator Hutchinson please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ANTHONY WILLIAMS
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, thank you for this opportunity. I have a few guests in the audience who have been fighting the battle to protect our children. For those of us who have been following the newspapers, unfortunately, there are countless moments where educators or those who are involved in a school system prey upon our children. There is an organization of national consequence called S.E.S.A.M.E. which, for over 30 years, has been involved in the fight through the legislative process to protect these children. I am proud to have them as my friends. Some of them are gathered here today in the Capitol to move forward a bill that is in the House of Representatives. I would like to introduce them to you and ask them to stand. Andrea Clemens, of Andrea Speaks Out, if she could stand; Dr. Chester Kent from Pittsburgh; and Terri Miller, who is the president of S.E.S.A.M.E., if they could all stand. I ask that we give them a hearty round of applause.

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

(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR JOHN P. BLAKE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, I am honored to welcome the Chaplain for the Senate today, a man of a deep and abiding faith in our Savior, and a good friend. Jim Jeffrey was named president of Baptist Bible College and Seminary in August of 2001. He has served ably and with distinction in that role for 13 years. He also served as a member of the board of trustees at Baptist Bible for 11 years prior to his appointment as president, and was chairman for 3 of those years on the board. As an alumnus of BBC, he earned his bachelor of religious education degree in 1979. He is also a graduate of Practical Bible College, now Davis, where he earned a master of religious education and pastoral

ministry degree at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, and he has done doctoral studies at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary and Grace Seminary. He was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree by Shepherds Theological Seminary in Cary, North Carolina, in 2005. He has served as a Baptist pastor for 26 years, Mr. President. He married his high school sweetheart, Alberta "Bert" Dart, in 1973, and they have three children, Daniel, Amy, and Rachel, three children-in-law, and proudly 11 grandchildren. I would appreciate it if the Senate would grant a warm welcome to our Chaplain today, Jim Jeffrey.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN EICHELBERGER AND SENATOR JOHN N. WOZNIAK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Blair, Senator Eichelberger.

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, it is my honor today, and speaking for Senator Wozniak in his new district, he will be representing Bedford County, we have a group today from the Bedford County Chamber of Commerce, their Leadership Bedford County class. Each year they bring a class to the House and Senate, experience some things here at the Capitol, learn from that and take back into their community some leadership skills that they have picked up here today from various things they observed. So, we are glad to have them with us, and I ask for the usual Senate welcome for the folks in the gallery.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Eichelberger and Senator Wozniak please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Stack has returned, and his legislative leave is cancelled.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. 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 Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room immediately, to be followed by a brief Republican caucus also to be held in the Rules room.

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

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, 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 LEAVES

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Robbins and Senator Ward.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Pileggi requests legislative leaves for Senator Robbins and Senator Ward. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 316 (Pr. No. 3198) -- 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, in Commonwealth agency fees, further providing for the Department of Health; and providing for children's advocacy centers.

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 PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Erie, Senator Wiley.

Senator WILEY. Mr. President, I rise today in support of House Bill No. 316. Children's advocacy centers are an integral part of multidisciplinary approach to combat child abuse in this Commonwealth. I would also like to thank my colleagues for their hard work in response to the Pennsylvania Task Force on Child Protection recommendations. I am very proud to have been part of the Children's Advocacy Center movement in greater Erie, having served on the board of directors of The Bradley H. Foulk Children's Advocacy Center of Erie County for 5 years, and spending the last 2 as the chairman of the board. I have seen how collaboration in multidisciplinary approaches to allegations of abuse and neglect results in positive outcomes both in the child protection and criminal justice systems. Most importantly, CACs provide a supportive environment and often offer the first step toward the road of recovery for the child and the family.

involved. It is imperative that CACs both large and small be sustainable, and House Bill No. 316 speaks to a reliable ongoing funding source. I ask my colleagues today for their support of House Bill No. 316 and their ongoing support of children advocacy centers across the Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-46

Alloway	Erickson	Pileggi	Vance
Argall	Farnese	Rafferty	Vogel
Baker	Ferlo	Robbins	Vulakovich
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Eichelberger	Mensch	Tomlinson	

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 431 and **SB 997** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1000 (Pr. No. 1851) -- 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.

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 PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Jefferson, Senator Scarnati.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, I introduced Senate Bill No. 1000 in June of last year to help set the founda-

tion for establishing a regional community college in Pennsylvania to help meet the educational needs of students in rural areas. As you are aware, I represent the 25th Senatorial District, which includes eight counties in northwestern Pennsylvania. The needs of residents in rural Pennsylvania are vastly different from suburban or urban districts, especially when it comes to post-secondary educational opportunities. Senate Bill No. 1000 is focused on providing community college opportunities to areas of our State that are currently not served by the existing community college system. The college curriculum will be developed to facilitate programs that address the future workforce needs of the region, including technology training programs.

The legislation takes an important step to create a rural regional community college based largely on recommendations by the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee study completed in December of 2011. As you recall, Senate Resolution No. 147, which we passed in 2011, called upon the LBFC to examine community college programs in rural communities. The LBFC study concluded that there is a significant need for public community college programs in rural Pennsylvania. According to the report, by 2018 most jobs will require post-secondary training. However, 25 of the 26 rural counties in Pennsylvania have no community college programs. Let me repeat that. Twenty-five of the 26 rural counties in Pennsylvania have no community college programs. Senate Bill No. 1000 sets forth the foundation for establishing a rural regional community college and directs the Pennsylvania Department of Education to take steps to launch the college.

The Secretary of Education will designate a region for the college and also appoint a board of trustees to oversee the establishment. The school will be funded outside of the current community college line item in our State budget. The current budget proposed has the 14 community colleges in Pennsylvania receiving over \$200 million in the coming 2014-15 fiscal year. Any capital expense for the school will be also funded outside the current community college budget line item. It is important to also note that last October, the Senate Committee on Education held a hearing on Senate Bill No. 1000, which allowed us to receive good input from education, business, and community leaders. We worked very closely with the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges and incorporated many, many of their suggestions to make this bill better.

I thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for their support of this bipartisan legislation as it has moved through the Senate. Providing rural communities with access to affordable higher education is vital to providing new job opportunities for students and to improve the economy. I am confident this legislation will provide a solid foundation for increasing post-secondary educational opportunities in rural areas of our Commonwealth, and I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 1000.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Dinniman.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I congratulate Senator Scarnati on a most articulate talk explaining the need for community colleges in rural areas. I could not agree with him more. There is no question that we need to expand educational opportunities for all of our citizens across this Commonwealth. I also want to commend Senator Wiley who, in our Caucus, has been

the real prime advocate and spokesperson for making sure that all rural youngsters have an opportunity.

The problem that I am having with this is, I was one of the original cosponsors of the bill because I recognize this need. When we took up the bill, we said that we wanted to work through it so we would have a much more developed bill, a much clearer bill, so that a lot of questions would remain open. And I am not sure we have completed that process yet. Maybe these questions will be answered in the House. I am sure that this bill is going to pass today and I certainly support the spirit of the legislation. But I cannot vote for it until such time as this body deals with the question of higher education policy as a policy issue.

Senator Scarnati referred to the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee report, and I certainly thank the Senator for making sure that this report was given. But, if we read this report, they make the following very clear: they have a system that they suggested, they have a system they advocate. It says in this report that PASSHE, meaning the State System of Higher Education, is well-positioned to establish a State community college affiliate, as eight of its campuses are in rural areas, many which already offer associate programs, including some with a strong workforce orientation. Our recommendation, says the report, is to build on this existing physical, academically accredited, and student support service infrastructure; in other words, to use the State System of Higher Education, which offers the possibility of that being done, but it does not take the recommendation of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee. It might be one reason why APSCUF, which represents the faculty of these colleges, is opposed to this legislation.

Now, putting all of that aside, it is going to pass today and if it does help children and young people in rural Pennsylvania, that is wonderful. But, my vote is simply a protest vote in this way: when will this body finally consider the coordination of higher education in this Commonwealth? It is chaotic and cannot be financially sustained anymore. We have a State system of education which needs \$60 million more, which is 7,200 students down. We have the whole change in how we deliver higher education within this Commonwealth, a change in which virtual education is as important as physical structure. We had a report that was issued by the Governor's Office, remember it was established with great fanfare, this advisory commission on higher education. What has happened to that report? Have we ever had any discussion on that report? In fact, I believe that there is an administration official who is supposed to be analyzing and sharing that information with us. I have not received that analysis. We have not discussed it.

So, all I am saying is, I hope this legislation helps our rural students. My vote is simply to say we cannot continue to just add new program after new program. We have to have some coordination for higher education in this Commonwealth. I hope that the President pro tempore and the Majority Leader will stand here today and say, Senator Dinniman, I appreciate your support of the concept and I understand what you are saying. I am willing to commit myself to the fact, and our Leadership to the fact, that we are going to work in a bipartisan manner to finally get some coordination and the creation of a system of higher education that is sustainable, that is real, and that adjusts to the notion of change.

Finally, Mr. President, listen, the given is that change is constant, but change hurts and no one ever wants to take its class. We need to finally come up with some coordinated approach, and that is the reason for my protest vote and I hope we do come up with that coordinated approach. But finally and lastly, I thank the President pro tempore and I thank Senator Wiley, and I thank all of the supporters for making sure that at long last we are considering the needs of rural students as well. They should and must be considered.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Wozniak.

Senator WOZNIAK. Mr. President, I rise reluctantly to oppose this legislation. I fully understand the needs of rural Pennsylvania, but I have to tell you that I have been here a while and we seem to talk, we do not want government to grow, but here we are by fiat saying we shall create a new school. It is only going to be \$1.2 million, and we are not taking it away from the present community college system. Today is March 19. It is the day that we create a new school and it will be taken care of. That \$1.2 million will quickly grow into \$10 million. But what I think is more important than anything is that I have a community college that is probably the newest one in Pennsylvania. It started out as a community college without walls. We did it locally with local leadership. We used existing buildings until it finally got to the threshold and we were able to find a home for it. We found a branch campus for it and it is now slowly reaching out into farther parts of rural Pennsylvania. It is moving into counties that were underserved. It did not create a new president, it did not create a new administrative cost, but it did service rural Pennsylvania.

I think when you look at the Penn Highlands and the Butlers, they can take care of pieces that are not being taken care of now. But, as I speak, and they say it is going to be a separate line item in the budget, which means it is going to be taken care of, the Allegany County Community College of Maryland is a line item in our budget. We have our 14 or so community colleges that want aegis, and they have been flat-lined for 2 years now. The interesting problem I have is that the mature community colleges have a pretty stable population base, but the growing Community College of Penn Highlands, because it is growing and expanding, is getting less and less per student as we expand.

So, all I am saying is that rural Pennsylvania, yes, it is challenged, it is rural, but I am from rural Pennsylvania and we created our own community college from the ground up, from a need, from a demand, from active people, from community leaders and actually did it in that direction. My concern is, as we create a board from the State down, it becomes a wrong concept. Things only work if the local people really commit themselves to do it, and I think that if we can work with the community colleges that exist today to move into underserved areas, that can be done efficiently, effectively, and at a better price.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator FERLO. Mr. President, I learned in my last 11 1/2 years of being here the old golden rule: those who have the gold, rule. I mean that respectfully. But the fact of the matter is, this is basically a WAM. It does not mean I am not sympathetic or do not embrace the notion that we need to prioritize the extension of

educational services, whether it is pre-K, anywhere around the State, or whether it is the gap that Senator Scarnati rightfully and eloquently spoke about in terms of the multicounty area that he represents. It is a challenge that we should step up to the plate and try to meet. What I am concerned about is that I keep hearing from others throughout the Chamber, and certainly in the education community, that there is a dwindling base of support and participation in the existing community college system in terms of the trend downward of participation. At the same time, the Majority Leader has rightfully spoken out, the President pro tempore has spoken out, appropriately, about the fact that there are these significant gaps in lack of affordable education at the associate's degree community college level. I guess what I do not understand is why cannot, within the existing law, within the existing systems that we have set up, why collaboration could not begin to be formed in order to meet what has been identified as a glaring need? Whether it is in the northwest portion or the northeast portion of the T, or whether it is out west or in the center, I think it is an issue we should address. It is just confusing to me the manner in which this legislation is being presented because I do not understand what is prohibiting collaboration from moving forward now to try to address the need.

So, I just have a concern about what is the long-range and the immediate sustainability, especially if one of the regulations is that capital infrastructure needs to be leased, rented, or built. This is at the same time that we are struggling with continued reductions in other aspects of higher education and basic public education. Again, I think it is perfectly legitimate for colleagues who represent underserved areas to certainly be supportive of this legislation, and it is certainly my hope and prayer that the result will be what is intended and what is being articulated here today. I guess I am going to be a little bit more skeptical on that issue. So, with that, I am going to be respectfully voting "no." Thank you.

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I am not quite clear why this particular bill is drawing so much debate. I come from one of those areas, Philadelphia and Delaware Counties, that has the benefit of community colleges in both. There are certainly arguments to be made about the current structure in Pennsylvania as it relates to education, period, and what we do in regard to funding. But I cannot understand why anyone would oppose, regardless of the process, regardless of how we get the money, that anyone would oppose any Pennsylvanian being denied an opportunity to excel; in particular, Pennsylvanians who are most vulnerable, who do not have access to Harvard, who do not have access to Pitt, who do not have access to Penn, who do not have access to Drexel, Temple, and I could go through all of the schools in Pennsylvania that many of us have the opportunity to send our children to because they have not been isolated. And I do not have a political affiliation with that section of Pennsylvania. Frankly, I guess 99 percent of the time when we are voting on issues, they probably would vote against my interests. But on this one, there is a common understanding that people who come from humble backgrounds, whether they come from urban settings or rural settings, if you are trying to do the appropriate thing by your child and then find a way to get further in society, you want them to have a degree. And to have a part of Pennsylvania that does not have access to that, it seems to me that we

should be standing at this mike to figure out not how to stop that one, but to find opportunities for more. And certainly there are complications, there are structural issues, we are in a deficit when it comes to the bottom line in Pennsylvania, but I could care less about that if it is about what I hear all the time, and that is how do we send more money to education? So, this theme is consistent with that. So, with me, I break it down to its bare-bone essential issues. There are people in Pennsylvania who have not had access to higher education for generations. There is an opportunity to do something with a minimal amount of money, regardless of this pot of money or that pot of money, and a Member is standing up and asking for support, and by the way, Members on both sides of the aisle are asking for support, and for those reasons I am supportive of the current proposal.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognize the gentleman from Jefferson, Senator Scarnati.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, I just want to make a note that one of the previous speakers referred to this as a WAM. If this is a WAM, then the entire 500-some lines in the State budget are WAMs. We all vote on the State budget. We all have input on the State budget, and this item will have input for eternity in the State budget. Future legislatures, legislators, House and Senate, will have a vote on this in the budget. They may deem it no longer worthy in 20 years; they may not. But 14 years ago, when I was elected to serve the 25th Senatorial District, I was elected to serve those people who sent me here, and I make no apologies that I am representing them in an issue that is very important. I do not apologize for the fact that I am here standing up for individuals whose median income is probably half the rest of the State. I am not going to make apologies for the fact that the State system schools and State-related schools have not expanded into all of these counties, these 25 counties. I am not going to make apologies for supporting families who want to do better and have opportunities. If we are going to stand in the way of opportunities for young people, for families who do not want a handout, they want a hand up, shame on us.

But I will not apologize for supporting and defending my district that I was sent here to do, and Senate Bill No. 1000 helps the most needy not only in rural areas, but it helps every family, every individual who gets an education and gets a job, gets out of the cycle of poverty, gets out of the cycle of public welfare, and become productive citizens of this Commonwealth.

So, I ask for an affirmative vote, Mr. President. Thank you.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-42

Alloway	Erickson	Pileggi	Vance
Argall	Farnese	Rafferty	Vogel
Baker	Folmer	Robbins	Vulakovich
Blake	Fontana	Scarnati	Ward
Boscola	Gordner	Schwank	White
Brewster	Greenleaf	Smith	Wiley
Browne	Hutchinson	Smucker	Williams
Brubaker	Kasunic	Solobay	Yaw

Corman	Kitchen	Tartaglione	Yudichak
Costa	McIlhinney	Teplitz	
Eichelberger	Mensch	Tomlinson	

NAY-4

Dinniman	Ferlo	Stack	Wozniak
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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.

SB 1037 (Pr. No. 1581) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 8, 1960 (1959 P.L.2119, No.787), known as the Air Pollution Control Act, further providing for Environmental Quality Board.

Considered the third time and agreed to,
And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-46

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILL REREFERRED

SB 1055 (Pr. No. 1337) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, further providing for the offense of sale of tobacco by including alternative nicotine products; and making a conforming amendment to Title 53.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1085 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1197 (Pr. No. 1850) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the third time and agreed to,
And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-46

Alloway	Erickson	Pileggi	Vance
Argall	Farnese	Rafferty	Vogel
Baker	Ferlo	Robbins	Vulakovich
Blake	Folmer	Scarnati	Ward
Boscola	Fontana	Schwank	White
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Dinniman	McIlhinney	Teplitz	
Eichelberger	Mensch	Tomlinson	

NAY-0

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

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

SB 1205 (Pr. No. 1847) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in private colleges, universities and seminaries, further providing for certification of institutions; and providing for change of designation to university and for change of designation to college.

Considered the third time and agreed to,
And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-46

Alloway	Erickson	Pileggi	Vance
Argall	Farnese	Rafferty	Vogel
Baker	Ferlo	Robbins	Vulakovich
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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

SB 1236 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BROWNE.

BILLS REREFERRED

SB 1237 (Pr. No. 1808) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for protection for a lessor of natural gas rights who reports a violation or suspected violation of a contractual agreement and for remedies and penalties.

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

SB 1238 (Pr. No. 1809) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act relating to the surrender of oil and gas leases; and providing for certain forms and damages.

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1281 (Pr. No. 1810) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-46

Alloway	Erickson	Pileggi	Vance
Argall	Farnese	Rafferty	Vogel
Baker	Ferlo	Robbins	Vulakovich
Blake	Folmer	Scarnati	Ward
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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 LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 1424 (Pr. No. 2766) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations instruction.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1513 and **HB 1719** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BROWNE.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL REREFERRED

HB 403 (Pr. No. 2938) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, further providing for records of and reports by employers, for ineligibility of incarcerated employee, for rate and amount of compensation, for certain agreements void and penalty, for false statements and representations to obtain or increase compensation, for false statements and representations to prevent or reduce compensation and other offenses and for violation of act and rules and regulations.

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 408 (Pr. No. 418) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 16, 1992 (P.L.155, No.28), known as the Assessors Certification Act, further providing for nonapplicability.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 411 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BROWNE.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 434 (Pr. No. 3131) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 491 (Pr. No. 1845) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, providing for the definition of "farming"; and further providing for declaration and payment of income taxes and for withholding and remittance.

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 698 (Pr. No. 1751) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 974 (Pr. No. 3197) -- 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 school health services, further providing for automated external defibrillators.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1053 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BROWNE.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1096 (Pr. No. 1846) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 26 (Eminent Domain) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for limited reimbursement of appraisal, attorney and engineering fees.

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

SB 1107 (Pr. No. 1754) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1149 and **SB 1155** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BROWNE.

BILL REREFERRED

HB 1164 (Pr. No. 1605) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 1191 (Pr. No. 1616) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the Public Employee Relations Act, further providing for employee organizations and penalties.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1254 and **HB 1263** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BROWNE.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 207, CALLED UP

RESOLUTION LAID ON THE TABLE

Senator BROWNE, without objection, called up from page 6 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 207**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to establish an advisory committee to conduct a comprehensive study of the costs and efficiencies of the requirements under Pennsylvania's public construction laws.

Upon motion of Senator BROWNE, and agreed to by voice vote, the resolution was laid upon the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

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

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

NOMINATION LAID ON THE TABLE

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The nomination will be laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator BROWNE,

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

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I call from the table a certain nomination and ask for its consideration.

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

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TOM CORBETT
Governor

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?

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

YEA-46

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Eichelberger	Mensch	Tomlinson	

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators VOGEL, SCHWANK, FERLO, ARGALL, ROB-BINS, WOZNIAK, DINNIMAN, STACK, TEPLITZ, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, EICHELBERGER, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, WHITE, BAKER, SMITH, ALLOWAY and VULAKOVICH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 323**, entitled:

A Resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act, which founded the nationwide Cooperative Extension System.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver, Senator Vogel.

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, today I rise to celebrate 100 years of cooperative extension in Pennsylvania. In 1914, the Smith-Lever Act established the cooperative extension as a nationwide educational system that operates via land grant universities, such as the Pennsylvania State University, to promote youth development and to foster science-based research and real world scenarios to help our farmers across the State and across the country. The university works with Federal, State, and local governments to collaborate on research and academic programs such as the 4-H program. In the last 100 years, and hopefully many, many more to come, the cooperative extension will provide integral service to our State government, our agriculture, and to our citizens here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And just as a reminder, I would like to remind everyone to stop down in the East Wing Rotunda behind the escalator because delicious Penn State Creamery ice cream will be there this afternoon for everyone to enjoy. Thank you very much.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berks, Senator Schwank.

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I rise to join my colleague, Senator Vogel, in supporting and recognizing the outstanding work of Penn State Cooperative Extension in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mr. President, I have a history with the cooperative extension. I served as a county agriculture agent as well as a county extension director. I grew to have a great respect for the work of my colleagues, for the ability that they have provided to our farmers, to our families, to insure that we have safe, wholesome foods, to the companies who process our food, to every aspect of agribusiness as well as community development, cooperative extension has been at the forefront of making sure that we get research-based education to help further the interests of the people of the Commonwealth. This is an outstanding educational institution that has stood the test of time. And again, I am so proud, one, to have worked with them; and two, to continue now to be in the role that I am as State Senator to make sure that cooperative extension continues to thrive and continues to serve our mutual constituents in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator FERLO. Mr. President, as you know, I represent the core of the city of Pittsburgh for a long time, both as a local public official as well as here in the State Senate, and I also extend out to Armstrong and Westmoreland Counties. My two colleagues mentioned, more specifically, the good work of the Penn State Center more in the smaller counties and rural areas. I want to report that the Penn State Center has been a blessing for the city of Pittsburgh, the large urban community of the city of Pittsburgh. I cannot tell you how many times so many different public agencies, community-based organizations, small businesses, new tech companies, entrepreneurs have called upon Penn State Center in the heart of the city of Pittsburgh for the services that they deliver and the expertise that they have honed in on. I want to add my voice that in addition to the comments made by my colleagues on the origin of the land trust, the university center is certainly alive and well and much appreciated in the city of Pittsburgh for many years. They have an outstanding track record of working with local government, with many community-based organizations, many local businesses, whether it is urban landscape and design, whether it is working on sustainability projects and principles, or issues of stormwater mitigation.

One of my former staff members has moved to be an employee under the 4-H program, and basically it is an urban version of 4-H. I could go on and on. I would like to thank Dr. Deno De Ciantis from the Penn State Center, who heads up the program in Pittsburgh, Lisa Vavro, and so many other great staff who are present in the city of Pittsburgh proper. We have embarked on an elaborate and ambitious program. With my colleague, Senator Fontana, and with Senator Costa's leadership as well, we have closed the gap and raised close to \$40 million to take a former trade school, an iconic trade school called the Connelley Trade School, which was built at the height of the Depression and trained most trade union workers and skilled trades people, as well as many entrepreneurs who went on to own small businesses, from 1929 to roughly the 1970s and early 1980s. It was closed, a decision by the school district that closed a valuable trade school. Obviously, I was very disappointed at the time. I know my predecessor, Senator Bodack, continually fought for some level of appropriation to keep the trade school open. It is closed. We have managed to raise \$40 million with the leadership of Penn State and the Pittsburgh Gateways Corporation, Congressman Doyle, and my colleagues Senator Fontana and Senator Costa, as well as the foundation community, and that iconic building that sits in the Hill District just above the downtown urban community will be the new energy innovation center. It is a living, breathing example of adaptive reuse of a historic building. It will reflect next generation blue-green jobs and the training that is needed for that skilled workforce.

We in the city of Pittsburgh have grown to have a plethora of buildings that are now LEED certified, and the trade positions and skills and qualifications of the past obviously have evolved. Operating engineers who used to work dials in big buildings now have to be at a computer to run those buildings. I can go on and on. I cannot say enough about how important Penn State Center has been not only to the rural parts of my three-county area and around the State, but they have been a blessing and a God-given gift to the city of Pittsburgh. So I just amplify and thank Penn State University. Thank you.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators STACK, TEPLITZ, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, WOZNIAC, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, FARNESE, FONTANA, SCHWANK, KASUNIC, BREWSTER, SOLOBAY, SMITH, TARTAGLIONE, KITCHEN, GORDNER, VANCE, YUDICHAK, COSTA, HUGHES, BAKER, WHITE, BOSCOLA, VULAKOVICH, BRUBAKER and FOLMER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 324**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing 2014 as the "Year of the Veteran" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator STACK. Mr. President, as you just heard, this resolution that I am offering marks 2014 as the "Year of the Veteran" in Pennsylvania. There are so many interesting aspects to the power of the people who have been involved in service, Mr. President. Philadelphia is the birthplace of the United States Army, the United States Navy, and the United States Marine Corps. In 1775, a committee of the Continental Congress met at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia. One of the notable accomplishments of that meeting was an agreement to draft a resolution calling for two battalions of men able to fight for independence at sea and on shore, and the resolution was approved on November 10, 1775, officially forming the Continental Marines, otherwise known as the United States Marines. These moments establish a link between Pennsylvania and those who have served our country dating back to pre-Revolutionary War times. Erie, Gettysburg, Fort Pitt, Brandywine, and countless other sites in the Commonwealth have played key roles in the molding and the maturation of our great nation. Veterans from past wars and during peacetime, as well as those currently returning from overseas military duty to Pennsylvania, are part of the foundation of our community having served our country in the Armed Forces. These men and women have put themselves in harm's way, willing to make the ultimate sacrifice and to protect us and to preserve our liberties.

There are roughly 1 million veterans, 88,000 veterans in Philadelphia alone, living in Pennsylvania with service spanning from World War II until the present. I know you are aware of this, Mr. President, because I have seen the dedication you have for serving veterans. Men and women of all races, religions, ethnicity, and physical abilities, all of them Pennsylvanians, all of them answering the call to service. These are men and women who deserve a simple debt of gratitude, Mr. President. They deserve to be recognized and thanked for their services and for the safety and security of our nation. My hope is that this resolution will help highlight and celebrate the accomplishments of those who have served our country. My hope is that this will raise public awareness of issues related to veterans and their struggles once they return home. We thank them, Mr. President. Thank you.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

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 Robert L. Gordon by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Corinne Bricker, Nicole Wiederhold, Emily Reder, Meeghan Rossi, Jessica McGovern, Rebecca Ohnmacht, Ashley Heisler, Michael J. O'Malley, Noreen O'Boyle, Frances Raudenbush, Minersville Area Junior/Senior High School Girls' Basketball Team and to the Mahanoy Area High School Boys' Basketball Team by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert Hunter Ide, William Luttenberger, Thomas Keiper, Nicholas Egan, Brandon L. Ditchey, Timothy Marchakitus, "The Dallas Post" and to the Canaan Christian Academy Girls' Basketball Team by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William J. Grant and to Jerome Walsh by Senators Baker and Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Canon Cognetti by Senator Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Linda Shay Gardner and to Kitchen Magic by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Caitlynn Verzino, Jennifer Rodriguez, Ellen Kern, Christina Connar, Sally Handlon, Dorota Gasienica-Kozak, Ilene Hochberg Wood, Kaitlyn Miller, Shane Burcaw, Polish community of the Lehigh Valley and to the Bethlehem Area School District by Senators Boscola and Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor by Senators Boscola and Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief Bob Scheirer, Elva M. Stahl, Diane E. Halstead, Margaret M. Weber, Betty Amelia Allen, Sandor Engel, Barbara Lieberman, Alexander E. Martin and to the citizens of Bushkill Township by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David F. Toler, Don Kohn, J. B. Reilly, Barbara Lampe, Jeffrey Shubzda, Catherine Durso, Richard Hyde, Maureen O'Meara, Jane Wells Schooley, Aurora Beani, Adrienne Kwiatek-Holub, Aaron Gray, Tom Brennan, Gary Laubach, Sara Antolick, and to the 1981 William Allen High School Girls' Basketball Team by Senators Browne and Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. Tyler Zerbe, Amy Wood, Amy Kochel, Utility/Keystone Trailer Sales, Inc., and to Cocalico Place by Senator Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jamie Bestwick, Kaito Streets, David Taylor, Ed Ruth, Alan G. Parker, Irene B. Osborne, Wesley Kinzer, Pennsylvania State University Men's and Women's Fencing Team, Pennsylvania State University Wrestling Team and to Pleasant Gap Fire Company No. 1 by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Katherine Pollard Lawson by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Giardina, the Honorable James Gerlach, David Lasala, Michael Boykin, Oscar Lasko, Robert Ryan, Thomas J. Pasocello, Stephen Giampietro, Mike Polin, Kathy Bestwick, Clifford E. DeBaptiste, John DiMaio III, Neighbors in Action, Magic Memories Child Development Center, West Chester Food Cupboard, Chester County Opportunities Industrialization Center, Life Transforming Ministries, Chester County SCORE, Westminster Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Renehan Building Group, Inc., Chester County Food Bank, Paoli Baptist Church, Phoenixville Community Education Foundation and to the Cancer Center at Phoenixville Hospital by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert Schnure by Senators Dinniman and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David B. Brown, William Lavery and to Francis Rich, Jr., by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Karen Lee and to the Philadelphia Macaroni Company by Senator Farnese.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Juliana Kochis by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Scicchitano, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lagerman, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boone, Jacqueline Hauck, Emily E. Newhart, Alison Moore and to Cameron A. Colyer by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sydney Szopo, Helene Struempfler and to Tina Marie Coley by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Pediatric Specialty Care by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Eugene Curl, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. Richard John Danuski and to Elizabeth Flick Pinkerton by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Renee Gorsuch, John Paul Zimcosky, Emily Zimcosky and to the Pennsylvania Literary Festival by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to JoAnne Fischer by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elliot Rosen, Mark Werkheiser, Norristown Arts Council and to the Upper Merion Park and Historic Foundation by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christopher Philip Taylor and to the Pennsbury High School Boys' Bowling Team by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Caesar J. Gorski, Sr., and to Timothy Rooney by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Raymond R. Armstrong, David Desjardins, Peter William Massih, Glen Zimmer Brown, Home Depot Store No. 4121, Unionville High School Girls' Ice Hockey Team and to the Unionville High School Girls' Cross Country Team by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Media Theatre for the Performing Arts by Senators Pileggi and Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Aiden Christopher Wilson and to Vaughn Thren by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Catherine R. Shulik by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. George Moon, Kenneth Burkett, Paige Griffin, Leone Kaltenbach, Clifford J. Wood, Ryan Devlin, Tom Carlson, John Mehalko, John Enoch Maleski, Janet Beck, Jefferson Manor Health Center and to Brookeville Firemen's Club by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joshua Dale Boalton by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ontelaunee Grange No. 1617 by Senators Schwank and Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alka Patel, James Matthew Gummersbach, Roy X. Wang, Nicholas J. Roberts, Jarod Kehl, Maria Lohman, Heather Arnet, Ryan Dudzinski, Pittsburgh Botanic Garden and to the members of the Upper St. Clair High School Swimming Team by Senator Smith.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert Callen by Senators Smith and Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meeks, Eugene Meidinger, Dortha Bartko-McGowan, R. J. Lee Group, Inc., and to Angelo's Restaurant by Senator Solobay.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Irene Keirsbilck by Senators Solobay and Smith.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alan Symonette, Pasquale Bianculli, Walter Higgins, Andrew Robert Kloter and to the Philadelphia Area Project on Occupational Safety and Health by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Danita Davis, Walter Peppelman III, Marshall Peppelman, Colton Peppelman, Garrett Peppelman, George P. Hartwick III, Stephanie L. Woodward, James B. Allen, Jesse Ray Walborn, Jennifer Rhone, Growing Center Day Care, Tyaira D. McNair Day Care, Tabernacle Baptist Church, New Life's Tender Moments Child Care and to Mx2 Event Design by Senator Teplitz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ralph DiGuseppe and to the Feasterville Fire Company by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc., by Senators Tomlinson and Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Julian Walker, Jennie Lonnott, Robert J. Cervi, William Drake Snyder, McKenzie Stelter, Taylor Petrak, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 712 and to the members and coaches of the New Castle Senior High School Boys' Basketball Team by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lauren Barber by Senators Vogel and Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sean Palmer, Leonard Morris, Nicholas Polito, Brendan Luksik, Greg Brooks, Claire Valentine, Andrew Rechenberg, Vincent J. Tosto, Michael J. Dennehy, Jr., Christopher Succop, Rene C. Hatheway and to Brooke Cenci by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Dr. Donald B. Green by Senators Vulakovich and Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pawlowski by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Raymond Lassiter, Matthias C. Hausman, Patricia M. Bell and to Richard A. Darden, Jr., by Senator Washington.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rick Croyle by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Shelly Graves by Senator Wiley.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Ernestine D. Watson, Theresa Loraine Harris-Johnson, Sylvia Wilson, Thomas F. Thorpe, Linda Irene Miller, Claude J. Edney, Jr., Queenie Bennett, Kenneth Gamble, Leon A. Huff and to Sheinelle Jones by Senator Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Justin David Berkey and to Douglas Paul Knepper by Senator Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Douglass and to Debbie Noone by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Thomas, Ray Niedzwiecki, Charles J. Grimes, Gus Genetti and to Dr. Edwards Memorial Congregational Church by Senator Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patrick Iezzoni by Senators Yudichak and Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable William Henry Amesbury and to E. L. Meyers Junior/Senior High School Key Club by Senators Yudichak and Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to W. Kevin O'Donnell by Senators Yudichak and Gordner.

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 Merritt B. Quinn and to the family of the late Dorothy A. Peiffer by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Roger W. Ulshafer by Senator Boscola.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Helen E. Dobron, to the family of the late Daniel J. Lewis, to the family of the late Grace Ann Ricci Rosenburg, to the family of the late Paul L. Wood, and to the family of the late Noreen Ann Haran Scaliti by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Isaac Lindsey Morrison Iams and to the family of the late Herbert Abraham Baughman by Senator Solobay.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Charles Arthur Chisholm, Jr., by Senator Teplitz.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Peter C. Breen by Senator Vance.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late John Jackson by Senator Williams.

POSTHUMOUS CITATIONS

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

A posthumous citation honoring the late Edith Huber Miller was extended to the family by Senator Boscola.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Alverta Serfass was extended to the family by Senators Boscola and Browne.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 799, SB 959, SB 1180, SB 1267 and HB 1259.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014

3:00 P.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing on Electric Reliability)	Warminster Twp. Bldg.
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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.
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2014

9:00 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (public hearing on PPACA Navigators, Senate Bill No. 1268)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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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
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THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014

9:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 1095 - SLAPP suits)	Philadelphia Bar Assoc. Conf. Ctr.
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TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014

10:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 1215)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, I rise briefly to say good luck to PIAA District III Class AAA Champion Susquehanna Township High School Boys' Basketball Team. They will be competing in the Class AAA State Title game this Friday at the Giant Center in Hershey. They will be competing against Neumann-Goretti High School, which is in Senator Farnese's

district. It is the first State title game for Susquehanna Township since 2008. I want to congratulate the team on a successful season, and say, Go Indians!

Thank you, Mr. President.

RECESS

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I move that the Senate recess until the call of the President pro tempore. For the information of the Members, there will be no further roll-call votes taken today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Senate stands in recess until the call of the President pro tempore.

AFTER RECESS

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

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

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 770** and **HB 798**.

BILLS SIGNED

The **PRESIDENT pro tempore** (Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bills:

HB 770 and **HB 798**.

RECESS

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, March 31, 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 3:35 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.