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**SENATE**

MONDAY, March 31, 2014

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

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Reverend STEVEN WETZEL, of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 5, Philadelphia, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, thank You on behalf of all who are gathered here today for Your many abundant blessings that You give to us. Thank You for the gifts You have shared with us for the measure of help we need to fulfill our callings, for sustenance and for friendship. Thank You for the ability to be involved in useful work and for the honor of bearing appropriate responsibilities. In Scriptures, You have said that citizens ought to obey the governing authorities since You have established those very authorities to promote peace and order and justice. Therefore, I pray for our Governor, for the various levels of State government, and in particular for this assembled Senate. I ask that You graciously grant them a sense of welfare and true needs for our people, a keen thirst for justice and righteousness, confidence in what is good and fitting, the ability to work together in harmony even when there is honest disagreement, personal peace in their lives and joy in their tasks. I pray for the work set before them today. Please give them assurance of what would please You, and what would benefit those who live here and work here in the State of Pennsylvania. It is in your most blessed name, I pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Father Wetzel, who is the guest today of Senator Tartaglione.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**RECALL COMMUNICATIONS  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

March 19, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated November 22, 2013, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to serve until October 15, 2018 and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice William L. Patterson, Erie, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL  
THERAPY EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

March 26, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 8, 2014, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve until November 1, 2014, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Denise Chisholm, Pittsburgh, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE  
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

March 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 23, 2013, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers,

Dealers and Salespersons, to serve until May 13, 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice David A. Kaflik, Hershey, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD  
OF BARBER EXAMINERS

March 31, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 12, 2013, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Wendell Douglas, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

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

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
MIFFLIN COUNTY

March 31, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 10, 2014, for the appointment of Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Mifflin County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Rick Williams, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

March 31, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 20, 2013, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Delaware, Magisterial District 32-2-41, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Edward W. Christie, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

March 31, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 24, 2013, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Tioga, Magisterial District 04-3-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Brian W. Edgcomb, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA  
LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

March 19, 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, Albert Mezzaroba, Esquire, 2305 Township Road, Quakertown 18951, Bucks County, Twenty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board, to serve until June 2, 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice James Darby, Esquire, Landisville, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

March 19, 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 E. Ames (Public Member), 129 Second Street, Coaldale 18218, Schuylkill County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

March 20, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Radheshyam M. Agrawal, M.D., 523 Fairview Road, Pittsburgh 15238, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, to serve until July 20, 2014, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice S. Kweilin Nassar, Pittsburgh, resigned.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF  
CERTIFIED REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

March 24, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Joseph D. Pasquarella, MAI, CRE, FRICS, 460 Dreshertown Road, Fort Washington 19034, Montgomery County, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Richard Lam, Conshohocken, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL  
THERAPY EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

March 26, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Joanne M. Baird, PhD, OTR/L, 3334 Benden Circle, Murrysville 15668, Westmoreland County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve until November 1, 2014, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Denise Chisholm, Pittsburgh, resigned.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER  
SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

March 27, 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, Jamie M. Bracey, Ph.D., 1331 S. 56th Street, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2014, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kenneth Lawrence, Plymouth Meeting, resigned.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE  
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

March 27, 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, Randy Derr, 930 May Road, Lititz 17543, Lancaster County, Thirty-six Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve until May 13, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice David A. Kaflik, Hershey, resigned.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER  
SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

March 28, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Jonathan Peri, PO Box 272, Media 19063, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2017, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Dr. James Barker, McKean, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MINORITY  
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

March 31, 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, Warner Macklin, III, JD, 184 Lincoln Drive, Indiana Township 15051, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority, to serve for *[sic]* until June 2, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Lemuel Nixon, Pittsburgh, resigned.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

March 31, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Jon Anzur, 71 Kelly Drive, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and

Training Commission, to serve until October 16, 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Charles Horvat, Jr., Harrison City, resigned.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

REGISTER OF WILLS AND RECORDER OF DEEDS,  
GREENE COUNTY

March 31, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds, in and for the County of Greene, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Tom Headlee, resigned.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

March 31, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Allegheny, Magisterial District 05-2-18, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable John Norman Bova, resigned.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

**BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

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

March 21, 2014

Senators VULAKOVICH, COSTA, VANCE, FONTANA, KASUNIC, SMITH, SOLOBAY and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1247**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; providing for organization and powers and duties of the Health Care Competition Oversight Board; in licensing of health care facilities, further providing for definitions, for licensure and for issuance of license and providing for confidentiality; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 21, 2014.

Senators VULAKOVICH, COSTA, VANCE, FONTANA, KASUNIC, SMITH, SOLOBAY and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1248**, entitled:

An Act requiring physician practices operating as part of an integrated delivery network to meet certain requirements to ensure patient access and consumer choice; and imposing powers and duties on the Insurance Department.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 21, 2014.

Senators SOLOBAY, ARGALL, BREWSTER, FONTANA, COSTA, YUDICHAK, WHITE, KASUNIC, WOZNIAK and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SB 1273**, entitled:

An Act providing for the deactivation of coal-fired electric generation facilities; establishing the Coal-Fired Electric Generation Facilities Deactivation Commission and providing for the commission's powers and duties; establishing the Displaced Coal-Fired Electric Generation Facilities Employee Assistance and Environmental Remediation Fund; making an appropriation; and making a related repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 21, 2014.

Senators VULAKOVICH, ALLOWAY, BAKER, BLAKE, BREWSTER, BRUBAKER, EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, TEPLITZ, VANCE, VOGEL, WAUGH, WARD and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 1291**, entitled:

An Act providing for expense reimbursement.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 21, 2014.

Senators BOSCOLA, FERLO, SOLOBAY, ALLOWAY, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, TEPLITZ, WASHINGTON, YUDICHAK, STACK, VOGEL, FARNESE, SCHWANK, WOZNIAK, WHITE, KASUNIC, COSTA, HUGHES and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 1297**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in restructuring of electric utility industry, further providing for duties of electric distribution companies; and for requirement of electric generation suppliers.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 21, 2014.

March 25, 2014

Senators HUGHES, FERLO, SCHWANK, BLAKE, WOZNIAK, STACK, LEACH, COSTA, WILEY, FARNESE, VANCE and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 1292**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, adding provisions relating to the taxation of tobacco products; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 25, 2014.

Senators VOGEL, SCHWANK, YAW, WHITE, VULAKOVICH, ARGALL, FOLMER, YUDICHAK, COSTA, BAKER, BREWSTER, ALLOWAY, SOLOBAY, BRUBAKER and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1301**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for promulgation of rules and regulations by department.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 25, 2014.

Senators GREENLEAF, SCHWANK, FONTANA, ERICKSON, HUGHES, COSTA, VULAKOVICH, FARNESE, SOLOBAY, WILLIAMS, KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1303**, 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, in compensation, further providing for duties of employers.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 25, 2014.

Senators STACK, FARNESE, SCHWANK, LEACH and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 1308**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 25, 2014.

Senator KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 1309**, entitled:

An Act designating the interchange between the portion of State Route 3009 and State Route 119 in South Union Township, Fayette County, as the Fred L. Lebder Interchange.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 25, 2014.

#### March 26, 2014

Senators FONTANA, WASHINGTON, ARGALL, COSTA, SOLOBAY, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, HUGHES and SMITH presented to the Chair **SB 1278**, entitled:

An Act providing standards for carbon monoxide alarms in certain lodging establishments; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 26, 2014.

Senators MENSCH, ALLOWAY, WOZNIAK, STACK, PILEGGI, VULAKOVICH, BREWSTER, WILEY, TOMLINSON, SOLOBAY and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 1298**, entitled:

An Act requiring hospitals to provide certain notice of patient out-patient status; providing for training; imposing duties on the Department of Health; and providing for expiration.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 26, 2014.

Senators FOLMER, SCARNATI, DINNIMAN and McILHINNEY presented to the Chair **SB 1302**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in creation, alteration and termination of planned communities, further providing for amendment of declaration; and, in management of planned community, further providing for bylaws, for meetings, for quorums and for lien for assessments.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, March 26, 2014.

Senators BAKER, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, WOZNIAK, VULAKOVICH, FONTANA, SMITH, COSTA, SOLOBAY and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 1304**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, extending special tax provisions for poverty to certain persons who are enrolled as students at institutions of higher education.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 26, 2014.

Senators STACK, FARNESE, LEACH and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 1307**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, further providing for prohibited acts and penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 26, 2014.

#### March 27, 2014

Senators WHITE, WOZNIAK, SMITH, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, SOLOBAY, VULAKOVICH, SCARNATI, STACK, ERICKSON, YAW, HUGHES, BRUBAKER and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1305**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in express anatomical gifts, further providing for use of driver's license or identification card to indicate organ or tissue donation.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 27, 2014.

Senators WHITE, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, SOLOBAY and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 1306**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in express anatomical gifts, further providing for use of driver's license or identification card to indicate organ or tissue donation.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 27, 2014.

Senators VOGEL, KITCHEN, EICHELBERGER, KASUNIC, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, BAKER, HUTCHINSON, BRUBAKER and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1312**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for length of vehicles.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 27, 2014.

#### March 28, 2014

Senators STACK, FERLO, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, WILLIAMS, FARNESE and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 1283**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Innocence Inquiry Commission within the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts; and providing for its powers and duties.

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

Senators HUGHES, SMITH, SOLOBAY, FONTANA, COSTA, TOMLINSON, BLAKE, WOZNIAC, STACK, LEACH, FERLO, WILEY, YUDICHAK and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 1293**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in disposition of abandoned and unclaimed property, further providing for property held by financial institutions, for property held by insurers, for property held by utilities, for property held by business associations, for property held by fiduciaries, for property held by courts and public officers and agencies and for miscellaneous property held for or owing to another.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 28, 2014.

Senators HUGHES, ERICKSON, SCHWANK, KASUNIC, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, VANCE, FARNESE and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 1294**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in disposition of abandoned and unclaimed property, further providing for report of property subject to custody and control of the Commonwealth under this article; providing for certificate of finder registration, for revocation of finder registration and for appeals; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 28, 2014.

Senators WARD, PILEGGI, ERICKSON, SCHWANK, WASHINGTON, WHITE, BAKER and SCARNATI presented to the Chair **SB 1299**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, further providing for definitions; and providing for treatment of overdose with opioid antagonist.

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

Senators HUTCHINSON, SCARNATI, ROBBINS, ALLOWAY, ERICKSON, VOGEL, VULAKOVICH, WARD and WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 1310**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Development Advisory Council; and providing for duties of the Pennsylvania Grade Development and Advisory Council and the Department of Environmental Protection and for administrative support.

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

Senator ERICKSON presented to the Chair **SB 1311**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 10, 1971 (P.L.153, No.7), known as the First Class School District Liquor Sales Tax Act of 1971, further providing for authorization and rate and for functions of tax collectors.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 28, 2014.

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Senators SMITH, TEPLITZ, WOZNIAC, STACK, FONTANA, COSTA, FARNESE, WILLIAMS, SOLOBAY, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER and McILHINNEY presented to the Chair **SB 1209**, entitled:

An Act eliminating discrimination and ensuring reasonable work-place accommodations for workers whose ability to perform the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth or a related medical condition; establishing a private right of action; and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 31, 2014.

Senators SOLOBAY, EICHELBERGER, SMITH, FONTANA, STACK, ERICKSON, HUTCHINSON, COSTA, YUDICHAK, KASUNIC, VULAKOVICH, BREWSTER, BROWNE, HUGHES, WOZNIAC, DINNIMAN, FARNESE and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 1266**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1976 (P.L.424, No.101), referred to as the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act, further providing for certification of death.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 31, 2014.

Senators LEACH, FERLO, TEPLITZ, COSTA, FONTANA, FARNESE, BREWSTER, BROWNE, WARD, ARGALL, STACK and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 1295**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, further providing for findings and declaration of policy, for right to freedom from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation; defining "marital status"; and further providing for unlawful discriminatory practices.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 31, 2014.

Senators CORMAN, WHITE, BROWNE, COSTA, MENSCH, FARNESE, SOLOBAY and WILEY presented to the Chair **SB 1296**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for definitions, for conversion of viatical settlement benefits, for proceeds of viatical settlement contract, for additional requirements of a viatical settlement contract, for requirements regarding viatical settlement contract proceeds, for viatical settlement provider duties, for exemption, for claims, for duties of department and for duties of Department of Public Welfare.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 31, 2014.

## RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

March 31, 2014

Senators VULAKOVICH, FARNESE, ALLOWAY, BREWSTER, COSTA, DINNIMAN, ERICKSON, FERLO, FOLMER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, HUTCHIN-

SON, KASUNIC, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, SMITH, STACK, WASHINGTON, WOZNIAK, BRUBAKER and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SR 325**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 7, 2014, as "Pennsylvania Health Care Information Technology Awareness Day."

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, March 31, 2014.

**HOUSE MESSAGE**

**HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bills for concurrence, which were referred to the committees indicated:

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**HB 56** and **1154** -- Committee on Judiciary.  
**HB 845, 1646, 1899, 1929, 1935, 1971, 1972** and **2019** -- Committee on Transportation.

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**HB 359** -- Committee on State Government.  
**HB 1567, 1642** and **2003** -- Committee on Public Health and Welfare.  
**HB 1702** -- Committee on Aging and Youth.  
**HB 1925** and **2026** -- Committee on Judiciary.  
**HB 2039** -- Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy.

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**HB 1298** -- Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Corman and Senator Tomlinson.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Blake, and a legislative leave for Senator Brewster.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests legislative leaves for Senator Corman and Senator Tomlinson.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Blake, and a legislative leave for Senator Brewster.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Senator PILEGGI asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator WARD and Senator YAW, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**WEEKLY RECESS**

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

In the Senate, March 31, 2014

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, April 7, 2014, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, April 7, 2014, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,  
 Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-47

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NAY-0

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

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

**GUESTS OF SENATOR PATRICIA H. VANCE  
 PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Cumberland, Senator Vance.

Senator VANCE. Mr. President, I am particularly pleased to introduce the Messiah College men's soccer team, who captured the 2013 NCAA Division III Championship. The team defeated Rutgers Camden University in double overtime on December 7 for the victory. They have compiled a record of 24 wins, 1 loss, and 1 tie for this season. The most important thing that I would like the other Senators to know, this is the 10th title for the team since 2000 and 4th crown in the past 5 years. Coach Brad McCarty is assisted by Aaron Faro, Sam Woodworth, Trevor Lee, and Jake Berry, and they are led by seniors, who I will introduce, since they have no captains: Drew Frey, Sheldon Myer, Aaron Myers, Jarrett Weaner, and Josh Kremers. The team and

coaches are on the Senate floor, and I ask that we all give them a very, very warm Senate welcome.

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

(Applause.)

### **LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

### **LEGISLATIVE LEAVE**

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Leach.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa has requested a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Leach. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

### **GUEST OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, it is a significant honor for me to introduce George Kuo-Liang Hsieh. He bears the distinction of being both the youngest member ever elected to Taiwan's Legislature in 2004, and was elected as Kuomintang party whip in 2011. He is currently serving his third year in office. His accomplishments have included passage of the Consumer Debt Clearance Act and key legislation in the areas of drunk driving regulation and judicial reform. He is going to be in the United States for the next several weeks in order to create a new legislative exchange program in Taiwan, China, and the U.S. Also, as an Eisenhower Fellow, he is interested in building inclusive, responsive, and effective lawmaking institutions with elected officials and representatives of legislative bodies, and also studying United States-Taiwan-Chinese relations. As a former Eisenhower Fellow who got to see the rebuilding of East Germany, I can say nothing but good things about this program. I am certainly pleased to ask you and our colleagues to give him a warm Senate welcome.

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

(Applause.)

### **GUEST OF SENATOR CHRISTINE TARTAGLIONE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, this afternoon, I welcome Father Steven Wetzel to the Senate. Father Wetzel is a native of the Mayfair section of Philadelphia, is a graduate of Father Judge High School in Philadelphia, served as a volunteer firefighter in Lehigh County while in the seminary, was ordained by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales in 2003, and served as pastor of St. Joachim's Parish in Frankford from 2005 until its

closure in 2013. Father Wetzel was part of the Philadelphia Police Department's volunteer clergy who rode along with officers on patrol. He now serves the 13,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 5 in Philadelphia as the head of the Saints Michael and Florian Chaplain Program, named for patron saints of police and firefighters. Mr. President, could we give Father Wetzel our usual warm welcome.

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

(Applause.)

### **GUESTS OF SENATOR STEWART GREENLEAF PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, I rise to introduce the Hatboro-Horsham Senior High School Robotics Team. They are called the 708 Hardwired Fusion, and they are involved, as I said, in robotics competition. This program promotes science, technology, engineering, and mathematics within the school and community. It is a subject and area that we should encourage if we are going to be competitive in the nation and in the world. We must encourage young people, like the ones we have here today, who will concentrate on those areas that will maintain our nation and our State at a high level of competition.

They have hosted a FIRST District event at the Hatboro-Horsham High School and is the only public high school in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which has done so up to this point. They have recently competed and placed in the semifinals at competitions in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship at Lehigh University. They also reach out to other high schools, such as Upper Moreland and Archbishop Wood and other communities, and they also are allowed to participate with this team.

We are truly honored and pleased to have them here today, and I ask that we give them recognition and a warm welcome.

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

(Applause.)

### **GUESTS OF SENATOR ELISABETH J. BAKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I am here to introduce three young ladies who have been participating this past weekend in the 4-H program on State government. They have been here visiting and spending time learning the legislative process and being involved. So, I would like to introduce Zoe Buckingham from Honesdale, Callie Curley from Montrose, and Reganne Whalen from Warren Center, Pennsylvania. If we could give these young ladies a warm Senate welcome, I would appreciate it.

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 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 meeting of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs to be held in the Rules room, to be followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

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

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

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

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 White, and a legislative leave for Senator Greenleaf.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Stack.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator White, and a legislative leave for Senator Greenleaf.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Stack. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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.

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-47

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 431 and HB 434 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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 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-47

Table with 4 columns of names: Alloway, Argall, Baker, Blake, Boscola, Brewster, Erickson, Farnese, Ferlo, Folmer, Fontana, Gordner, McIlhinney, Mensch, Pileggi, Rafferty, Robbins, Scarnati, Teplitz, Tomlinson, Vance, Vogel, Vulakovich, Washington

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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.

**SB 997 (Pr. No. 1177)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator SMITH. Mr. President, I want to thank Chairman Rafferty, the Majority Leader, and Senator Costa for calling this bill up. It is an important bill that defines pedalcycles with electric assist in the Vehicle Code as first and foremost a bicycle. As a bicycle, it would leverage this industry and provide economic development in our community and provide a much-needed lift to the electric pedal-assist bicycle community. I respectfully ask my colleagues in the Senate for their support. Again, I particularly want to point out the support of Chairman Rafferty for shepherding the bill through the Senate Committee on Transportation and supporting this bill on the floor today, 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-47

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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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 1085, SB 1096, SB 1107, SB 1236 and HB 1513** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL AMENDED

**HB 1719 (Pr. No. 2699)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) and 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, consolidating The Borough Code; making revisions concerning definitions, applications, certificates, eligibility, collection of taxes, appointments and incompatible offices, council's powers, specific powers, preparation of plans and specifications and contracts, assessments, removal of elected official and appointee, recreation board and authority, ordinances and resolutions; making an editorial change; and making a related repeal.

On the question,  
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator EICHELBERGER offered the following amendment No. A6409:

Amend Bill, page 171, line 3, by striking out "OR OTHER" and inserting:

for its own municipal purposes, municipal gas distribution systems or municipal

Amend Bill, page 174, lines 24 and 25, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

(60) To authorize:

(i) any borough to purchase, own, use, operate and control any

Amend Bill, page 174, lines 28 and 29, by striking out "purchase, own, use, operate and control natural" in line 28 and all of line 29 and inserting:

a borough owning or operating a municipal gas distribution system on the effective date of this section to purchase, own, use, operate and control municipal gas distribution systems.

Amend Bill, page 189, line 24, by striking out "OR OTHER" and inserting:

for its own municipal purposes, municipal gas distribution system or municipal

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

It was agreed to.

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

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 250 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER, AMENDED AND ADOPTED**

Senator PILEGGI, without objection, as a Special Order of Business, called up from page 4 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 250**, entitled:

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

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

Senator ARGALL offered the following amendment No. A6330:

Amend Resolution, page 2, line 4, by inserting after "manner":  
based on a thorough examination of existing school entity insurance policies and contracts, including regional differences,

Amend Resolution, page 2, line 14, by striking out "An" and inserting:

A detailed

Amend Resolution, page 2, line 14, by inserting after "benefits":  
, policies and contracts

Amend Resolution, page 2, line 15, by striking out "by" and inserting:

or operated by at least 50% of the

Amend Resolution, page 3, line 16, by striking out "June" and inserting:

November

On the question,  
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?  
It was agreed to.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution, as amended?

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

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

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

**MEMBER OF THE STATE  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

March 19, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated November 22, 2013, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to serve until October 15, 2018 and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice William L. Patterson, Erie, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

**NOMINATION RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR**

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

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

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

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

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

**MEMBER OF THE ANIMAL HEALTH  
AND DIAGNOSTIC COMMISSION**

January 15, 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, Dr. Meghann Pierdon, 1240 Sagerville Road, Bainbridge 17502, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Robert Graybill, DVM, Lancaster, resigned.

TOM CORBETT  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND BOARD**

February 25, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Diana Bucco, 124 Radcliff Drive, Pittsburgh 15237, Allegheny County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Children's Trust Fund Board, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Frank P. Cervone, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT  
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**MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF  
LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

February 4, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, George A. Durrwachter, 2697 Haas Lane, Montoursville 17754, Lycoming County, Twenty-third Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Daniel B. Elby, 3535 Pebble Ridge Drive, York 17402, York County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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TOM CORBETT  
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DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

February 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Roy A. Powell, Esquire, 117 Carriage Hill Drive, Mars 16046, Butler County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, to serve until July 24, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Charles M. Powell, Pittsburgh, resigned.

TOM CORBETT  
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MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF WHITE HAVEN CENTER

January 2, 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, Tammy J. Martin, 532 Centre Street,

Freeland 18224, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of White Haven Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

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To the Honorable, the Senate  
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TOM CORBETT  
Governor

*NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE*

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

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

**EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

*EXECUTIVE SESSION*

Motion was made by Senator ROBBINS,

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

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

*NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE*

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The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

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Brubaker	Hughes	Smith	Wiley
Corman	Hutchinson	Smucker	Williams
Costa	Kasunic	Solobay	Wozniak
Dinniman	Kitchen	Stack	Yudichak
Eichelberger	Leach	Tartaglione	

NAY-0

A constitutional 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 ROBBINS. Mr. President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

**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 Appropriations to be held in the Rules room immediately.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations 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.

**CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**

**SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**BILL OVER IN ORDER**

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

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

**SB 799 (Pr. No. 1852)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 959, HB 1053, SB 1149, SB 1155, SB 1180, SB 1254, HB 1259, HB 1263 and SB 1267** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

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

**SB 24 (Pr. No. 1795) (Rereported) (Concurrence)**

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for definitions; providing for electronic reporting and for regulations; further providing for mandatory reporting and postmortem investigation of deaths, for establishment of pending complaint file, Statewide central register and file of unfounded reports, for establishment of Statewide toll-free telephone number, for continuous availability of department and for disposition of complaints received; providing for responsibility for investigation; and further providing for information in pending complaint and unfounded report files, for information in Statewide central register, for disposition of unfounded reports, for disposition of founded and indicated reports, for confidentiality of reports, for release of information in confidential reports, for studies of data in records, for information relating to prospective child-care personnel, for information relating to family day-care home residents, for cooperation of other agencies, for reports to Governor and General Assembly, for penalties and for county agency requirements for general protective services.

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

**SB 1188 (Pr. No. 1884)** (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1981 (P.L.435, No.135), known as the Race Horse Industry Reform Act, further providing for definitions; repealing provisions related to the State Horse Racing Commission and State Harness Racing Commission; and providing for racing oversight and for the cessation of the State Horse Racing Commission and the State Harness Racing Commission.

**SB 1261 (Pr. No. 1783)**

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

**SB 1301 (Pr. No. 1866)**

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for promulgation of rules and regulations by department.

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

**SB 1237 (Pr. No. 1808)** (Rereported)

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.

**SB 1238 (Pr. No. 1891)** (Amended) (Rereported)

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

**HB 974 (Pr. No. 3276)** (Amended) (Rereported)

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.

**RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

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

**SR 321 (Pr. No. 1844)**

A Resolution adopting a temporary rule of the Senate relating solely to amendments to the General Appropriation Bill and other appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, including any amendments offered to or for supplemental appropriations for prior fiscal years.

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

**SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Senators VANCE, BAKER, ERICKSON, HUTCHINSON, KITCHEN, SCHWANK, COSTA, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, BRUBAKER, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH,

WHITE, YAW, BREWSTER, BOSCOLA, DINNIMAN, FERLO, FARNESE, FONTANA, HUGHES, KASUNIC, SMITH, SOLOBAY, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 326**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring BAYADA Home Health Care on 39 years of providing in-home care.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Cumberland, Senator Vance.

Senator VANCE. Mr. President, BAYADA offers nursing rehabilitation, therapeutic, hospice, and assisted care services so that people can stay in their homes and live their lives with dignity. BAYADA is the largest provider of pediatric home healthcare for medically fragile children in the entire Commonwealth. Please join me in supporting this resolution.

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

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

Senators MENSCH, WOZNIAK, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, WARD, BREWSTER, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, KASUNIC, BROWNE, ARGALL, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, FERLO, PILEGGI, ALLOWAY, HUGHES, SOLOBAY, SMITH and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 327**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2014 as "Hemophilia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, hemophilia is a genetic disorder that impairs the body's ability to control bleeding. It is a disease that evokes excessive and uncontrollable bleeding because of a missing or low-level clotting factor in blood. Nationally, more than 200,000 Americans have been diagnosed with hemophilia. Each year, more than 400 babies are born with this disorder. There are 2,700 citizens of this Commonwealth also living with hemophilia. There is no cure for hemophilia, which is a lifetime affliction, and must be controlled with intravenous infusion of factor replacing therapies. Mr. President, we would like to, with this resolution, recognize the month of April 2014 as "Hemophilia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

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

Senators TARTAGLIONE, TEPLITZ, WASHINGTON, STACK, FERLO, FONTANA, BAKER, DINNIMAN, HUGHES, WOZNIAK, GREENLEAF, VULAKOVICH,

SCHWANK, KITCHEN, BREWSTER, SMITH, PILEGGI, ALLOWAY, SOLOBAY, BRUBAKER, FARNESE and BROWNE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 328**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2014 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, today I am pleased to offer this resolution with Senator Teplitz recognizing April 2014 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. Consider that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually assaulted in the U.S. before reaching the age of 18. Every year, more than 300,000 children are at risk of becoming victims of commercial child sexual abuse. Unfortunately, only a small percentage of these incidents are reported to the police, and an even smaller number of these victims gain support services that they need. For these reasons, we have an undeniable duty to the residents of this State. From our homes and workplaces, to our children's schools, sports teams, and organizations, we must raise awareness about the impacts of child sexual abuse and we must arm individuals with the knowledge of what to do, whom to contact, and where to go to seek help in instances of abuse. Because we know that abuse can affect people of any gender, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or ability, and because perpetrators can be friends, strangers, acquaintances, or family members, we must educate everyone about child sexual abuse if we want to be successful in preventing it.

Through this resolution, we encourage Pennsylvanians to end sexual violence, to take steps toward preventing it, and to help survivors gain counseling in order to overcome it. Thanks to organizations like the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, these efforts are already underway across the country. Today, I ask my colleagues to join Senator Teplitz and me in recognizing April 2014 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month so that we, too, can join these efforts and address child sexual abuse here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, briefly, I am proud to support this resolution with my colleague, Senator Tartaglione, designating April 2014 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. Sexual assault is a crime that too often lurks in the shadows. Victims may go years before they share their stories of abuse, if they ever share their stories at all. That is why we need to bring this crime to light, to empower victims so they can seek justice and heal, and we need to raise awareness for prevention. By declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Pennsylvania, we can support victims, teach our children about age-appropriate behavior and relationships between children and adults, and protect citizens from this terrible crime. So, I ask my colleagues to join Senator Tartaglione and me in supporting this resolution.

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 Emily L. Unrue, Kaitlyn C. Anderson, Allyson K. Barr, Sarah-Marie Holena and to the Notre Dame of Bethlehem Parish by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sydney C. Schwarz, Ruchi A. Dalal and to Esther Angela Montzman by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Messere, Eileen Meeker, Cyd McCord, Sarah Davies, Irene Lisinski and to Jeff DeLeon by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Saints John Neumann-Maria Goretti High School Girls' Basketball Team and to the Saints John Neumann-Maria Goretti High School Boys' Basketball Team by Senator Farnese.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mikhail Alexander Shevchenko, Peter Alexander Shevchenko and to The Quadrangle by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph Majewski by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Margaret M. Powell and to Richard Strauss by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Cody James Adamson, Nick Cochrane and to Joseph R. Stephany by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Eric David Nawrocki, Jason Hoffman, Stephen A. Koch and to The Highlands at Wyomissing by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Peters Township High School Boys' Ice Hockey Team and to the Martha Fund by Senator Smith.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Liz McElroy by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Florence Farr, Wayne White, Ryan Tinari, Giny Craft, James Walter, Joe Gottschall, Jr., Ed Hoffman, Art Schneider and to Mel Shapiro by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Colby James Fronk and to Rebecca Luft by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Ronald Evanko by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ian R. McCamy and to Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Laurel Region by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Daniel Wilkerson by Senator Wiley.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Attorney General Kathleen G. Kane by Senator Yudichak and others.

### 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 Donna Lee Butler by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Thomas Still by Senator McIlhinney. Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Alexander Hart Manning, to the family of the late William D. Vosel, Jr., and to the family of the late Steve J. Wiencek by Senator Solobay.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Albert J. Sutter, Jr., by Senator Tomlinson.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Edwin Jeffrey Wentzel by Senator Ward.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Darell Vaughn Thomas and to the family of the late Rex Randolph Parker by Senator Williams.

**BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION**

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

**SB 1261 and SB 1301.**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY**

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2014

Off the Floor	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider Senate Bills No. 1188, 1301 and 1261)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Room
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 1237 and 1238; and House Bill No. 974)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Room
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 24 and 1181; Senate Resolution No. 321; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2014

9:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing on Variable Electric Rates)	Room 8E-B East Wing
9:30 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 1225, 1287 and 1312; and House Bills No. 1214, 1246, 1431, 1794, 1899 and 2019)	Room 8E-A East Wing
10:00 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 1219, 1220 and 1255; and House Bill No. 1052)	Room 8E-A East Wing

10:30 A.M. JUDICIARY (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 979 - indigent criminal defense representation) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

12:30 P.M. JUDICIARY (to consider House Bill No. 1154) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

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.

9:30 A.M. COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (to consider Senate Bill No. 1290 and Senate Resolution No. 325) Room 461 Main Capitol

10:00 A.M. FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 1078 and 1169) Room 8E-A East Wing

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014

9:00 A.M. COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (public hearing on DCED budget initiatives, an overview of the DCED programs available for PA businesses, and a summary of the economic impact of the PA travel and tourism industry) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014

10:00 A.M. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (public hearing on Financially Distressed Municipalities and Senate Bill No. 1157) Room 8E-A East Wing

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014

9:30 A.M. JUDICIARY (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 1095 - SLAPP suits) Phila. Bar Assoc. Conf. Ctr.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014

9:30 A.M. CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing to discuss Electric Reliability) Room 8E-A East Wing

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, today, March 31, is the beginning of baseball season. Our Major League Baseball teams are opening either at home or on the road. The Philadelphia Phillies, my home team, are opening on the road, and the last I heard, the score was 13 to 8 in favor of the Phillies. They opened in Arlington, Texas, today. Mr. President, in having a conversation with my friend and colleague from Allegheny County, Senator Smith, this is a time when all of the teams are in first place, and we all have high hopes and expectations for the Philadelphia Phillies and, Senator Smith, for the Pittsburgh Pirates. We wish all of the teams, especially our Pennsylvania teams, an exciting and healthy season and to bring championship banners and a trophy home to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Of course, I being prejudiced and wanting the men in red and white, the

Philadelphia Phillies, to bring it home, once again, to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

And I would like to just say that I am ready to undertake, once again, a summer of people coming up to me on the street and saying, hey, you played a good game last night, Chase Utley. And I will say, thank you very much. Because we are often mistaken for one another, though Chase is a little taller than am I. It is an exciting time of the year, and I am thrilled to be a baseball fan and, in particular, a red hot fan for the Philadelphia Phillies, and I know Senator Smith, my friend and colleague, feels the same way for his hometown team, the Pittsburgh Pirates. But to the Philadelphia Phillies and the Pittsburgh Pirates, again, we wish them a very successful, and happy, healthy season, and to my guys in red and white, go Phillies!

Thank you, Mr. President.

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **SB 428 and HB 436 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 428, Printer's No. 359; and House Bill No. 436, Printer's No. 2723, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

### **PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES**

#### **(Continued)**

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, before I get into my remarks, I want to sort of echo the comments of my good friend, Senator Rafferty, regarding the baseball season. I know he is a big Phillies fan, and hopefully we will all be here next fall celebrating a pennant win on behalf of the Philadelphia Phillies. I am very happy to see that the season started, but I do want to shift the discussion to a more serious topic.

Mr. President, I rise to speak about this year's budget and the importance of equitable education funding for the students of Pennsylvania and for the Commonwealth as a whole. Senate Democrats have been pushing for an increase in public education funding in the years since Governor Corbett has assumed office and cut funding to our schools. We have always understood that in order to insure Pennsylvania's financial future, we must invest in our children's present. The Governor has instead called upon a privatization of corporate handouts rather than providing for the cornerstone of every citizen's success. The Senate Democrats have a plan this year to accomplish this without putting undue tax burdens on our working families here in the Commonwealth. Our plan is prudent and responsible and looks ahead to restoring all of the dollars lost in the last 3 years, beginning this year, Mr. President, with a \$300 million investment back into several proven programs. These restorations include \$100 million for the accountability block grant, \$85 million for charter reimbursement, \$50 million for tutoring, \$40 million for early learning, and \$25 million for special education. Senate Democrats are dedicated to insuring that early education funding is a priority, as well as getting back to an adequate funding formula with the proper resources to support it.

Every single one of our children in Pennsylvania deserves a quality education and the chance at a bright future. Unfortunately, as a whole, Pennsylvania is not on a solid path to that kind of success. Many of the priorities that the Governor has placed in this budget, and specifically in budgets in previous years, have been shortsighted and ineffective strategies for moving our great State forward. His historical cuts to basic education funding, as well as the \$550 million in targeted line-item cuts, have unfairly hampered our students' educational experience. Many of the Governor's education funding policies have disproportionately affected poorer school districts, such as Philadelphia. My colleagues and I have heard from too many parents, students, and teachers about the lack of resources available in schools. Parents are buying paper out of their own pockets so handouts can be made available for study. School nurses are rotating amongst many schools rather than being available each day at each school to attend to the emergent care needs of the children. School counselors are few and far between, making it even more difficult for a struggling population of students to gauge which direction to go after high school. But these are just not Philadelphia problems, Mr. President, they are problems seen in each corner of the State. That is why my colleagues and I have a budget and a savings plan that would get our students and our State back on the right track.

Some of our strategies that have been articulated by the Senate Democrats include: expanding Medicaid, which would provide an additional \$400 million to Pennsylvania; escheat reform programs to the tune of \$150 million; Wine & Spirits modernization, an issue that has been talked about many, many times in this Chamber, actually Mr. President, on both sides of this building, Wine & Spirits modernization, according to our modernization plan, would yield an estimated \$125 million; charter school funding reform at \$85.5 million in savings; of course, the capital stock and franchise tax phase-out, freeing up another \$75 million; multistate claims processing for SSP and SSI, an additional \$75 million; enhanced tax collection, \$55 million; Medicaid managed care, \$50 million; smokeless and other tobacco products tax, \$36 million, and an opportunity here, Mr. President, to join the majority, if not the entire rest of the country and tax smokeless tobacco; and of course vendor sales tax discounts, elimination of those, at a \$40 million savings.

So, Mr. President, as we move forward toward our budget deadline of June 30, I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, in both Chambers of this legislature, as well as the executive office, to look closely at the Senate Democrats' plan and talk to myself and other Members of our Caucus. It is time to do the right thing for the children of Pennsylvania. Both they and the Commonwealth deserve the best possible chance of success now and into the future.

Thank you, Mr. President.

### **HOUSE MESSAGE**

#### **HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 316**.

**BILL SIGNED**

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

**HB 316.**

**RECESS**

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

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:07 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.