TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014

SENATE

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend WILLIAM A. VANDERSLICE, of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Red Hill, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we gather today from different corners of this Commonwealth, bringing together diversity of our communities for the common good of all people. Grant the wisdom of Your spirit to all elected leaders and to all who work in public service, so that the lives of every person and the well-being of all of our communities will be strengthened throughout this nation. God of compassion, help us to see in Your face those who are poor, and in serving them to serve You. Give us generous hearts so that those living in poverty may have adequate food, clothing, and shelter. By Your spirit, move us to affirm the dignity of all people and to work for just laws that protect the most vulnerable in society. O God, it is Your will to hold both Heaven and earth in Your hands. Let the design of Your great love shine among us and give peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. In the name of the One who creates, redeems, and sustains life. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Vanderslice, who is the guest today of Senator Mensch.

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 EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

May 6, 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 May 5, 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 Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve until December 12, 2015, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Diane Howarth, RN, Holtwood, 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:

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

May 5, 2014

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

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, YORK COUNTY

May 5, 2014

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:
May 5, 2014

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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 Sheryl Ann Dorney, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

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TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL
WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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 Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, 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 Linda Hartocollis, M.S.S., Ph.D., Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

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, Helen Hanna Casey, 14 West Woodland Road, Pittsburgh 15232, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jane Billings Swarthmore, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

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, Alexander Graziani, 514 Harrison Avenue, Greensburg 15601, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

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, Anna Messmer-Wise, 340 Springfield Avenue, Washington 15301, Washington County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice 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 Sheryl Ann Dorney, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

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OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

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TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

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, Anna Messmer-Wise, 340 Springfield Avenue, Washington 15301, Washington County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:
MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

May 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, Brian J. Fill (Public Member), 1120 Stone Crest Drive, Tarentum 15084, Allegheny County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGE

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate SB 1037, 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.

BILL SIGNED

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

HB 2019.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 1001 (Pr. No. 2023) (Amended)
An Act amending Title 57 (Notaries Public) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in revised uniform law on notarial acts, further providing for appointment and commission as notary public, qualifications and no immunity or benefit.

SB 1253 (Pr. No. 1772)
An Act amending Title 37 (Historical and Museums) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in powers and duties of Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, further providing for specific powers and duties, for personal property and for documents; providing for Commonwealth archival records, for local government archival records and for access to older public records; in historic properties, further providing for powers over certain historic property; and prescribing a penalty.

HB 201 (Pr. No. 3535) (Amended)
An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in source selection and contract formation, further providing for competitive sealed proposals; providing for investment activities in Iran; and imposing civil penalties.

HB 744 (Pr. No. 3536) (Amended)
An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in lobbying disclosure, further providing for registration, for reporting, for prohibited activities, for penalties, for registration filing system and for registration fees, fund established, system and regulations.

HB 1271 (Pr. No. 2774)
An Act authorizing the release of all restrictions imposed by the Project 70 Act on a portion of certain lands situated in the Borough of Brentwood, Allegheny County, in exchange for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on other lands owned by the Borough of Brentwood, Allegheny County.

HB 1672 (Pr. No. 2428)
An Act providing for the testing of new, environmentally beneficial and energy efficient technologies within various State agencies.

HB 1873 (Pr. No. 2741)
An Act authorizing the release of restrictions on use and alienation imposed by the Project 70 Land Acquisition and Borrowing Act on certain land owned by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission in Benner Township, Centre County.

HB 1945 (Pr. No. 3537) (Amended)
An Act authorizing the Department of General Services to survey certain lands and buildings situate partly in the City of Harrisburg and partly in Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County; authorizing the Department of Transportation, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to East Liberty Development Corporation certain lands and improvements situate in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County; authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Governor, to grant and convey, at a price to be determined through a competitive bid process, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, and the Borough of Pine Grove, Schuylkill County; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor to remove and release the restrictive use covenants imposed on certain real property situate in the Borough of Blossburg, Tioga County; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Labor and Industry and the Governor, to grant and convey to the Coatesville Area Senior Center, or its successors or assigns, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in the City of Coatesville, Chester County; and authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the Philadelphia Technical Technician Training School certain lands situate in the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County.

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

SB 621 (Pr. No. 2022) (Amended)
An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in orphans' court divisions, further providing for nonmandatory exercise of jurisdiction through orphans' court division; in wills, further providing for rules of interpretation; in dispositions independent of letters, family exemption, probate of wills and grant of letters, providing for submission to jurisdiction; in administration and personal representatives, further providing for continuation of business and for incorporation of estate's business; in accounts and distribution, further providing for determination of title to decedent's interest in real estate; in health care, further providing for
authority of health care agent and for relation of health care agent to court-appointed guardian and other agents; in powers of attorney, further providing for form of power of attorney, for implementation of power of attorney, for durable powers of attorney and for account; providing for investigation of financial abuse and mismanagement and for jurisdiction and venue; in estates, further providing for release or disclaimer of powers or interests; in estates, providing for release of powers and interests and disclaimer of powers; providing for powers of appointment; in trusts, further providing for nondisparaging settlement agreements - UTC 111, for representation of parties in interest in general, for division of trusts, for renunciation of trustee and filing resignation, for duty to inform and report, for limitation of action against trustee and for powers, duties and liabilities identical with personal representatives; codifying provisions relating to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, to sheriffs and to crimes victims; and making editorial changes and related repeals.

**SB 1341 (Pr. No. 1970)**

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 22 (Detectives and Private Police), 23 (Domestic Relations), 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), 44 (Law and Justice) and 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, providing for short title of title; codifying provisions relating to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, to sheriffs and to crimes victims; and making editorial changes and related repeals.

**HB 112 (Pr. No. 103)**

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the offense of sexual assault by sports official, volunteer or employee of nonprofit association.

Senator RAFFERTY, from the Committee on Transportation, reported the following bills:

**SB 1210 (Pr. No. 2021) (Amended)**

An Act amending the act of December 8, 2004 (P.L.1801, No.238), known as the Transit Revitalization Investment District Act, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in TRID creation and location, further providing for criteria for proposed TRID, for TRID designation, for implementation authority, for TRID planning study factors, for roles and responsibilities of public transportation agencies and municipalities and for amendments to TRID planning study; in land development powers of public transportation agencies, further providing for development or redevelopment of property; in value capture approaches, further providing for creation of value capture area and for dedication of tax revenues; providing for capture of TRID tax revenue; and, in community involvement, further providing for public meeting to explain TRID and alternative implementation approaches.

**SB 1314 (Pr. No. 1905)**

An Act designating the bridge on State Route 3023, Johns Road, Johnstown, Cambria County, as the Clara Barton Memorial Bridge.

**HB 1646 (Pr. No. 2269)**

An Act designating the section of Pennsylvania Route 232 in Bryn Athyn, Montgomery County, as the SPC Tristan C. Smith Memorial Highway.

**HB 1831 (Pr. No. 2644)**

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 15 over the Yellow Breeches Creek, Carroll Township, York County, as the Glenn Bowers Memorial Bridge.

**HB 1938 (Pr. No. 2992)**

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of 17th Street over the 10th Avenue Expressway, City of Altoona, Blair County, as the Blair County Veterans Memorial Bridge.

**HB 1939 (Pr. No. 3528) (Amended)**

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of S.R. 764 over S 31st Street, City of Altoona, Blair County, as the Alvin E. Morrison Memorial Bridge.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Alloway.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves Senator Farnese, Senator Hughes, Senator Kitchen, Senator Tartaglione, Senator Washington, and Senator Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a legislative leave for Senator Alloway.


Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**JOURNALS APPROVED**

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of April 1, 2014, and April 2, 2014, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of April 1, 2014, and April 2, 2014.

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

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

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

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**NAY-0**
A majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

GUEST OF SENATOR DOMINIC F. PILEGGI PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, it is my honor today to introduce a very special guest, Andrea Canepari, the Consul General of Italy in Philadelphia, who is visiting the State Capitol today to meet with Governor Corbett, Lieutenant Governor Cawley, and other State officials, including Members of the Senate. Andrea Canepari was appointed Consul General on August 26, 2013. In his position, his duties are to advance economic, educational, and cultural opportunities between Italy and Pennsylvania, but also New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina. He has held numerous diplomatic positions since joining the Italian Foreign Service in 1999. He was born in Pavia, Italy, graduated with top honors from Bocconi University in Milan with a degree in economics, and the University of Parma Law School. He then received a Master of Law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in welcoming Consul General Canepari to the Senate today.

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

(Applause.)

Consul General CANEPARI. It is a great honor to address the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and I thank Majority Leader Pileggi for organizing my visit to Harrisburg with such a great agenda and very important and fruitful meetings. Thank you. I would also like to thank Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley, President pro tempore Joe Scarnati, and Minority Leader Jay Costa for the opportunity to speak today to the Members of this Senate.

As the Consul General of Italy in Philadelphia, I am responsible for improving political, economic, and cultural relations between Italy and especially Pennsylvania. My first predecessor Consul General from Italy was a merchant from Genoa who came to Philadelphia in 1791.

But let us look at the future. I am convinced that there are immense opportunities for deeper economic and cultural cooperation with Pennsylvania since there is such a distinguished and successful Italian-American community in Pennsylvania. We have to remember that more than 10 percent of people here claim to be of Italian origin. The results are a huge and qualified community of Italian researchers and professors, and our economic systems complement each other. Pennsylvania and Italy both have a significant structure of reserve centers and universities promoting innovation jointly, and that should pave the way to more business opportunities. I do believe in the prosperity of more interaction, and I will give you two quick examples.

Last week, I promoted the creation of a business council between Italy and Philadelphia's region. We see, also, top U.S. companies dealing with Italy, and Italian companies willing to expand here. We should create a more structured path to promote investments. I also promoted the kickoff of an organization called the Italian Language Initiative to support the teaching of Italian in Pennsylvania schools. We put together philanthropists, universities, companies, and teachers. It is a way to give more educational opportunities to Pennsylvania's kids, to compete in the global arena, to raise international status of Pennsylvania, and to promote Italian heritage at the same time.

Thank you very much for your attention and for your support in strengthening the ties between Italy and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Thank you.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR ROBERT B. MENSCH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, today, it is my honor to introduce Reverend William A. Vanderslice, who is the pastor of my own church, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Red Hill, Pennsylvania. He also serves as the dean of the Upper Montgomery Conference, one of nine conferences within the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Today is Lutheran Day at the Capitol, with over 130 Lutheran leaders from around Pennsylvania gathering to worship together, learn, and visit legislators around the core values and concerns of hunger and poverty. Tonight, the Lutheran community will honor Senator Smucker for his service at a reception and banquet in the Rotunda of the Capitol building.

Mr. President, join me in giving a great senatorial welcome to the Reverend William Vanderslice.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN C. RAFFERTY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, in the gallery, I would like to welcome the members of the Pennsylvania Academy of General Dentistry. The academy is the largest organization in Pennsylvania solely representing the interests of general dentists with over 1,800 members. I recently had the opportunity to speak to the academy when they hosted a continuing education event in West Conshohocken. The mission of the academy is to serve the needs of general dentists, to promote the oral health of patients, and to foster continued proficiency of dentists through quality continuing dental education in order to better serve the public.

The academy believes strongly in community outreach and is dedicated to providing services to those who cannot afford quality dental care. I had the experience of talking firsthand with many of the dentists involved in that and I commend them for reaching out and helping those who cannot afford dental care. In support of the commitment, they have created PAGD Cares, a program that helps dental offices provide donated dentistry at their local office to serve the communities. To date, the PAGD dentists and staff have provided nearly $500,000 in free dental services to local communities statewide.

Mr. President, we are joined today by Doctors Carcinella, Casey, Fields, Kokai, Knowlton, Laemmer, Schroeder, Shelly,
and Stewart. Mr. President, I ask that the Senate extend its tradi-
tional warm welcome to this fine group of dentists and commend
them for their work.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the the guests of Senator Rafferty
please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL J. FOLMER
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gen-
tleman from Lebanon, Senator Folmer.

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, I would like to introduce a
very special family visiting the Senate today, Vicky and David
Martin and their 8-month-old son, Isaiah. The Martins reside in
Senator Smucker's district and are here for Wishbone Day. Later
today, I, along with Senator Smucker, will be offering the first-
ever Wishbone Day in Pennsylvania resolution. Wishbone Day
is an international awareness effort for osteogenesis imperfecta,
or OI. OI is a genetic disorder characterized by fragile bones that
break easily, also known as brittle bone disease. As you can see,
I am wearing yellow today and last week I sent a memo to my
Senate colleagues asking them to wear yellow, and I thank those
who remembered. Yellow is the awareness color for OI. Last
year, I was asked by my staff member to wear yellow on May 6
in support of friends of her’s who were expecting their first child
with OI. My staff member explained OI to me and over the last
year, I have followed Isaiah’s story and his progress. I decided to
take it a step further this year and introduce this resolution for all
of the OI families in Pennsylvania, as I was made aware of OI
through the Martins, who are constituents of Senator Smucker.
I asked if he would introduce it with me and I was very apprecia-
tive that he would, and I thank Senator Smucker for that.

Isaiah was born with 8 to 12 fractures. The number is approxi-
mate because of the fractures that were still healing when he was
in utero. When the Martins were first introduced to OI when
Vicky was 20 weeks pregnant, Isaiah’s limbs were short and
curved. Throughout most of the pregnancy, it was thought Isaiah
had Type II OI, because even his ribs had breaks in utero. Type
II OI is lethal. Thankfully, through genetic testing, Isaiah was
found not to have Type II OI but, instead, Type III, which is
non-lethal. Isaiah has been receiving Pamidronate, or PAM,
which increases bone density and thickness and helps control
pain. Although Isaiah has restrictive lung disease caused by the
size and shape of his rib cage, PAM has helped with his breath-
ing and Isaiah has been off the CPAP machine for a month. Isai-
ah’s bones in his legs are curved in 90-degree angles, but hope-
fully, he will have surgery in the future to place rods, and fingers
crossed, give him the ability to walk.

Vicky and Dave have noticed that every time Isaiah receives
a PAM treatment, he hits another new milestone. He is develop-
ing faster than most Type III OI children but is still behind chil-
dren without OI. Vicky and Dave have found numerous support
groups online and friends with OI families across this great State,
including families from Lebanon, Chester Springs, Altoona, and
other areas of Pennsylvania. Isaiah is one of the happiest, and I

have to say this, definitely one of the happiest children I have
had the pleasure and honor to meet. According to Vicky, it gets
to be a little confusing when Isaiah is still smiling and giggling
even when he is suffering a fracture. Vicky and Dave admit that
being special-needs parents is hard, but they continue to see the
positives in life. Isaiah may have OI, but Vicky and Dave vow
that OI will never have them. They will be sure that Isaiah lives
his life to be the happiest and fullest.

In closing, I was told Isaiah would be very upset with me if I
did not mention his love for Mickey Mouse and his cat, Carl,
who also serves as his personal bodyguard. Senators, please join
me in a warm Wishbone Day welcome to Vicky and Dave and
especially little Isaiah Martin.

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

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR ELISABETH J. BAKER
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gen-
tlewoman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I rise to introduce Andrew
Seder, who has just started working in my Hawley district office
as my field representative. Many of you may recognize his name.
Andrew worked for the Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader for many
years as both a staff writer, columnist, business editor, and he
also covered legislation and politics. He graduated from Slippery
Rock University with a B.A. degree in communications. I am
delighted to have him join my staff because I know he will work
hard on behalf of the constituents of the 20th Senatorial District.
Andrew lives in Gouldsboro with his wife, Marissa, and their
three children, Adam, Makenna, and Maxwell. So, I ask you to
join me in offering a very warm Senate welcome to Andrew
Seder.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Washington has re-
turned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators WASHINGTON, KITCHEN, GREENLEAF, 
FERLO, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, DINNERMAN, SMITH,
SOLOBAY, ERICKSON, ALLOWAY and COSTA, by unani-
mous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 380, entitled:

A Resolution honoring Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority by designating
May 6, 2014, as “Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day” in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gen-
tlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Washington.

Senator WASHINGTON. Mr. President, this resolution marks
May 6, 2014, as AKA Day in Pennsylvania. AKA Day is a pub-
lic policy initiative that is taking place in many States across the nation bringing members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to the State Capitol for a day of legislative briefing, fellowship, and activism. Incorporated in 1908, AKA became the first Greek-letter organization established by African American colleges for women. Our roots date back to Howard University and have since spread across the country and the world. We now boast more than 240,000 sorors across the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, and Africa. In Pennsylvania, AKA is 23 chapters strong, including 8 graduate chapters, and 15 undergraduate chapters. The AKAs are about more than sisterhood. Our international theme of "Global Leadership Through Timeless Services" shows the dedication that AKAs have to make this world a better place not only for us, but for generations to come. We build relationships, cut racial and social barriers, and lift up our communities.

GUESTS OF SENATOR LEANNA M. WASHINGTON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

Senator WASHINGTON. Mr. President, each year, I am so honored to welcome the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha to the Capitol. I am pleased to be able to talk to everyone about the landmark child protective legislative package that we continue to work on here in the Senate and the House. Mr. President, again, as a proud member of Lincoln University's Omega Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, I ask the Senate to give AKA a warm welcome. I would like to thank Gladys Brown, who coordinated today's activities.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

(Applause.)

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Farnese has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

GUESTS OF SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN AND SENATOR JOHN C. RAFFERTY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, we have a group of students from the Phoenixville Middle School, and I do this introduction on behalf of myself and Senator Raferty. These students are part of a group called TATU, it is an antismoking group. I want to thank these students for leading the way against smoking, and also because they have started to help other students understand the difficulty of chewing tobacco. We might not think much of chewing tobacco. The days of the spittoons on the Senate floor are long gone, but they were here. The majority of people chewing tobacco today are not adults, they are young people between the ages of 14 and 21. This is a serious threat to oral health, to cancer of the mouth, and cancer of the throat. It is so refreshing to know that a group of students are leading the way educating other students. They are here with their teachers and some of their advisors educating other students about the evils of tobacco. So, Mr. President, I think they are still up there, they are indeed. If we could give a welcome, I would appreciate it.

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

(Applause.)

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I just want to pay tribute to AKA as well and thank Senator Washington for inviting them. Thank you.

GUESTS OF SENATOR KIM L. WARD PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Westmoreland, Senator Ward.

Senator WARD. Mr. President, I am very honored and happy today to welcome Hempfield Area High School's Project 18 class. Project 18 is made up of seniors in high school and they combine government and community service, and they learn all about the political process. They do a lot of good work and learn a lot of really wonderful things. I want to thank Ken Stough for bringing them, along with the other chaperones. Every year, they come here to Harrisburg where they talk to administration officials, they talk to elected officials, they talk about bills, what we are doing here, how it affects them, and they get to make their own judgments. Hopefully someday, they will decide they want to run for office and make a big difference in their communities. So with that, I want to say thanks, guys, for coming. It was great seeing you. Thank you.

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

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Williams has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT TOMLINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, I would like to welcome an outstanding group of young students today, the 2013 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Middle School Eco Crew, who are being honored for the most comprehensive recycling project award during the Wheelabrator Symposium for Environment and Education, which is held in Sunrise, Florida, from April 29 to May 2. The Eco Crew created a public awareness campaign to increase recycling and decrease littering in the schools and community. The students are accompanied today by their teachers, Jayne Murphy and Bonnie Jean Fry. I was very, very happy to have them out on the Senate floor and have them in my office for lunch, and I am very impressed by the demeanor and educational level of these students. I would like the Senate to welcome them to the Chamber.
The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Tomlinson please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.
(Applause.)

RECESS

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

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

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

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, to be followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Hughes and Senator Tartaglione have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Baker. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 428 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 705 (Pr. No. 710) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for establishment.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, very briefly on Senate Bill No. 705, first of all, I want to thank Senator Pileggi for bringing this legislation to the floor for a vote. I also want to thank Chairman Greenleaf and Senator Leach from the Committee on Judiciary for moving this along, and the DA's Association, and my own Lackawanna County DA, Andy Jarbola. Basically, this bill amends Title 61. It grants district attorneys in third, fourth, and fifth class counties the option of serving on their respective county prison boards. Counties of sixth, seventh, and eighth class currently have this option. Under current law, the district attorneys of the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth class must serve on the prison boards. As there are occasions when they must prosecute inmates, guards, or employees of said prison, there is a prospective or a perceived conflict of interest. This bill would allow counties to opt out. It is not mandatory, but an opt-out provision that would allow the district attorney, via resolution of the county commissioners, to opt out of serving on the prison board in order to avoid conflicts of interest. So I appreciate the support of this bill and appreciate favorable consideration today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Alloway  Farnese  Rafferty  Vulakovich
Argall  Ferlo  Robbins  Wagner
Baker  Folmer  Scarnati  Ward
Blake  Fontana  Schwank  Washington
Boscola  Gorder  Smith  White
Brewster  Greenleaf  Smucker  Wiley
Brown  Hughes  Solobay  Williams
Brubaker  Hutchinson  Stack  Wozniak
Corman  Kasunic  Tartaglione  Yaw
Costa  Kitchen  Teplitz  Yudichak
Dinniman  Melchinney  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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1085 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.
gratulations for her leadership on this bill, and I personally want it. I am glad to and so, of course, I certainly have had an opportunity to vote on Committee on Public Health and Welfare with Senator Vance this bill closely since its introduction. I serve as a Member of the from Berks, Senator Schwank.

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ation of the bill, entitled:

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

There were two particular concerns that I had, which I raised in committee, that I wanted to see progress on. I was concerned about the issue of judicial oversight in terms of law enforcement's access to the database. On that issue, I have had several very good conversations with my local DA, talking about some of the practical implications of the way the bill is written versus the way some may wish that it would be written, and that satisfied me. I appreciate the efforts of law enforcement, not just locally, but by the State Attorney General and others to educate the public, law enforcement officials, health professionals, and addiction counselors in response to the situation in order to determine what we can do to address the problem. The establishment of a prescription drug registry is a point on which there was consistent agreement. Even though heroin itself is not subject to the registry, the back story to heroin overdoses often is that the victims turn to heroin because it is so cheap and so strong, but only after becoming addicted, often legitimately, to more costly proscriptive medications. The registry that this bill will establish will help to prevent that. But, it is important for the registry to work effectively for expectations that people have of their privacy, as well as to work effectively for public health purposes.

Concerns for public health and safety have to be in balance with the need to keep sensitive health information accurate and secure. The news regularly reports acts of misuse of personal information by both public and private entities that obtain it legally or its theft by hackers seeking to cause mischief, or with deeper criminal intentions and of hard-to-correct database errors that are accidental but still cause serious consequences to the individuals involved. These are all of the risks that need to be taken seriously because the harm they cause can be quite serious. This is a bill that balances those concerns very well, and it is one that we need now. I encourage my colleagues to vote positively for it. Thank you.

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, just briefly, I wanted to echo what my colleague just said about the bill. Particularly though, I want to commend the sponsors of the bill for making the effort to address concerns that have been raised along the way. I know that there are groups who are concerned about some of the privacy and civil liberty aspects of the bill and they should continue to push us on those kinds of issues. That is their job. The bill has not been fixed, quote, unquote, to their complete satisfaction, but it has to mine, and I think that those efforts were worthwhile.

There are concerns about particular aspects of the bill as it was initially crafted.

My district, like others around the State, has seen a tragic increase in recent months in the number of overdoses, many sadly ending up in death from heroin use. Just recently, in the past year, we have had six deaths from heroin in one township in my district, one township. I have had a number of meetings with the public, law enforcement officials, health professionals, and addiction counselors in response to the situation in order to determine what we can do to address the problem. The establishment of a prescription drug registry is a point on which there was consistent agreement. Even though heroin itself is not subject to the registry, the back story to heroin overdoses often is that the victims turn to heroin because it is so cheap and so strong, but only after becoming addicted, often legitimately, to more costly proscriptive medications. The registry that this bill will establish will help to prevent that. But, it is important for the registry to work effectively for expectations that people have of their privacy, as well as to work effectively for public health purposes.

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There were two particular concerns that I had, which I raised in committee, that I wanted to see progress on. I was concerned about the issue of judicial oversight in terms of law enforcement's access to the database. On that issue, I have had several very good conversations with my local DA, talking about some of the practical implications of the way the bill is written versus the way some may wish that it would be written, and that satisfied me. I appreciate the efforts of law enforcement, not just locally, but by the State Attorney General and others to educate us on that issue. The other issue that was of concern to me was the amount of access that groups, categories of individuals, categories of bureaucrats, would have in the database. That is of a particular concern to me and to others, but I see that there are penalties in the bill that I hope will address that, discourage it, punish any misuse, which is what the concern is.
So, those were the two issues that were foremost on my mind in committee. Although I voted to move the bill out of committee, I wanted to express those and see progress on those issues and to my satisfaction, either in terms of language of the bill or further discussion and explanation to me, they have been satisfied. So, I appreciate the effort, again, of those who have taken the time, not just in this Chamber but outside of it, to work through those issues with us, and I am happy to help address this important issue by casting a vote in the affirmative.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, thank you for your indulgence. Obviously, I am pretty passionate about this, and in my haste and passion, I certainly failed to recognize some things in my comments. One was to also congratulate Senator Kitchen and her staff, who also had a huge role in making sure that this legislation came to fruition. Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Kitchen and Senator Baker have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

And the question recurring, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator VANCE. Mr. President, I have a couple of statistics that we probably all know, but perhaps need a refresher. Pennsylvania has the dubious distinction of ranking 14th in the country for drug overdoses, and we have the third-highest rate of heroin abuse in the country. In Pennsylvania, deaths from drug overdose outnumber deaths by motor vehicles. Over this year, 22 people died in just 1 week in 6 counties in western Pennsylvania from heroin laced with Fentanyl. I believe that this legislation strikes the right balance between permitting law enforcement access to the prescription drug information and maintaining appropriate privacy.

I would just like to list a few things. The identifying information will be removed from the database after 3 years with a possibility of another chance to do it for 1 more year. To access information in the database, law enforcement must go to court, and I think we need to repeat that again and again. They must go to court and demonstrate that the information is relevant to an active criminal investigation and that there is reasonable suspicion that a criminal act has occurred. Law enforcement can only use the information as a basis to secure a search warrant or arrest warrant, and the information from the database cannot be used as evidence at trial. Authorized users are limited in what information they can search for as well. The bill includes provisions for unlawful use of information. This has been a long, hard road, but I want to thank everyone who contributed and helped. I had so much input from so many Members across the aisle. I want to thank the Republican Leadership and staff. I want to thank Senator Costa and Ron Jumper for all of their help, to Senator Kitchen and Clarissa Freeman for their cooperation and help. Lastly, huge kudos to Amy Bolze of my staff for her fortitude, intelligence, and upbeat demeanor.

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

**SB 1220 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 1220, Printer's No. 1677, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**SB 1225 (Pr. No. 1695)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the McKeesport-Duquesne Bridge off-ramp, State Ramp 8086, leading to State Route 148 in the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, as the Officer Frank Miller, Jr., Memorial Ramp.

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**


**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 1261, SB 1316 and HB 1431** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

**SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**BILL OVER IN ORDER**

**HB 128** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

**BILLS REREFERRED**

**SB 979 (Pr. No. 1935)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Center for Effective Indigent Defense Legal Representation; providing for its duties and responsibilities; and making an appropriation.

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

**SB 1078 (Pr. No. 1707)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 31, 1971 (P.L.398, No.96), known as the County Pension Law, further providing for supplemental benefits.

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

**SB 1129 (Pr. No. 1996)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veterans' pensions and benefits, further providing for paralyzed veteran's pension.

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

**BILL LAID ON THE TABLE**

**SB 1169 (Pr. No. 1563)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in definitions.

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

**SB 1169 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 1169, Printer's No. 1563, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

**BILL LAID ON THE TABLE**

**HB 1246 (Pr. No. 3277)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for the definition of "emergency service responder" and providing for the definitions of "electric cooperative personnel" and "electric utility personnel"; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for duty of driver in emergency response areas.
Upon motion of Senator PILEGGI, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was laid on the table.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 2081 (Pr. No. 3195) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in interpretation and definitions, further providing for definitions.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
Upon motion of Senator PILEGGI, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

COMMUNICATION FROM 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 BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

January 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, Lynell M. Scaff (Public Member), 205 Morning Mist Drive, Aliquippa 15001, Beaver County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve until September 24, 2017 and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Albert Trexler, Exton, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE AND REVENUE

February 24, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the 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.

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.

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE AND REVENUE

February 24, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the appointment of R. Scott Shearer, Esquire, 6433 Farmcrest Lane, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Finance and Revenue, to serve until January 1, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE 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, 2035 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 MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS’ EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

April 1, 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, Jacob A. Bierling, Jr., 3723 Huey Avenue, Drexel Hill 19026, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth 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

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

February 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, Robert M. Hess, 817 East Canal Road, Hershey 17033, Dauphin County, Fifteenth 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 Stephen Pollock, Huntingdon Valley, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

RECORER OF DEEDS, SOMERSET COUNTY

January 30, 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, Patricia A. Peifer, 139 Speicher Lane, Boswell 15531, Somerset County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as Recorder of Deeds, in and for the County of Somerset, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Lorraine K. Barron, Somerset, deceased.

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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TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE AND REVENUE

February 24, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, David R. Kraus, Esquire, 5024 Pellingham Circle, Enola 17025, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Finance and Revenue, to serve until January 1, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE AND REVENUE

February 24, 2014

To the Honorable, the Senate
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In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, R. Scott Shearer, Esquire, 6433 Farmcrest Lane, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Finance and Revenue, to serve until January 1, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor
MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

March 17, 2014

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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, 2035 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

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
Argall Ferlo Robbins Wagner
Baker Folmer Scarnati Ward
Blake Fontana Schwank Washington
Boscola Gordener Smith White
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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 COMMITTEE

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

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for definitions, for persons required to report suspected child abuse and for investigating performance of county agency; repealing provisions relating to definitions, school employees, administration, investigation, responsibilities of county agency for child protective services and report information; and further providing for services for prevention, investigation and treatment of child abuse.

SB 1037 (Pr. No. 1945) (Rereported) (Concurrence)

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

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators DINNIMAN, TEPLITZ, WASHINGTON, STACK, EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, SCHWANK, ERICKSON, KASUNIC, HUGHES, VULAKOVICH, ARGALL, RAFFERTY, SMITH, YUDICHAK, COSTA, PILEGGI, WILLIAMS, ALLOWAY, BRUBAKER, TARTAGLIONE, FARNESE, BROWNE and SCARNATI, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 381, entitled:
A Resolution commemorating the 66th anniversary of the birth of the State of Israel.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, Israel is one of the bastions of democracy in the world. Israel has shown us how you can achieve a successful and outstanding economy through the use of high technology. The relationships and friendships between Israel and the United States have been long and enduring. In fact, Israel would not have been established if it was not for the United States and President Harry Truman working hard in the United Nations to make that a reality. So, I ask the Senate to recognize the many contributions of the State of Israel, the fact that it is a strong ally of the United States, and, in fact, we recently remembered the millions of victims who perished in the Holocaust. And the proximity of the Days of Remembrance, us that recognizes the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of atrocity of the Holocaust and the deaths of millions of Jews in Europe under the Nazi regime became the impetus for an independent Jewish State, and, in fact, we recently remembered the importance of religion and spiritual identity. The atrocities of the Holocaust and the deaths of millions of Jews in Europe under the Nazi regime became the impetus for an independent Jewish State, and, in fact, we recently remembered the millions of victims who perished in the Holocaust. This legislative body recently adopted a resolution sponsored by several of us that recognizes the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust. And the proximity of the Days of Remembrance, on the one hand, and the celebration of the birth of Israel, on the other hand, clearly demonstrate the resilience of the Jewish people. Israel thrives because its residents are committed to insuring a free democratic State that boasts a strong economy and a powerful military, and this anniversary gives everyone an opportunity to recognize the history, culture, and influence of America's most important ally in the Middle East. So, Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join in support of this resolution recognizing the 66th anniversary of the State of Israel.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, I rise to join my colleague, Senator Dininnman, to recognize the 66th anniversary of the State of Israel. As an active member of the Jewish community here in Harrisburg, I am proud to be one of the cosponsors of this resolution. This is an opportunity for all Pennsylvanians to join communities across the globe to celebrate an independent Israel, and to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters living and prospering there. The land of Israel is the birthplace of the Jewish people and is the source of religious and spiritual identity. The atrocities of the Holocaust and the deaths of millions of Jews in Europe under the Nazi regime became the impetus for an independent Jewish State, and, in fact, we recently remembered the millions of victims who perished in the Holocaust. This legislative body recently adopted a resolution sponsored by several of us that recognizes the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust. And the proximity of the Days of Remembrance, on the one hand, and the celebration of the birth of Israel, on the other hand, clearly demonstrate the resilience of the Jewish people. Israel thrives because its residents are committed to insuring a free democratic State that boasts a strong economy and a powerful military, and this anniversary gives everyone an opportunity to recognize the history, culture, and influence of America's most important ally in the Middle East. So, Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join in support of this resolution recognizing the 66th anniversary of the State of Israel.

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.

A Resolution designating the week of May 18 through 24, 2014, as "Emergency Medical Services Week" 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, I welcome this opportunity to pay tribute to our emergency medical technicians. If you have ever called an ambulance for a loved one, you know how long seconds can feel and how relieved you are when the red lights and those trained technicians arrive at your door. We celebrate the lifesaving work of everyone involved in the emergency medical services field during "Emergency Medical Services Week" and "Emergency Medical Services for Children Day," commemorated May 18 to 24. These highly trained, dedicated first responders have rescued victims of car accidents, cardiac arrests, choking incidents, and other of life's tragedies. In each case, our EMTs exhibit compassion and care that transcends every emotion and every obstacle. At any time of the day or night, in all kinds of weather, they risk their lives to bring others to safety, to surgery, and to survival. They have specialized training not only to transport, but to treat. So, in mid-May, we take the time to say thank you to our EMTs who respond in a record time, at a moment's notice, 24/7, and I offer this resolution in honor of our everyday heroes and I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators BAKER, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, FERLO, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, BREWSTER, ARGALL, STACK, SCARNATI, EICHELBERGER, MENSCH, KASUNIC, TEPLITZ, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, VOGEL, VULAKOVICH, SMITH, BROWNE, FARNESE, HUGHES, PILEGGI, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, HUTCHINSON, WHITE, WOZNIAK, COSTA, YAW and McILHINNEY, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 382, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 18 through 24, 2014, as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators SOLOBAY, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, EICHELBERGER, TEPLITZ, FERLO, STACK, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, VOGEL, DINNIMAN, KASUNIC, SCARNATI, ARGALL, WOZNIAK, SCHWANK, BROWNE, SMITH, PILEGGI, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, ALLOWAY, RAFFERTY, HUTCHINSON, COSTA and BAKER, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 384, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 11 through 17, 2014, as "Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SOLOBAY. Mr. President, our Pennsylvania hospitals play an integral and indispensable role for delivering healthcare services to the people of Pennsylvania. Whether it is inpatient care, outpatient care, emergency services, rehabilitation, therapy, or many, many more essential opportunities that our hospitals provide, it does help the quality of our life. Hospitals also play a key element in our State's economy. Often, hospitals are the largest employer in a community region. The ripple effect of this major benefit is both locally and also to the Commonwealth. I urge my colleagues to visit their local hospitals and see not only the good works they provide within their walls, but be impressed and amazed by just how much the hospitals provide for their communities with outreach and partnering programs. I ask for us to make May 11 through 17 "Hospital Week" 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 SOLOBAY, WOZNIAK, FERLO, STACK, ERICKSON, TEPLITZ, DINNIMAN, KASUNIC, WASHINGTON, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, ARGALL, RAFFERTY, HUGHES, COSTA, ALLOWAY, SMITH, BAKER and BOSCOLA, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 385, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 11 through 17, 2014, as "National Nursing Home Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SOLOBAY. Mr. President, skilled nursing care centers of the American Health Care Association are holding events all over the nation in observance of "National Nursing Home Week." National Nursing Home Week recognizes those individuals who work in the skilled nursing and post-acute care centers. Residents and patients come in all ages at these facilities. This year's theme is "Living in the Aloha Spirit." The attributes of the aloha spirit include showing older adults and persons with disabilities both patience, kindness, respect, and compassion. This is what our workers display, and for all of those whom they serve, deserve to receive this considerate care. I ask now if we would recognize May 11 through 17 as National Nursing Home Week 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 FOLMER, SMUCKER, FERLO, WOZNIAK, WASHINGTON, STACK, ERICKSON, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, BROWNE, ALLOWAY, DINNIMAN, SMITH, KASUNIC, FARNESE, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, PILEGGI, COSTA and BRUBAKER, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 386, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 6, 2014, as "Wishbone Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a resolution recognizing May 6, 2014, as "Wishbone Day" in Pennsylvania to bring awareness to osteogenesis imperfecta and people who are diagnosed with the condition. I spoke in more detail earlier today on this resolution while introducing Vicky and David Martin and their son, Isaiah, who hasOI. I ask for immediate consideration and adoption of this resolution. Thank you.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?
A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Maureen C. Thiec by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph P. Dobrowski and to Hannah Winn by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Arevalo, Katherine L. Fogel, Melissa J. Holihan, Lehigh Valley Health Network, Buckno Lisicky and Company, Diefenderfer Electrical Contractors, Inc., and to Gross McGinley, LLP by Senators Browne and Boscola.

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Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Stephen G. Sheetz by Senator Eichelberger.

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Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Besie Katz by Senator Stack.

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Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Indiana County Association of Township Officials by Senator White.

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Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lucas Mark Hushon by Senator Wiley.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Auntessalyn Maneval and to Dawn M. Franck by Senator Yaw.

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 William Michael Predmore by Senators Dinniman and Pileggi.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Helen M. Hervol by Senator Solobay.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 621, SB 1001, SB 1210, SB 1253, SB 1314, SB 1341, HB 112, HB 201, HB 744, HB 1271, HB 1646, HB 1672, HB 1831, HB 1873, HB 1938, HB 1939 and HB 1945.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2014

9:30 A.M. CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider House Bills No. 43, 272, 336, 939 and 1188) Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.

9:30 A.M. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (to consider Senate Bill No. 1243; and House Bills No. 1420 and 2003) Room 461 Main Capitol

9:30 A.M. STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 1070) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, as a new Member of the Senate, and perhaps with a constituency that is more attuned to what happens in the Capitol than perhaps my colleagues, because of the proximity of hosting State government, I often get asked what is the most surprising thing that I have seen here in the Senate. Another variant of that question, or at least one that gets the same answer from me is, are things really as bad as they seem from the outside? And to both questions, my answer is that the most surprising thing that I have found, pleasantly surprising, is the collegiality of this Chamber. I have never worked or served in the other Chamber, but I have found it here to be a very collegial place and I have felt as a freshman Member of the Minority party very welcomed by my colleagues on both sides, and I have enjoyed working with all of them. That is why it is particularly disappointing after about 1 1/2 years of that experience, and 1 1/2 years of giving that answer, to have to resort to Petitions and Remonstrances, perhaps for its original purpose, to literally petition and remonstrate, if that is the right pronunciation, about an issue that I have been having problems with.

Several of my colleagues may recall that about a year ago, around budget time last year, there was a big issue with what is referred to as the human services block grant. In the 2012-13 budget, human services funding was originally proposed to be cut 20 percent. Then, after an outcry by the groups affected, their advocates, legislators, and other allies, the cut was reduced to only 10 percent, and there was a pilot program—that term is very significant—there was a pilot program that would allow 20 counties some flexibility with using that lesser amount of funding and be able to decide for themselves how to adjust that limited funding to the different types of populations that are served, whether it is people who are struggling to overcome addictions of various types, whether it is people with mental illnesses or intellectual disabilities, or others, but what we consider human services funding would be done in those 20 counties in a more flexible way.

It was characterized as a pilot program, which I think has a general understanding of being a test of a new idea on a limited population with the results coming in and then analysis of those results to determine whether to expand such a program to a broader population. I think that is the general understanding of what a pilot program is. For many of us who opposed the original cut, and for many of us who were concerned about what would happen under this new flexible funding plan, when the issue came up for the 2013-14 budget, we were concerned that there was discussion of just immediately going to expanding this program statewide without any kind of analysis of what the results of that pilot program were. And what was particularly disturbing about that is the program had not been in effect since July of 2012, the beginning of the 2012-13 fiscal year, but the program had really only been in effect since January 2013. So, it had been particularly untested and, yet, it was proposed to be expanded statewide.

Now, there are counties who are in the program, such as my own here in Dauphin County, who believe that it is a positive program and it has allowed them to serve more individuals with particular needs. If that is true, and I hope it is, we should see if that is what the data dictate. There are other counties that I encounter that are in this region that express concern and are opposed to such a program. But, in either case, we should know, at least I, and others, felt we should know what the results are before we expand it. So, last year around this time as it was becoming a controversy, I and others spoke up, and as we were heading toward the end of June, I prepared an amendment to the Public Welfare Code. That amendment would have stopped any further expansion of the block grant program beyond the initial 20 counties until such time as we could get an independent study from the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee that would analyze, go over the results, give us some independent view of how
we can assess the program, and then that information could be used to make a fact-based, evidence-based, data-driven decision.

When I prepared the amendment and prepared to offer it, I was told that doing so would jeopardize the efforts to expand Medicaid in Pennsylvania and that somehow, I, a freshman Member of the Minority, with an amendment that was less than two pages, would jeopardize a half-million Pennsylvanians receiving health insurance in Pennsylvania, would jeopardize the hundreds of millions of dollars that Medicaid expansion would bring for Pennsylvania, and would jeopardize the tens of thousands of jobs that Medicaid expansion would bring to Pennsylvania. So, we made a compromise. I think it is important to use that word. I was happy to make that compromise because I would not want to be the person who jeopardized all of those things. I would not want to be the person who stopped Medicaid expansion in Pennsylvania. The compromise was for me not to introduce that amendment but to introduce a separate resolution that would be run by the Majority in the fall that would require the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to do the independent study that I just referenced for the reasons that I referenced, and that I would drop my opposition, and others would, too, to expanding the program, not statewide, but to go from 20 counties to 30 counties in the pilot program, capturing the counties at the time that were not already in the program but that wanted to be. So, it seemed like a win-win at the time.

So over the summer--let me back up a second. We made that compromise. There was a witness to that compromise. The compromise was documented by being openly referenced in a committee meeting and summarized on the record, and that documentation exists as well. Then, we worked all summer with the Majority on the language of that resolution. The resolution that had been agreed to would be run in the fall. We made changes to the resolution, we accommodated concerns that the Majority had, we worked on it, we were finally able to introduce it as Senate Resolution No. 225, which would do exactly as I said: study the pilot program by the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee so that there would be an independent review of it. I believe I certainly kept my part of the agreement. And yet, even after being witnessed, even after being documented, even after working on the language with the Majority, I was told it still was not going to run. The reason for that, at the time, was finally that, well, DPW is going to do their own report and so we should wait for that. Even though that report was not going to come out until the end of the calendar year, we needed to wait for the DPW report. Now, I did not believe that report would mitigate the need for my resolution because by its very nature a report by the administration on the administration's own program is not an independent report. Maybe I have a particular sensitivity to this because I spent most of my career at an agency that produced independent reports of State government and local government programs across Pennsylvania, and I believe in the value of having independent oversight. So, we waited for the DPW report; it came out at the end of the year. It was not independent, so it was inherently flawed, but even so, it did not include the kinds of methodology and the kinds of requests for information that our resolution would.

So, we went back to the Majority, attempted to get the Majority to comply with its agreement. Now, in the meantime--again, this was done because I would not want to be the one to jeopardize Medicaid expansion in Pennsylvania. In the meantime, that failed on its own for reasons wholly unrelated to a freshman Member of the Minority party. Putting that aside, we have been trying for months to get this resolution through. We have done everything we could to do that. We have continued to work on language in case there was any further opposition. In fact, one of the significant stakeholder groups involved, the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, was in my office, we had a good meeting to talk about the language and concerns they have. They gave me some additional changes they would like to see, which we were happy to accommodate. They told us that they would be neutral on the bill, which was progress. And yet, over and over again, we have not been able to get this through as promised.

I raise this issue not to complain, not because I am frustrated, but because there are two very important principles at stake here. The first, the substantive principle, is that if we are going to designate something as a pilot program, then that phrase, that title, that category should have meaning, or let us not call it that, let us not do a bait and switch. So, on the substantive issue, I think we have to have an independent study of how the block grant program is working before we expand it further. That is one principle, but the other principle, and maybe the more important principle, is that this place cannot function if people do not keep their agreements. We should not need a witness, a notary, and a stenographer in order to have the trust of our colleagues.

Over the next month when we get back, it is going to be fast and furious here in this Chamber, and agreements are made on a second-by-second basis. A stolen moment in the hallway, a side conversation during a committee meeting, or in the back of this room. There is not the time and there should not be the need to document the agreements that we make with our colleagues in writing so that there is a level of formality so that what happened to me, and what I know has happened to others on both sides, does not occur again. This place simply cannot function in a workable way if we cannot trust each other. But we cannot trust each other if we do not comply, if we do not live up to our agreements. That is a recipe for a dysfunctional Chamber, and particularly when the stakes are maybe higher than just my resolution, although I think this is an important issue, when the stakes are higher during a difficult budget season, we need to be able to reach compromise and we need to be able to do that in an environment that allows that to occur. And that simply is not going to be the case if when we do make agreements, when we do make compromises, that whoever that other side is, if they do not live up to those agreements.

So, Mr. President, I felt it was imperative for me, having exhausted every other option, to raise this issue publicly. I do not know if it makes it more or less likely for me to succeed on this resolution, perhaps less likely. But I raise it as a cautionary tale as we come back in a few weeks and deal with higher stakes, higher profile issues that I hope that the agreements that are made in the course of that marathon are kept by both sides.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I rise to bring to the attention of the body and to all of those within earshot, of a very tragic and disturbing situation that has occurred maybe 10,000 or so miles away. But in truth, although the distance is long, the impact is near and we should all pay very close attention to the
situation and hopefully all of us can come to an agreement by close of business tomorrow on our collective stance against the situation. There has been growing attention to the issue that occurred in Nigeria on April 14, but became public a few days later. If I can remind the Senate body and make sure that it is in the records of our Journal, that on April 14 in Chibok, Nigeria, which is located in northeastern Nigeria, a kidnapping of close to 300 young schoolgirls occurred with the express purpose, these are young schoolgirls, with the express purpose of selling these girls collectively and individually to become wives or sex slaves or just simply to be used and abused in any fashion deemed necessary by the kidnappers.

They were kidnapped by an Islamic militant group known as Boko Haram. These young girls were taken from a local government secondary school which taught math and science to the girls. The abduction took place just before the start of final exams. I might add that Boko Haram's name literally means "western education is sinful," and the group opposes non-Islamic education particularly for girls. These militants launched a 5-hour assault on a school that included gunfire, rocket launchers, and military grade explosives. The reports indicate, Mr. President, that the militants are sharing the girls. I am going to say that one more time: reports indicate that the militants are sharing the girls, conducting mass marriages, and selling the children into slavery for as little as $12 each. The Nigerian military says they know the location of the girls, but have been unable to mount a successful rescue because of Boko Haram's infiltration and informants within the army.

According to Human Rights Watch, Boko Haram has been responsible for thousands of deaths since 2009, and hundreds of thousands of refugees. Village elders from Chibok have questioned why the military could not be reached by radio during the attack, and nothing was done to prevent the kidnapping. Thousands of protesters across Nigeria and around the world have called for the safe return of the girls. The kidnapping took place, Mr. President, because the girls were attending school and simply trying to learn. The United Nations has acknowledged that access to quality education as a universal human right and, in fact, has condoned actions like this and the concept and the context of human trafficking and has set up an express research and organization service arm of the United Nations to address human trafficking.

I rise, Mr. President, to alert this body, to alert all of those who are within earshot, that we must speak out loudly and aggressively against actions like this no matter where they occur. Nigeria may be over 10,000 miles away, but the hearts and minds of these young girls, almost 300 young girls who have been kidnapped and by the terrorist group, Boko Haram, their leader has publicly stated, without any real fear of retribution, that it is his intention and it is the intention of his organization to sell these girls, to abuse these girls, and to say that these girls are only, only meant for their sexual gratification.

Mr. President, I rise because I want to make sure that this body is recorded against the actions by this organization and is on record saying that the government of Nigeria, the United Nations, and in fact, the United States of America, take this action seriously, and does not allow for this issue to be unaddressed. And that we aggressively speak up to make sure that all of the world knows that we are concerned about these young girls and girls similarly situated in other portions of the world. It is reported that over 2 million, I believe 2.4 million people, are abducted and put into bondage in the context of human trafficking. It is reported by the United Nations that 80 percent of all of those who are abducted are girls and they are utilized for sexual gratification.

Mr. President, we are introducing Senate Resolution No. 383, and I know that it is going to be a while before we return to the Senate in early June and hope that we can work with our colleagues and work with this body and work with the Senate Leadership to get through this resolution, and before we leave at the close of business tomorrow it can be the full sense of this Senate that we are utterly, unequivocally opposed and concerned that this issue is occurring and that we not be silent on this matter and that we speak up loudly on this matter. This is not an acceptable thing for us to be silent on. This is not an acceptable action for us to allow to go unaddressed. And as I said, 10,000 miles away these young ladies need to know that in some way, shape, or form, somebody is thinking about them, caring about them, and wants to make sure that the people in charge do all that they can to seek their release. If you studied anything about human trafficking, if you have learned anything from the people who have come to our offices over the months and years to talk to our offices and talk to us and our staffs about what human trafficking is all about, if it is not addressed immediately, the folks who are abducted, kidnapped, and sold into slavery can essentially disappear from the face of the earth, if not addressed immediately, if not sought after immediately. They can literally disappear, never to be found again.

So, Mr. President, we, as I have said, introduce Senate Resolution No. 383, which is a sense of the Senate to send a message that we condemn this kidnapping, which sends a message that we want the governments and all of those involved to do all that they can to secure the release of these girls. These are girls. These are 300 girls. These are girls who were taken out of their school, Mr. President. These are girls who were abducted, Mr. President, these girls who woke up in the morning with the plan and desire to go to school and get an education but somehow, somewhere along the way, somebody got in their mind that they were going to bomb the school and kidnap the girls with the intention to sell them off as wives and become sexual slaves. This is unacceptable and we must send a clear message that we as a body want this issue addressed and we want it addressed immediately.

So, Mr. President, the Members should be receiving or should have received a notice in their offices about hopefully signing on as cosponsors to this resolution. It is forceful in its words, forthright in its language, purposeful in its intent, which is very simply to urge all of those who have the responsibility to do all that they can to secure the safe return of all of the young ladies and each one of them to their families and to their homes and to hopefully find some sense of security for them and their future.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, May 7, 2014, at 11 a.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 4:17 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.