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SENATE

MONDAY, April 7, 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 WAYDE WILSON, of Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for this day. This day is a gift and we only get to live it once, so help us to appreciate it and to make the most of every moment. Scripture says, This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. So, we rejoice and we thank You today for healthy minds and bodies, these, too, are gifts that money cannot buy and so we are grateful for them. Thank You that we have a roof over our heads, food in our pantries, and a warm place to lay our heads at night. We pray for those around the world and here at home who do not have the basic necessities, who wake up today uncertain if they will even see tomorrow. We pray, God, help them, and help us to help them as often as we can and in any way that we can.

God, I pray that You would bless the homes, marriages, and the families of the men and women who are in this room, for although they are leaders on a high level, they are also human beings. They are sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, husbands, and wives. We pray for them because they have needs, hurts, fears, weaknesses, goals, and dreams. I pray that You would help them keep their priorities in the right order and guard them from compromise as they look to You.

I pray for those gathered here today, as they make decisions and represent the people of Pennsylvania, and on larger issues the people of this great nation, recognizing that authority is a God-given privilege and responsibility, and may they see it as such and actively seek Your wisdom as they humbly serve and lead. I have heard it said, those in authority are given influence and power to help those who have none. So may these leaders be like King David, who the Bible tells us reigned over Israel doing what was just and right for all of his people. Grant these leaders strength, wisdom, courage, and compassion so that they can, as we are challenged in Psalm 82:3-4, Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

Finally Lord, we pray that prayer that Jesus taught His disciples to pray. I invite anyone who would like to pray along with us the Lord's Prayer. Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Wilson, who is the guest today of Senator Alloway and Senator Vance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

RECALL COMMUNICATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

April 7, 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 13, 2014, 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 Barber Examiners, to serve until April 15, 2016, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Vincent Iacono, York, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT Governor

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

April 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, Roger H. Krey, 803 Wyngold Drive, Pittsburgh 15237, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

April 3, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve until June 20, 2014, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Wendy Barley, Lancaster, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

April 3, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Allen McIntosh,400 Allen Lane, Warren 16365, Warren County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard Vilello, Lock Haven, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

April 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, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Northumberland County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Robert B. Sacavage, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, TIOGA COUNTY

April 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, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Tioga County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Robert E. Dalton, Jr., resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, WESTMORELAND COUNTY

April 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, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Westmoreland County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable John E. Blahovec, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, YORK COUNTY

April 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, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, York County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Penny L. Blackwell, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 4, 2014

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

In conformity with the 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 Fayette, Magisterial District 14-2-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Joseph M. George, Jr., resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 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, Jon Anzur, 71 Kelly Drive, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Lackawanna, Magisterial District 45-3-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable James A. Gibbons, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 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, Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Washington, Magisterial District 27-3-06, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Valarie Costanzo, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

April 7, 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, Frank Ranalli, 144 Steeplechase Circle, Gibsonia 15044, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve until April 15, 2016, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Vincent Iacono, York, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

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 431**.

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate SB 267, with the information the House has passed the

same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

BILLS 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:

April 3, 2014

Senators SMITH, KITCHEN, TEPLITZ, WASHINGTON, FONTANA, FERLO, BLAKE, YUDICHAK, STACK, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, ERICKSON, BREWSTER, PILEGGI, GREENLEAF, HUTCHINSON, SOLOBAY, HUGHES, COSTA, MENSCH, WHITE, BOSCOLA, KASUNIC, BROWNE and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair SB 1145, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions and for duty of commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 3, 2014.

Senators YAW, FERLO, ERICKSON, FOLMER, EICHELBERGER, TEPLITZ, BAKER, SCHWANK, VOGEL, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, FARNESE, PILEGGI and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1324**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public officers) of the Pennsylvania consolidated Statutes, further providing for restricted activities.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, April 3, 2014.

Senator GORDNER presented to the Chair **SB 1325**, entitled: An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in county correctional institutions, further providing for board meetings.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 3, 2014.

April 4, 2014

Senators HUGHES, KASUNIC, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, FONTANA and SOLOBAY presented to the Chair **SB 1328**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in restructuring of electric utility industry, providing for electric generation supply service at variable rate.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 4, 2014.

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Senators BAKER, SMUCKER, PILEGGI, VOGEL, EICHELBERGER, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, STACK, WASH-

INGTON, ERICKSON, YUDICHAK, KASUNIC, GORDNER, SCHWANK, SMITH, HUGHES, ARGALL, VULAKOVICH, RAFFERTY, WHITE, GREENLEAF, COSTA, BREWSTER, BLAKE, FARNESE, VANCE, BROWNE, ALLOWAY, BRUBAKER and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair SB 1327, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in ethics standards and financial disclosure, further providing for definitions and for restricted activities; and prescribing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, April 7, 2014.

Senators WHITE, EICHELBERGER and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 1329**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, extensively revising provisions on life and health insurance guaranty associations; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 7, 2014.

Senator SOLOBAY presented to the Chair **SB 1330**, entitled: An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for use of miscellaneous motor vehicle business registration plates.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 7, 2014.

Senators KASUNIC, SOLOBAY, GORDNER and FOLMER presented to the Chair SB 1332, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the definition of "unmanned aircraft"; in game or wildlife protection, further providing for disturbance of game or wildlife; and, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for interference with lawful taking of wildlife or other activities permitted by this title prohibited.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, April 7, 2014.

Senators KASUNIC, SOLOBAY, GORDNER and FOLMER presented to the Chair SB 1334, entitled:

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the definition of "unmanned aircraft"; and, in enforcement, further providing for interference with lawful fishing and boating prohibited.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, April 7, 2014.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

April 3, 2014

Senators ALLOWAY, FERLO, GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, TEPLITZ, WILEY, DINNIMAN, KASUNIC, WHITE, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, SMITH, ARGALL,

HUGHES, RAFFERTY, YAW, SOLOBAY, GORDNER and SCARNATI presented to the Chair SR 338, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Pennsylvania Game Commission to include Lyme disease education in the Hunter-Trapper Education training courses that are offered to hunters each year.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, April 3, 2014.

April 7, 2014

Senators WHITE, STACK, RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, SMITH and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SR 340**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to reauthorize Federally provided terrorism reinsurance for insurers.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 7, 2014.

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:

April 4, 2014

HB 1163 -- Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1317 -- Committee on Transportation.

HB 1600 -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

HB 2063 and 2074 -- Committee on Education.

HB 2081 -- Committee on Labor and Industry.

BILL SIGNED

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

HB 431.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Schwank, and legislative leaves for Senator Hughes and Senator Stack.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator McIlhinney, and legislative leaves for Senator Erickson and Senator Tomlinson.

Senator Williams requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Schwank, and legislative leaves for Senator Hughes and Senator Stack.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator WILLIAMS asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator BLAKE and Senator KITCHEN, 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, April 7, 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 28, 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 28, 2014, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-48

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

NAY-0

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

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR ELISABETH J. BAKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce Nathalie Joanlanne, and her father, Frank, who are here from Dallas, Pennsylvania. Nathalie is here to be recognized as the 2013 Class AA Girls' Singles Tennis State Champion. She had an unbeaten season in 2013. She is a junior at Wyoming Seminary Upper School, and is an honor student. She is the recipient of the Robert Hamptom Tapp Foundation Scholarship for her academics. She is active in the community, assisting at the St.

Vincent de Paul soup kitchen, she has worked as a teacher's aid at the Wyoming Valley Children's Association with special needs children, and she volunteers at The Meadows nursing home.

So, I ask that you please join me in welcoming and congratulating Nathalie on her 2013 title, and we continue to wish her the best. We know that we will be watching her from afar when she is on the courts doing well at the nationals.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR TIMOTHY J. SOLOBAY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington, Senator Solobay.

Senator SOLOBAY. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce four friends from western Pennsylvania, and they are Emma and Liv Horner, who are here with their grandparents, Jim and Terri Protin. I ask the Senate to give them its usual warm welcome.

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

REQUEST FOR RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of meetings of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room immediately, to be followed by the Committee on Appropriations, to be followed by the Committee on State Government, all in the Rules room, to be followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

The PRESIDENT. The Senate will be at ease.

(The Senate was at ease.)

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I withdraw my request for an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on State Government.

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, after the meeting of the Committee on State Government, we ask that all Democrats report to our caucus room.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a recess of the Senate for purposes of meetings of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, to be followed by the Committee on Appropriations, to be followed by a Republican caucus.

Senator Fontana requests a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Democratic caucus.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The SECRETARY. Permission has been granted for the Committee on State Government to hold an off-the-floor meeting today to consider Senate Bill No. 1327.

RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, just so we are clear, I would like to renew my request for the off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on State Government now that the meeting notice has been read across the desk.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, to be followed by the Committee on Appropriations, to be followed by the Committee on State Government, 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.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 428 and **HB 434** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Schwank and Senator Stack have returned, and their respective leaves are cancelled.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 436 (Pr. No. 3290) -- 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 persons required to report suspected child abuse; providing for privileged communications; and further providing for penalties for failure to report or to refer.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

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

Boscola	Fontana	Scarnati	Wagner
Brewster	Gordner	Schwank	Ward
Browne	Greenleaf	Smith	Washington
Brubaker	Hughes	Smucker	White
Corman	Hutchinson	Solobay	Wiley
Costa	Kasunic	Stack	Williams
Dinniman	Leach	Tartaglione	Wozniak
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Teplitz	Yaw
Erickson	Mensch	Tomlinson	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 with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 799, SB 959, SB 1085 and SB 1096 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1154 (Pr. No. 3285) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offenses of harassment, stalking and threat to use weapons of mass destruction.

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?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

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-48

Farnese	Pileggi	Vance
Ferlo	Rafferty	Vogel
Folmer	Robbins	Vulakovich
Fontana	Scarnati	Wagner
Gordner	Schwank	Ward
Greenleaf	Smith	Washington
Hughes	Smucker	White
Hutchinson	Solobay	Wiley
Kasunic	Stack	Williams
	Ferlo Folmer Fontana Gordner Greenleaf Hughes Hutchinson	Ferlo Rafferty Folmer Robbins Fontana Scarnati Gordner Schwank Greenleaf Smith Hughes Smucker Hutchinson Solobay

Dinniman Leach Tartaglione Wozniak Eichelberger McIlhinney Teplitz Yaw Erickson Mensch Tomlinson Yudichal

Tomlinson 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 with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

SB 1236 (Pr. No. 1807) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 20, 1979 (P.L.183, No.60), known as the Oil and Gas Lease Act, further providing for definitions, for payment information to interest owners, for accumulation of proceeds from production and for conflicts; and providing for joint ventures and for inspection of records.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator YAW. Mr. President, I rise in support of this package of bills that we have put together with the consultation and a lot of input from various entities and persons who have interest in this. These bills are all oriented toward the landowner, lessors, and the gas industry and are designed to make the entire transactions involving royalties and the deductions more transparent. Senate Bill No. 1236 is a bill that requires payment to the landowner or the lessor for gas that has been produced within 60 days of the time that it is extracted. It also requires the payment to be by way of a decimal interest so that people know what the share is of the gas that is being produced. The bill also provides the lessor with the right to inspect documents here in Pennsylvania relating to the extraction of gas from their property and also provides that this can be done annually by the landowner.

Senate Bill No. 1237 solves an issue that has been brought to my attention by various landowners. They are afraid that if they ask questions and ask how their royalties and the costs are being calculated, that somehow the gas companies, the production company, will retaliate against them and somehow cease production or at least diminish production. This bill provides protection to the landowner, and also in the event that there would be a finding that the gas company has retaliated, there are civil penalties that go to the landowner up to a \$1,000 a day.

Finally, Senate Bill No. 1238 provides that when a lease ends, there is a surrender provision that must be filed with the local office of the registrar and recorder. This is very similar to what happens today with mortgages. When a mortgage is paid off, at the end of the mortgage, the bank or the financial institution is required to provide a satisfaction piece. We have found complaints have come to us that many times these leases are

open-ended, stay in a state of limbo, and it makes it very, very difficult to find out whether they are still in existence.

We think that this package of bills, and I ask my colleagues to support it, is strictly landowner oriented, lessor oriented, and is designed to make the entire process involving royalties and the deductions a more transparent process so that landowners have the tools in order to know what is going on with respect to the gas that is being extracted from their properties. I ask for an affirmative vote on these bills. 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-48

Farnese	Pileggi	Vance
Ferlo	Rafferty	Vogel
Folmer	Robbins	Vulakovich
Fontana	Scarnati	Wagner
Gordner	Schwank	Ward
Greenleaf	Smith	Washington
Hughes	Smucker	White
Hutchinson	Solobay	Wiley
Kasunic	Stack	Williams
Leach	Tartaglione	Wozniak
McIlhinney	Teplitz	Yaw
Mensch	Tomlinson	Yudichak
	Ferlo Folmer Fontana Gordner Greenleaf Hughes Hutchinson Kasunic Leach McIlhinney	Ferlo Rafferty Folmer Robbins Fontana Scarnati Gordner Schwank Greenleaf Smith Hughes Smucker Hutchinson Solobay Kasunic Stack Leach Tartaglione McIlhinney Teplitz

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having vote "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 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.

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?

LEAVE CANCELLED

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

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-45

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

NAY-4

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 1238 (Pr. No. 1891) -- 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.

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-49

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

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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1254 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1263 (Pr. No. 2021) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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-49

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

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1513 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1794 (Pr. No. 3278) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating Route 11 in Montour County as Veterans Highway.

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-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 411, SB 1078, SB 1155, SB 1169, SB 1180 and HB 1214 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1219 (Pr. No. 1676) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, further providing for the filling of vacancies in the office of district attorney.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

SB 1220 (Pr. No. 1677) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 3, 1850 (P.L.654, No.385), entitled "An act providing for the election of district attorneys," further providing for the filling of vacancies in the office of district attorney.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1225, HB 1246, SB 1255, SB 1261 and SB 1287 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1290 (Pr. No. 1922) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act requiring the disclosure of wireless device location information; and providing for immunity.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1312, HB 1431, HB 1899 and HB 2019 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

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

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

MEMBER OF THE 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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

April 1, 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 March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Jon Anzur, 71 Kelly Drive, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Landscape Architects, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice James Barnes, York, whose term expired.

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 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

April 1, 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 March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Fortyeighth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Landscape Architects, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice William Mullin, Monroeville, whose term expired.

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

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

April 1, 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 March 31, 2014, for the appointment of Jon Anzur, 71 Kelly Drive, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, 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.

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, Fortyeighth 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, 2014, 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

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 RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

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

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

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

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Senator 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 STATE CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

January 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, Scott E. Miller, CPA, J.D., DBA, 6350 Meadowrue Lane, Erie 16505, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2015, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Michael Magnotto, Hermitage, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

February 18, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Lisa P. Deem, D.M.D., J.D., 161 Splitrail Lane, Blue Bell 19422, Montgomery County, Forty-fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, to serve for a term of six years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

February 6, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, John F. Erhard, III, D.D.S., 339 Glenmaura Drive, Moosic 18507, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, 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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EBENSBURG CENTER

January 28, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gloria C. Eberhart, 1427 Third Street, Cresson 16630, Cambria County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EBENSBURG CENTER

January 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, Tim Houser, 739 N. Spruce Street, Ebensburg 15931, Cambria County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Alice Zemba, Black Lick, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EBENSBURG CENTER

January 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, Darlene Ann Lutch, 113 St. Benedict Street, PO Box 675, Carrolltown 15722, Cambria County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EBENSBURG CENTER

January 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, Charles Moyer, 301 N. Beech Street, Ebensburg 15931, Cambria County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Timothy Layton, Windber, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

January 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, Elizabeth Preate Havey, 600 Moreno Road, Penn Valley 19072, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Helen M. Billak, Pittsburgh, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

December 11, 2013

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, George P. Drake, Jr., 306 Buttonwood Road, Landenberg 19350, Chester County, Ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2016, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Dr. Jane S. Bray, Norfolk, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

December 11, 2013

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Constance H. Henry, 512 Woodcrest Drive, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senato-

rial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Doug Enders, Camp Hill, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

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

March 11, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Jennifer L. Hoy, 21 Woodland Drive, Lock Haven 17745, Clinton County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, as Recorder of Deeds, Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court, in and for the County of Clinton, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Gail M. Gephart, resigned.

TOM CORBETT Governor

TREASURER, PERRY COUNTY

February 26, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Harva Owings Baughman, 319 Walnut Street, Newport 17074, Perry County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Treasurer, in and for the County of Perry, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Mary Reisinger, resigned.

TOM CORBETT 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

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

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

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January 24, 2014

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TOM CORBETT Governor

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February 18, 2014

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TOM CORBETT Governor

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TOM CORBETT

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EBENSBURG CENTER

January 28, 2014

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In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gloria C. Eberhart, 1427 Third Street, Cresson 16630, Cambria County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT Governor

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TOM CORBETT Governor

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TOM CORBETT Governor

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TOM CORBETT Governor

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December 11, 2013

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TOM CORBETT Governor

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

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TOM CORBETT Governor

TREASURER, PERRY COUNTY

February 26, 2014

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TOM CORBETT Governor

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations?

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

YEA-49

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

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 33 (Pr. No. 1644) (Rereported) (Concurrence)

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for persons required to report suspected child abuse; and providing for protection from employment discrimination.

SB 267 (Pr. No. 1858) (Rereported) (Concurrence)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, further providing for excuses from attending school; and making an editorial change.

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

SB 1267 (Pr. No. 1930) (Amended) (Rereported)

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 1164 (Pr. No. 1605) (Rereported)

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

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

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

Senator SMUCKER, from the Committee on State Government, reported the following bill:

SB 1327 (Pr. No. 1931) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in ethics standards and financial disclosure, further providing for definitions and for restricted activities; and prescribing penalties.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators BAKER, VULAKOVICH, ERICKSON, FERLO, TEPLITZ, MENSCH, GREENLEAF, WASHINGTON, FONTANA, STACK, SMITH, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, PILEGGI, KASUNIC, HUGHES, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, COSTA, ALLOWAY, SOLOBAY and BROWNE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 342**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of April 6 through 12, 2014, as the "Week of the Young Child" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, the "Week of the Young Child" is an annual celebration first established in 1971 by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the world's largest early childhood education association. The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus our attention on the needs of children from birth through age 8, and to recognize and to support early childhood professionals, programs, and services that lay the foundation for success in school and to build better futures for all of our children. So, I ask my colleagues to join me today in supporting the resolution designating April 6 through 12 the Week of the Young Child here in the Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator PILEGGI, on behalf of Senator TOMLINSON, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 343**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2014 as "Pennsylvania 8-1-1 Safe Digging Month."

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

Senators EICHELBERGER, TEPLITZ, FERLO, ERICKSON, ROBBINS, WOZNIAK, ARGALL, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, SCHWANK, HUTCHINSON, WASHINGTON, STACK, KASUNIC, HUGHES, SMITH, RAFFERTY, PILEGGI, BAKER, FONTANA, SCARNATI, YAW, SOLOBAY, ALLOWAY, YUDICHAK and WHITE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 344**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of April 14 through 19, 2014, as "Local Government Week" and April 15, 2014, as "Local Government Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, again this year, in conjunction with Senator Teplitz, Minority chairman of the Committee on Local Government, I offer a resolution to recognize the hard work of our local officials. As the Commonwealth again faces serious budget constraints, it must be recognized that our municipalities face many of these same financial issues. The citizens of this Commonwealth expect and deserve municipal services that provide for their health, safety, and welfare. Local leaders are expected to meet these demands in addition to State and Federal mandates. Unfortunately, the costs to meet these needs continue to rise, while, at the same time, local governments face eroding tax bases. Indeed, many municipalities are on the verge of financial disaster.

As chairman of the Committee on Local Government, I believe that we here in the General Assembly must take every effort to assist our communities by providing them with the means to cut costs with relief from unnecessary mandates in a fair and equitable tax base. Later this week, the committee will be holding a hearing on proposed reforms to Act 47, the law designed to help those municipalities in the most financial distress. I ask the Senate to adopt this resolution to acknowledge the efforts of our local leaders, and to give them our heartfelt thanks for dealing with these major problems as well as they have to this point. I would be happy to leave the resolution open at the desk if any Members who wish to cosponsor did not have a chance to do so. I ask for an affirmative vote to declare the week of April 14 through 19 as "Local Government Week" and April 15 as "Local Government Day" in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I rise in support of my friend and colleague, Senator Eichelberger, with the resolution saluting local governments. Like Senator Eichelberger, I, myself, was a local government official, having been a school board member and township supervisor. Oftentimes, when I think of local government and what they face day in and day out, I am mindful of a saying someone far wiser than I once said, "Local government is the backbone of democracy." That is where you can still go in and exchange your point of view with your school board members, with your township supervisors, your borough or city council people, and your county commissioners. It is that opportunity that is pristine in local government where you are able to have that interaction and to convey your strengths of opinion to your local government officials and they, in turn, can relay to you the information that they have at hand and why they decided to vote the way they are voting. It is a big thank you to those men and women in local government who oftentimes are there at 12:30 at night looking at subdivision plans or discussing school bus proposals. So I, once again, want to commend my colleague, Senator Eichelberger, and stand in support of 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 Charlene Donchez Mowers, Don Cunningham, Michael J. Caruso, John B. Callahan and to Boyle Construction, Inc., by Senators Boscola and Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dennis Douvanis and to the Hillside School of Macungie by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elijah Malcolm Parks, Samuel Leister, Michael Weaver, Quinn Nichols and to the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to K. R. J. Enterprises, Inc., by Senator Ferlo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David Kintzer and to Dana Schreffler by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Marc Chmielewski by Senators Folmer and Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the citizens of Mt. Lebanon, citizens of South Park Township and to the citizens of the Borough of Bethel Park by Senator Smith.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the members and coaches of the Seton-La Salle Catholic High School Girls' Basketball Team and to the Seton-La Salle Catholic High School Boys' Basketball Team by Senator Smith and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Crowder by Senator Stack.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reverend Dr. and Mrs. Mark Tyler, Reverend and Mrs. Terrence Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Staten, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dickerson, Bishop Ernest C. Morris, Reverend J. Louis Felton, Dr. Murphy J. Keller III, Clare Fontenot, Jerry T. Jordan, Richard Womack, Jr., Michael P. Meehan, Mark Squilla, Steven Scott Bradley and to Matthew J. Funchion by Senators Tartaglione and Washington.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Noah Shaeffer and to Mike Keiper by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to A. J. Schopp, Mitchell Port, David Habat, Jack Lee, Tim Flynn and to GRIMM Industries, Inc., by Senator Wiley.

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 Bernice Marie Condit and to the family of the late Helen Bober by Senator Solobay.

BILL ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bill was as follows:

SB 1327.

And said bill 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

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014

	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.
10:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bill No. 1316; and House Bills No. 1460 and 1738)	Room 8E-A East Wing
11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 705, 979 and 1325; and Senate Resolution No. 304)	Room 8E-B East Wing
Off the Floor	GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Resolution No. 338)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014	
10:30 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 594 and	Room 461 Main Capitol

1329: Senate Resolution No. 340:

Commission)

and a confirmation hearing on James R. Biery to the Banking and Securities

	THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014	
10:00 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (public hearing on Financially Distressed Municipalities and Senate Bill No. 1157)	Room 8E-A East Wing
	THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014	
9:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 1095 - SLAPP suits)	Philadelphia Bar Assoc. Conf. 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 Lebanon, Senator Folmer.

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, there is a reform organization out there called Democracy Rising, but I would like to entitle my talk today on what I would refer to as Hypocrisy Rising. I am greatly, greatly concerned and I have to tell you, I am actually at a loss of words. But before I start, I just want to bring up two little ones that my heart is really heavy for, and that is little Anna Bentch, who is right now on her way to the epilepsy monitoring unit at Hershey Medical Center. She is continually fighting her fight, and the medications available to her right now are just not working. Also, a shout-out especially to little Jackson Salemme, who is 7 years old. We are starting spring and baseball season, but this little 7-year-old is actually in a unit where he is having consistent and constant seizures as we speak. They may have to put him into an induced coma to try to stop these seizures, which he may never come out of.

But the hypocrisy side, sir, is this: If I heard it once, I heard it many times that the passage of Senate Bill No. 1182 would be nothing more than a Trojan horse to the legalization of cannabis, that it would be the gateway to drug use of our youth, and so forth. But at the same time, sir, we have Leadership discussing and talking about expanding alcohol sales, which is the number-one drug addiction problem we have in this Commonwealth and in this nation. A Yale study published August 21, 2012, in the "Journal of Adolescent Health," found that people who used alcohol or tobacco in their youth are almost twice as likely to abuse prescription opiate drugs than those who only used cannabis. The findings seem to confirm a study published by the "Journal of School Health," which fleshed out several misconceptions about the so-called gateway drug theory.

My point to all of this is this: How dare we even think about, if we are so concerned about the expansion of drug use through medical cannabis, that we are going to talk about the expansion of alcohol use in this Commonwealth? I believe it is the high mark of hypocrisy. I cannot see how anybody can possibly, if you are so concerned about this, I just do not understand. And I am upset. We put together a bill that would deliver a product in a medical atmosphere that would actually help children. You know, little Charlotte Figi, who is the poster child of what is

known as this Charlotte's Web strain of medical cannabis, was totally catatonic. Her medications were thousands of dollars a month. She has been on the Charlotte's Web strain oil for over 2 1/2 years now, has never had to have an increase of dosage, and rather than thousands of dollars a month in costs, it is several hundred dollars a month in costs. And all I am asking is that the State of Pennsylvania have the compassion and understanding and look at what the science is proving.

If I hear one more time about, do you have any scientific evidence versus anecdotal evidence? How much evidence do you need when you have a child like Charlotte Figi who was told she would never walk again, she would never talk again, that she would probably die, that all of the FDA-approved medications did not work, is actually walking and talking and says she is going to be a ballerina.

But my real point to all of this is to our Leadership, to the Governor, and to all of those who are really talking about the expansion of alcohol, the number-one drug problem we have in this State, but are afraid to pass a bill that in a very controlled atmosphere, in a very controlled professional medical atmosphere, the use of alternative medications to those folks who simply want just one more arrow in their quiver to fight their disease as their doctors best see fit.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise just for a few moments to commend the gentleman for his comments and his courage to stand up today and talk about a very, very important issue that is resonating not only across this Commonwealth, but across this country. I applaud his efforts, along with Senator Leach at the forefront of this conversation, to make certain that we are in a position to be able to enact legislation as has been discussed. Most importantly, I want to recognize that, as someone who has a family member who deals with the issue of epilepsy, I am very cognizant of the issue and, quite frankly, very skeptical at the outset. But by virtue of the conversation that has taken place here in Harrisburg and the hearings we have conducted, I can say that the process has convinced me that it is an appropriate step.

I am disappointed that a position has been taken that we are not in a position to move forward along those lines. I think it is imperative that we continue to have this dialogue and that we move forward. I also hear the very clear frustration that was exhibited here today on the floor from a gentleman who rarely gets to the microphone and displays frustration along those lines, so I know that it is something that is important to the gentleman. But at the end of the day, his point about the fact that we are trying to grow other vices, we are trying to put into place a plan that is going to significantly multiply the number of outlets or venues where individuals have access to wine and spirits, when we talk about continued vices along the lines of more gaming that we are talking about, when we talk about some of the things relative to smoking and our inability to put a tax on our smokeless tobacco, our inability to tax other tobacco products, particularly, when we know that because of our inability and our failure do that, they have directly impacted our ability to receive millions and millions of dollars from the tobacco settlement resources that impact our ability to do research, research that could directly tie even further advancements as it relates to medicinal marijuana.

So, Mr. President, it is frustrating. I share the frustration that the gentleman has displayed, but I want to applaud him for the steps that he and Senator Leach have taken along the lines of advancing this issue and advancing this cause, I should say, because let us face it, I believe it has risen to the level of a cause to allow for this to take place. So, I just want to get up, it was not my intention to speak on this, but I want to stand and support the gentleman's efforts along those lines.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator STACK. Mr. President, I rise to lend my support to the recent advocacy on the medical marijuana issue by Senator Folmer, Senator Costa, and others certainly in this Chamber. I will be the first one to say that the Senate hearings that we have had here in the legislature and some of the other more recent informational presentations that were made available to us here have actually opened up my eyes on this issue much more than before. Quite frankly, it appears that medical marijuana, which is often in pill form, sometimes even presented in warm hot tea, that does not get people high, but seems to be the only drug that can really treat symptoms of pain that a lot of people are experiencing, and without destroying the other vital organs that prescription drugs tend to destroy, like oxycodone and other drugs. So, I always am weary of the interest of the big pharmaceutical companies in this kind of an issue that make billions around the world and in Pennsylvania. We have seen prescription drug use and abuse, the great proliferation of that across Pennsylvania.

This weekend, I had a chance to spend a little time in Senator Costa's district, where he was hosting the Attorney General, Kathleen Kane, and the issue was how much drug abuse continues to expand in Pennsylvania, and particularly prescription drugs and heroin. There has to be some way of stopping this proliferation, and to that end, I am working, along with Senator Vance, on an electronic monitoring bill, which we need to implement in Pennsylvania so that we can stop doctor shopping, we can stop bad characters who are pharmacists and doctors who literally make hundreds of thousands of dollars illegally making drugs available to people they know are abusing them, know that are selling them and putting them out on the street. These drugs get in the hands of young people and children are dying from overdoses. The biggest problem with this type of drug, prescription drugs, is that young people think, oh, they are prescription drugs, so they must be safe, and those are their last thoughts here on earth. So, it is a life-or-death issue.

Pennsylvania does not have an electronic monitoring criteria for Schedule III prescription drugs. Other States do, including Kentucky, which has had a lot of success in battling prescription drug abuse and proliferation. So, I ask the Senate in the future to support Senator Vance's electronic monitoring bill on prescription drugs. I intend to have some amendments to make that bill even more effective, and we have to combat all kinds of drugs that are abused. We have to make sure that we protect people's safety, and I do not think we are doing that to the fullest extent that we can in Pennsylvania.

So, I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle solving this problem, which, once again, involves our young people, who are our best hope for Pennsylvania, and in many regards, those young people are being failed today. So, let us improve that situation.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President protempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 4:18 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.