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SENATE

TUESDAY, June 3, 2014

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend CHUCK LOCKARD, Pastor of Church of the Nazarene, Homer City, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Lord God, we acknowledge Your power, presence, and knowledge this afternoon in this Senate Chamber. We humbly ask for Your guidance upon our Senators as they conduct the affairs before them this day and throughout this Session. May each one honor You through their decisions concerning the betterment of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. May their conduct please You as well as making their constituents proud. Give each one the wisdom they need in determining what is best for the people of Pennsylvania. Give them courage to do what is best for America. Give them understanding beyond themselves in order to not only compete, but to win in today's global economy. Lord God, help each Member of the Senate to put their trust in You and to seek Your guidance so Pennsylvania may impact our global community in a way that pleases You. Thank you, Lord God, for hearing and answering our prayer. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Lockard, who is the guest today of Senator White.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING

June 3, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Brenda L. Hage, Ph.D., CRNP, 73 Briarcrest Road, Dallas 18612, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2016, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING

June 3, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Estella M. Hyde, 14176 S. Townline Road, Linesville 16424, Crawford County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2016, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING

June 3, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, John Kordish, 718 Lincoln Avenue, Curwensville 16833, Clearfield County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2016, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Judith Harding, Noxen, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING

June 3, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Orla M. Nugent, 16 Golfview Lane,

Reading 19606, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2016, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING

June 3, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gwendolyn M. Ogle, 206 Canterbury Drive, Moon Township 15108, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2016, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 1045** and **SB 1254**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 1077**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 3, 2014

Senators DINNIMAN, RAFFERTY, STACK, SCHWANK, KASUNIC, FONTANA, SMITH, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, YAW and WILEY presented to the Chair **SB 1376**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.221, No.63), known as the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act, further providing for definitions; providing for opioid-related drug overdose death prevention programs; imposing duties on the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs and the Department of Health; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, June 3, 2014.

Senators YUDICHAK, ERICKSON, EICHELBERGER, FARNESE, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, COSTA, BREWSTER, SMITH, HUGHES, VULAKOVCH, RAFFERTY and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SB 1398**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for short title of chapter, for purpose and for definitions; providing for establishment and operation of nominating committee, for Pennsylvania Public Integrity Commission, for limitations on activities by commissioners and employees, for powers and duties of commission, for authority, qualification, training and identification of investigative employees designated as law enforcement officers, for photo identification, for immunity of witnesses and for enforcement of subpoenas; further providing for restricted activities, for statement of financial interests required to be filed, for State Ethics Commission, for its powers and duties, for investigations by commission and for penalties; providing for costs, restitutions and forfeiture; and further providing for wrongful use of chapter; providing for disclosure of executive session testimony and investigative records, for privileged statements and reports, for commission disclosure of economic interests and for applicable statutes.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 3, 2014.

Senator CORMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1400**, entitled:

An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 3, 2014.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 3, 2014

Senators SMITH, FONTANA, TEPLITZ, FERLO, KASUNIC, BREWSTER, VULAKOVICH, COSTA, ARGALL, GORDNER, STACK, YUDICHAK, WILEY, HUGHES, SOLOBAY, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SR 396**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a comprehensive study of workforce investment programs of the Commonwealth and their effectiveness.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, June 3, 2014.

BILLS SIGNED

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

SB 1045 and **SB 1254**.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator YAW, from the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, reported the following bills:

SB 1256 (Pr. No. 2079) (Amended)

An Act establishing a Heritage Areas Program to identify, protect, enhance and promote the historic, recreational, natural, cultural

and scenic resources of this Commonwealth and to stimulate community revitalization and economic development through regional heritage conservation, recreation, tourism and partnerships; and making a related repeal.

SB 1262 (Pr. No. 2080) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of April 8, 1949 (P.L.418, No.58), entitled, "An act to provide for and regulate the accumulation, investment, and expenditure of funds by cities, boroughs, incorporated towns and townships for preparing plans for sewage disposal systems, and for the construction, improvement or replacement of sewage disposal systems for which plans have been approved by the Sanitary Water Board of the Commonwealth," further providing for definitions, for creation of a Sewage Disposal System Fund and for expenditure of fund; providing for expenditure of public funds for private lateral sewer lines; and further providing for grants of moneys.

SB 1355 (Pr. No. 1980)

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1984 (P.L.688, No.147), known as the Radiation Protection Act, in fees, further providing for nuclear facility and transport fees.

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

SB 1388 (Pr. No. 2064)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, repealing provisions relating to report of racial and ethnic groupings, to study of public schools that provide Internet instruction, to corporate seal, to submission of plans, to approval of plans, to disapproval of plans, to department of public instruction to prepare plans, to establishment of reorganized school districts, to advance establishment, to special school watchmen-school districts in townships of the second class, to copies of school laws, to educational broadcasting, to residences for teachers and janitors, to heating stoves to be shielded, to ventilation and thermometer, to fireproof construction, to doors to open outward and fire escapes, etc., to water-closets and out-houses, to completion of abandoned WPA projects, districts of the third and fourth class, to condition of grounds and shade trees, to summer schools, etc., to possession of telephone pagers prohibited, to nonprofit school food program, to antitruancy programs, to medical care for children under six with defective hearing, to report, to care and treatment of pupils and to local wellness policy; further providing for fire and emergency evacuation drills; repealing provisions relating to foreign language academies, to monthly reports to school directors in districts second, third and fourth class, to alcohol, chemical and tobacco abuse program, to read to succeed, to reporting, to department duties and powers; further providing for duties of State Board for Vocational Education and reports; repealing provisions related to schools or classes, supervisors, principals, instructors and etc., to estimate of expenses and reimbursement and appropriations and to teachers of evening schools; further providing for powers and duties of the board of trustees; repealing provisions related to annual report, to duties of public institutions of higher education, to medical education loan assistance, to special study on the revenue impact of out-of-State tax credits, and to powers and duties of the board and to reports and recommendations.

HB 803 (Pr. No. 3643) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, providing for school access to emergency epinephrine.

HB 1816 (Pr. No. 3644) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in certification of teachers, further providing for continuing professional development; providing for baccalaureate certification basic skills; and further providing for Pennsylvania School Leadership Standards.

HB 2013 (Pr. No. 2997)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school directors, further providing for filling of vacancies.

HB 2106 (Pr. No. 3175)

An Act amending the act of June 27, 1991 (P.L.70, No.10), entitled "An act requiring the superintendent of every public school district to make available, upon request, lists of graduating seniors to armed forces recruiters; and providing a penalty for the misuse of any such lists," further providing for title and for legislative intent; providing for short title and for definitions; and further providing for list of seniors to be compiled, for optional compliance by nonpublic schools and for reimbursement of costs.

Senator MENSCH, from the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, reported the following bills:

SB 1342 (Pr. No. 1975)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for incentives for municipal volunteers of fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical services agencies.

SB 1377 (Pr. No. 2054)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in emergency telephone service, further providing for expiration of chapter.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator MENSCH, from the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, reported the following resolution:

SR 397 (Pr. No. 2055)

A Resolution urging the President of the United States and the Congress to immediately consider and pass H.R. 3930, which establishes the National Commission on the Structure of the Army.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator McIlhinney and Senator Smucker.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Smith and Senator Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator McIlhinney and Senator Smucker.

Senator Costa requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Smith and Senator Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of April 28, 2014, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of April 28, 2014.

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

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

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

YEA-48

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

GUESTS OF SENATOR STEWART GREENLEAF PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, I rise to introduce to the Senate Michael Thomas, who is a junior at Hatboro-Horsham High School and is 16 years of age. He broke the national age group record in winning the State 100-meter backstroke. He won that event by 46.65 seconds in the PIAA Class AAA State Swimming Championship. He surpassed the mark of 46.72 seconds in 2011. So, it was a rela-

tively longstanding record that he broke. He also took second place in the 200-meter individual medley at the PIAA Class AAA Championship. He won a gold medal in the PIAA Class AAA District Boys' 100-meter backstroke and the 200-meter individual medley, setting district records at both events. He is here today with his coach, Kip Emig, and they are both in the balcony. I ask that they be introduced and welcomed.

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

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR PATRICK M. BROWNE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, it is a pleasure for me to introduce to the Senate today a young man who is interning in my Allentown office who is assisting us with our legislative and constituent work, Andrew Berdahl. He is currently attending Muhlenberg College and is excelling in the majors of political science and religious studies. Please give him our usual warm Senate welcome.

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

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

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

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

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

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

AFTER RECESS

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS GUEST OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Jefferson, Senator Scarnati.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, it is my pleasure today to be job-shadowed by Dr. Kim Accardi. Dr. Accardi is a staff orthopedic surgeon at Hahnemann Univer-

sity Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is a mother of one child, and what is most significant is her taking time out not only being an orthopedic surgeon, but she has done three tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. Presently, she is part of the U.S. Army Reserve, and has been in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and Operation Enduring Freedom. She is here with us today in the Senate job-shadowing me and I would appreciate a warm welcome by the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Scarnati please rise.

(Applause.)

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL AMENDED

HB 112 (Pr. No. 3628) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sexual offenses, providing for the offense of sexual assault by sports official, volunteer or employee of nonprofit association; and, in sentencing, further providing for sentences for offenses against infant persons.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator SCARNATI offered the following amendment No. A7290:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by inserting after "OFFENSES,": further providing for drug delivery resulting in death;

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 9 and 10, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 1. Section 2506(b) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

§ 2506. Drug delivery resulting in death.

(b) Penalty.--

(1) A person convicted under subsection (a) shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment which shall be fixed by the court at not more than 40 years.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a person convicted under section 2502(c)(relating to murder) when the victim is less than 13 years of age and the conduct arises out of the same criminal act.

Section 2. Title 18 is amended by adding a section to read:

Amend Bill, page 3, line 4, by striking out "2" and inserting 3

Amend Bill, page 3, line 30; page 4, line 1, by striking out all of said lines on said pages

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Smucker, Senator Smith, and Senator Williams have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL AMENDED

SB 1001 (Pr. No. 2074) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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; and further providing for application for appointment to the office of notary public.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator FOLMER offered the following amendment No. A7288:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 12, by inserting after "information":
as provided in 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 91 (relating to criminal history record information)

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1023 (Pr. No. 2076) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, further providing for the duties of the council, for revised or successor codes and for education and training programs.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-47

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

NAY-1

Hutchinson

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1085, SB 1219, SB 1220, SB 1261, HB 1271, SB 1316 and SB 1341 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL AMENDED

HB 1460 (Pr. No. 3631) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for educational leave of absence; and providing for heroic service website.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator DINNIMAN offered the following amendment No. A7323:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 23 and 24, by striking out "TO CREATE, ADMINISTER AND MAINTAIN" and inserting:

the department shall provide public access to

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 25 and 26, by striking out "AS WELL AS ANY OTHER AWARD OR DECORATION THAT IS" and: inserting

, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, the Air Force Cross and the Silver Star, which are

Amend Bill, page 3, line 6, by striking out "OF" and inserting:

to

Amend Bill, page 3, line 15, by striking out "THE DATABASE ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)" and inserting:

Information pursuant to this chapter

Amend Bill, page 3, line 17, by inserting after "WEBSITE":

within three months of the effective date of this chapter

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1738 (Pr. No. 2878) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for basic education funding commission.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator BOSCOLA.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I rise to support House Bill No. 1738. This bill is exactly the kind of all-encompassing study that we need to reform our school funding distribution formula so it is more fair, equitable, and reflects modern-day trends and issues. In my Senate district, the Bethlehem Area School District is a good example of a district that is being slighted and short-changed by the State's antiquated funding formula. In a kind of perfect storm scenario, the district has a high poverty rate coupled with a high market value/personal income ratio. This ultimately penalizes and deprives the district of the level of funding it truly deserves. Ranging from high growth factors to tax base issues, this study will hopefully focus on some of these complex circumstances and produce a new formula that better assesses and reflects true modern needs. Mr. President, no one would dispute the fact that our school districts have struggled to make ends meet in recent years. However, a crucial component of any changes made to how we fund our schools must include a new funding distribution formula that is more fairly derived and more equitable in supporting all of our schools. Mr. President, this unbiased commission and study called for in House Bill No. 1738 is a good first step toward pinpointing the fairest way to fund our schools.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Wozniak.

Senator WOZNIAK. Mr. President, I rise to support this bill, too. Unfortunately, I had a couple of amendments that actually dealt with something because I think it does not go far enough. I have been here long enough to know that we have talked about school funding since 1968, but that was when we consolidated our schools to 501 school districts from 2,700. And the year after 1968 was the beginning of when the school funding formula slowly became outdated. It looks as if we are approaching the 50th year since we actually looked at structural changes in our school system. Any changes to the funding formula will not work unless we take some very bold action into the actual physical dimensions of our school districts. This is not the same Pennsylvania as it was in 1968. Schools that were rural are now urban. Intercity schools that were relatively large are now smaller. The economic changes have been legion throughout Pennsylvania and every single Member of

the Senate and every single Member of the House has complained to their Leadership about the inequities in the school funding formula.

Under Governor Ridge, we had a Special Session on school funding. Thousands of hours of testimony, and do you know what? Nothing changed. Every year we got through the budget, a little bit of duct tape, paper clips, and enough votes to get through the next funding formula. If you really want to make it fairer, it could never be the fairest, but as close as you can get, you need to look at the structural changes of our schools. It is tough politics. Nobody likes change, but everybody wants their taxes to be fairer. This is a good beginning. It is unfortunate that I had our staff work on the language, but the two bills that I had transferred into the amendments actually mandated changes and I wanted it to be crafted so that the commission would study it. So at a future date I will take those two bills and actually put them in the form of a commission, too, so perhaps we can put it on paper before we see it in reality.

But you are not going to make a fairer funding formula until you make fairer school districts. And if it is not us, who? If it is not now, when? That clock is ticking and every year we go by that discrepancy, that inequality continues to grow. So while this is a good first step and I am sorry I missed my opportunity here today, there is no reason not to support this bill and let us move forward with it.

Thank you very much, 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-47

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

NAY-1

Hutchinson

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1831, HB 1873, HB 1938, HB 1939, HB 1945 and HB 2081 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 43, HB 119, HB 128, HB 198, HB 201, HB 272, HB 336, SB 621, SB 803, SB 1169, SB 1243 and SB 1314 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1420 (Pr. No. 3544) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for newborn child pulse oximetry screening.

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.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1646 (Pr. No. 2269) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1672 and HB 2003 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

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

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

April 29, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated

March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Jon Anzur (Public Member), 71 Kelly Drive, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve until March 16, 2014 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Virginia Birmingham, Lititz, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF BARBER EXAMINERS

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Jon Anzur, 71 Kelly Drive, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Wade Lipscomb, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF BARBER EXAMINERS

May 28, 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 April 7, 2014, for the appointment of Frank Ranalli, 144 Steeplechase Circle, Gibsonia 15044, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve until April 15, 2016, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Vincent Iacono, York, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania

Energy Development Authority, to serve until April 8, 2014, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert G. Sanders, Philadelphia, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Funeral Directors, to serve for a term of five years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice James Pinkerton, Prospect, whose term expired.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2014, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Celestino R. Pennoni, Bryn Mawr, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
ALLEGHENY COUNTY

May 27, 2014

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

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

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
BERKS COUNTY

May 27, 2014

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

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

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
BRADFORD COUNTY

May 27, 2014

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

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

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

May 27, 2014

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

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

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as Judge, Philadelphia Municipal Court, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, add to complement.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as Judge, Philadelphia Municipal Court, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, add to complement.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

April 9, 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 February 7, 2014, for the appointment of Bruce L. Vickery, Esquire, 15 Woodridge Circle, Wellsboro 16901, Tioga County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, as a member of the Council of Trustees of Mansfield University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until January 20, 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Charles R. Ike, Clarks Summit, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

April 9, 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 February 7, 2014, for the appointment of William V. West, 486 Marsh Creek Road, Wellsboro 16901, Tioga County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, as a member of the Council of Trustees of Mansfield University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Carol Tama, Blossburg, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MEDICINE

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve until October 1, 2016, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice J. Bret Delone, M.D., F.A.C.S., Camp Hill, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MINORITY
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority, to serve for [sic] until June 2, 2014, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Agbede, Pittsburgh, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Or-

chard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ray Morrow, Pittsburgh, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF
CERTIFIED REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 28, 2014, for the appointment of Jon Anzur, 71 Kelly Drive, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Roberta McGettigan, Upper Darby, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of South Mountain Restoration Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice M. Lee Hartzok, Chambersburg, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of South Mountain Restoration Center, to serve until the third

Tuesday of January 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mitzi C. Smith, Mont Alto, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND HEARING

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Dr. Sean Campbell, York, whose term expired.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 28, 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 Veterinary Medicine, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Dr. Juanita Monteiro, Harleysville, whose term expired.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF WARREN STATE HOSPITAL

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Warren State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Steven D. Mitchell, Corry, deceased.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Jon Anzur, 71 Kelly Drive, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph Fragle, Sharon, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Gerald J. LaValle, Rochester, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Thomas Fee, New Castle, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Loretta Hogans, New Castle, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF WHITE HAVEN CENTER

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Jon Anzur, 71 Kelly Drive, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of White Haven Center, to serve until January 21, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Gerald Feissner, Freeland, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Bucks, Magisterial District 07-2-08, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Robert E. Gaffney, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Mar-

ket Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Chester, Magisterial District 15-2-06, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Rita Arnold, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2014, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Erie, Magisterial District 06-1-04, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Joseph R. Lefaiver, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

May 27, 2014

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2014, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Lancaster, Magisterial District 02-1-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Cheryl N. Hartman, resigned.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

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

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

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

**REPORTED 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 AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

February 4, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Nevin Rentzel, 800 Norman Road, York 17406, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Blaine N. Rentzel, Mount Wolf, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER
SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

March 28, 2014

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

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF CLARKS SUMMIT STATE HOSPITAL

March 14, 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, James L. Corselius, 2462 Milwaukee Road, Clarks Summit 18411, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Clarks Summit State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Samuel Cali, Dunmore, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF CLARKS SUMMIT STATE HOSPITAL

March 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, The Honorable Alan M. Hall, P.O. Box 961, Hallstead 18822, Susquehanna County, Twenty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of

Trustees of Clarks Summit State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Grochowski, Scranton, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 26, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael Flinchbaugh, 30 Keller Avenue, York 17406, York County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jack Dehoff, York, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF COSMETOLOGY

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Christopher Metz (Public Member), 3027 Glenmawr Street, Pittsburgh 15204, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jessie Bloom, Montoursville, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

February 20, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Jeffrey Pincus, 42 Oak Tree Road, Hummelstown 17036, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, 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, vice Tracy Steen, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

March 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, Steven Bradley, 810 Felton Ave., Sharon Hill 19079, Delaware County, Eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Timothy Johnson, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

March 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, Nicholas Haden, 114 Julianna Drive, Coraopolis 15108, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

March 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, George Komelasky, 42 Larch Circle, Holland 18966, Bucks County, Sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF HAMBURG CENTER

February 6, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Frederick A. Herman, 10 Berne Road, Hamburg 19526, Berks County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Hamburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

March 20, 2014

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

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MASSAGE THERAPY

February 28, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gloria E. Rosado, 925 Weiser Street, Reading 19601, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2016, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Martha K. Malina, M.S., NCTMB, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MINORITY
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

February 6, 2014

To the Honorable, the Senate
of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In Conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent for the Senate, Gail Landis, 1006 Christina Drive, Leesport 19533, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority, to serve for [sic] until June 2, 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jairius McClendon, Philadelphia, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

February 11, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Diane Baldi, RN, 821 Columbia Street, Scranton 18509, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second

Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve until June 6, 2015, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Robert DeJesus, M.D., Greensburg, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

April 2, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Roger H. Krey, 803 Wyngold Drive, Pittsburgh 15237, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

April 3, 2014

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

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

February 12, 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, Kurt Brink (Public Member), 209 Christian Road, Milford 18337, Pike County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joseph Jacobs, Mount Lebanon, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

February 11, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Alexis L. Barbieri (Public Member), 501 W. Mermaid Lane, Philadelphia 19118, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Gaetano Piccirilli, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

April 8, 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, Annie Hanna Cestra, 910 West Waldheim Road, Pittsburgh 15215, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SELINGSGROVE CENTER

April 21, 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, Justin L. Michaels, 107 Cambridge Lane, Lewisburg 17837, Union County, Twenty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Selingsgrove Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Sandra Mengel, Mt. Pleasant Mills, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

SHERIFF, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

April 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, Robert J. Wolfe, 1875 Trevorton Road, Coal Township 17866, Northumberland County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as Sheriff, in and for the County of Northumberland, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice Chad A. Reiner, Sunbury, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

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

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

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

Motion was made by Senator ROBBINS,

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

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

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

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS**

February 4, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Nevin Rentzel, 800 Norman Road, York 17406, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Blaine N. Rentzel, Mount Wolf, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER
SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD**

March 28, 2014

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

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF CLARKS SUMMIT STATE HOSPITAL**

March 14, 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, James L. Corselius, 2462 Milwaukee Road, Clarks Summit 18411, Lackawanna County, Twenty-

second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Clarks Summit State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Samuel Cali, Dunmore, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF CLARKS SUMMIT STATE HOSPITAL**

March 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, The Honorable Alan M. Hall, P.O. Box 961, Hallstead 18822, Susquehanna County, Twenty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Clarks Summit State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Grochowski, Scranton, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

February 26, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael Flinchbaugh, 30 Keller Avenue, York 17406, York County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jack Dehoff, York, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF COSMETOLOGY**

March 10, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Christopher Metz (Public Member), 3027 Glenmawr Street, Pittsburgh 15204, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jessie Bloom, Montoursville, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

February 20, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Jeffrey Pincus, 42 Oak Tree Road, Hummelstown 17036, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, 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, vice Tracy Steen, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

March 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, Steven Bradley, 810 Felton Ave., Sharon Hill 19079, Delaware County, Eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Timothy Johnson, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

March 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, Nicholas Haden, 114 Julianna Drive, Coraopolis 15108, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

March 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, George Komelasky, 42 Larch Circle, Holland 18966, Bucks County, Sixth Senatorial District, for

reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF HAMBURG CENTER

February 6, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Frederick A. Herman, 10 Berne Road, Hamburg 19526, Berks County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Hamburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

March 20, 2014

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

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MASSAGE THERAPY

February 28, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gloria E. Rosado, 925 Weiser Street, Reading 19601, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2016, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Martha K. Malina, M.S., NCTMB, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MINORITY
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

February 6, 2014

To the Honorable, the Senate
of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In Conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent for the Senate, Gail Landis, 1006 Christina Drive, Leesport 19533, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority, to serve for [sic] until June 2, 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jairius McClendon, Philadelphia, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

February 11, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Diane Baldi, RN, 821 Columbia Street, Scranton 18509, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve until June 6, 2015, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Robert DeJesus, M.D., Greensburg, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

April 2, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Roger H. Krey, 803 Wyngold Drive, Pittsburgh 15237, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

April 3, 2014

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

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF
CERTIFIED REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

February 12, 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, Kurt Brink (Public Member), 209 Christian Road, Milford 18337, Pike County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joseph Jacobs, Mount Lebanon, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

February 11, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Alexis L. Barbieri (Public Member), 501 W. Mermaid Lane, Philadelphia 19118, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Gaetano Piccirilli, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

April 8, 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, Annie Hanna Cestra, 910 West Waldheim Road, Pittsburgh 15215, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF SELINGSGROVE CENTER

April 21, 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, Justin L. Michaels, 107 Cambridge Lane, Lewisburg 17837, Union County, Twenty-third Senato-

rial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Selinsgrove Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Sandra Mengel, Mt. Pleasant Mills, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

SHERIFF, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

April 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, Robert J. Wolfe, 1875 Trevorton Road, Coal Township 17866, Northumberland County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as Sheriff, in and for the County of Northumberland, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice Chad A. Reiner, Sunbury, resigned.

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-48

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

NAY-0

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

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

SB 324 (Pr. No. 2085) (Amended)

A Joint Resolution proposing integrated amendments and separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution of the Common-

wealth of Pennsylvania, abolishing the Office of Lieutenant Governor; reducing the size of the General Assembly; and reducing the size of the Supreme Court and the Superior Court.

SB 602 (Pr. No. 572)

An Act designating and adopting the Piper J-3 Cub as the official airplane of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

HB 1234 (Pr. No. 1901)

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reducing the size of the General Assembly.

HB 1602 (Pr. No. 2871)

An Act approving the release of Project 70 restrictions on certain land owned by the Borough of Downingtown, Chester County, in return for the development of public park improvements within Kardon Park within the Borough of Downingtown and East Caln Township, Chester County; and making a related repeal.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, VULAKOVICH, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, BAKER, BLAKE, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, CORMAN, COSTA, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FARNESE, FERLO, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, LEACH, McILHINNEY, MENSCH, PILEGGI, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, SCHWANK, SMITH, SMUCKER, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, TEPLITZ, TOMLINSON, VANCE, VOGEL, WAGNER, WARD, WASHINGTON, WHITE, WILEY, WILLIAMS, WOZNIAC and YAW, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 399**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, along with Senator Yudichak and Senator Vulakovich and all of my colleagues who signed on to the resolution, this resolution marks the 100th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. The present association is a reincarnation of its defunct predecessor. In 1914, a meeting of the police heads from this Commonwealth was held, executive officers were elected, and the revamped association was born. The association is a professional organization of chiefs of police and other executives of police, public safety, and private law enforcement organizations across this Commonwealth. And the association provides a vehicle through which members can converge, examine their positions on issues, address the needs of their colleagues, and work with the legislature and government on law changes that they feel would be beneficial not only to law enforcement community, but would enhance life here in the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. They include accountability, continuous improvement, diversity, education and training, human life, and other educational aspects. The chiefs of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are a very professional organization. I interact with them quite a bit in my area. Senator Dinniman and I in Chester County, and Senator Pileggi and Senator Erickson in Delaware County, have had a number of occasions to deal with them; and in Montgomery County, Senator Mensch, Senator Erickson and I; and in Berks, Senator Schwank and I. They are constantly there for us to hear our concerns. We, in turn, hear their concerns and work with us to fashion laws that benefit the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I ask for an affirmative vote on this resolution congratulating them on their 100th anniversary.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BREWSTER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 400**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Port Authority of Allegheny County.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BREWSTER. Mr. President, it is an honor to introduce a resolution marking the 50th anniversary of the Port Authority of Allegheny County. The General Assembly enacted legislation creating the Port Authority in 1956 and began its function as an authority on March 1, 1964, immediately consolidating 33 independent transportation companies into one system. The Port Authority of Allegheny County continues to modernize and adapt new technologies and challenges, including using hybrid buses, adding bike racks to the buses, allowing cyclists to take their bicycles on rail cars. The Port Authority also preserves the area's rich history with the maintenance of the Duquesne and Monongahela Inclines, the latter of which is the oldest in the United States. I ask for adoption of this resolution by my colleagues.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 401**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing June 2014 as "National Hunger Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, unfortunately, hunger is a reality for too many people in this nation and too many people in Pennsylvania. By designating June as "National Hunger Awareness Month," we can further understand the problem, we can understand the suffering and difficulty that people go through who cannot meet food needs. It is a huge number of people, and of the 50 million Americans who suffer from lack of food security, a quarter of those are young children. The lack of adequate food and adequate protein and adequate balance in their diet will have tremendous impacts on their growth and development. Mr. President, there are some problems in this nation that are very difficult to solve, but hunger is not one of them. We have more than enough food in this nation so that every single child, every single adult, every single senior citizen can be adequately fed. We simply have to have the will. We have to go and take care of those who need to eat. Food security is a fundamental right, and anyone who has gone hungry during the day can understand what it must be like not knowing if you have enough food for dinner or lunch, especially not enough to feed your child adequately.

We have, fortunately, in this Commonwealth a variety of organizations, churches, synagogues, and mosques that run food cupboards and other food programs. I come from Chester County where 20 years ago, I introduced the concept of glean-ing, which has now morphed into one of the finest food bank programs in the nation. What you do in glean-ing is based on the biblical concept that we find in the Book of Ruth, in the Book of Deuteronomy. It simply says, if you remember your Bible, your Old Testament, that you leave the four corners of the field for the poor, for the widow, for the widower. We put that concept into modern effect in my county 20 years ago. About 3 years ago, we passed our 1 millionth pound of fresh fruits and vegetables that we have been able to distribute at no cost to government. Today, in our food bank program in our county we have over 2,000 volunteers. We are trying to make food insecurity go away completely in Chester County. We can do this in the Commonwealth as well. The thing is that people of faith, people of good will need to come into the void. This is a problem we can solve, and the first step in solving this problem is to recognize that hunger exists within our community more than we would like to admit, it exists, and many are suffering from food insecurity, including many youngsters. So, Mr. President, as I introduce this resolution, it is with the hope, the spirit, the conviction, and the dedication that we will solve it because it can be solved, and that is what we need to do.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Hilda Lewis by Senator Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ryan Christopher Hall and to AffORDable Pet Center, Inc., by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center by Senators Brubaker and Smucker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Swanger, Dillion Lucas, Isabella Frances Teti, Katie Weakland and to Clara Allison by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ryan Douglas Edelson and to Peyton Robert MacNeill by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Adrienne W. Chew by Senator Farnese.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Groom and to Christopher Mark Hauck by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Emily W. Beck and to Penncrest High School Envirothon Gold Team by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief Earl E. Swavely, Jr., by Senators Rafferty and Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Gary Hanna by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bruce R. Weidman by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sandra Walsh, John Kovach, Laurie Cole, Nancy Howell, Dorothy Brown and to Debra Turici by Senator Smith.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Kathleen Sites by Senators Smith and Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Walter Schollaert by Senators Smith and Solobay.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jenna Lucas and to Rebecca Podrosky by Senator Solobay.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Catherine G. Scott and to Judith Hoover by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Debra A. Washington, Ryan Tanner Morse, John Braxton Voyles, Susquehanna Township High School Boys' Basketball Team, PSECU Child Care Center, Hansel and Gretel Early Learning Center, All About Kids Daycare and Learning Center, Caring Hands Learning Center of Hershey, From the Heart Church Ministries of Harrisburg and to Northern Dauphin County YMCA Child Care Center by Senator Teplitz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Abby Martin, Deshawn Millington, Zach Brehm, Robert C. Schwenk, Connie Tennis and to Trinity High School Girls' Track Team by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to SafeNet by Senator Wiley.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Adam David Leventry by Senator Wozniak.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator BROWNE. 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 324, SB 602, SB 1256, SB 1262, SB 1342, SB 1355, SB 1377, SB 1388, HB 803, HB 1234, HB 1602, HB 1816, HB 2013 and HB 2106.

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, JUNE 4, 2014

9:15 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 312, 1383, 1384 and 1401; and House Bills No. 1653, 1929, 2068, 2072 and 2093)	Room 8E-A East Wing
9:30 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 1356 and 1357; and House Bills No. 1574, 1575 and 2009)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:30 A.M.	INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 1337; and Senate Resolution No. 284)	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	FINANCE (to consider House Bill No. 2110)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014

10:00 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 1182, the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Act)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
12:00 P.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider the nomination of James Van Blarcom to the PA Milk Marketing Board)	Room 8E-A East Wing

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014

9:30 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public hearing on the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2014

10:00 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (joint public hearing with the House Local Government Committee to consider Senate Bill No. 1111 and House Bill No. 1845)	Millersville University Steinman Hall
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator WASHINGTON. Mr. President, earlier today, elected officials from across Pennsylvania came together to advocate for a veterans legislative package. While I was un-

able to attend the press conference, I would like to thank Senator Schwank and Representative Frankel for spearheading the effort and speaking about my legislation. With all of the issues surrounding veterans assistance these days, it is so important that we do more on the State level to address the needs of current and returning veterans. This package is a great first step in assuring that we can help veterans get the resources they need.

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs projects that there are more than 2 million women veterans in our country, and this number will only increase. It is wonderful that women are advancing their careers in military services and assuming leadership roles on and off the battlefield; however, they face unique health challenges during both their tour of duty and when they return home: things like maternal health, mental health, physical health, as well as trauma stemming from their experience in the line of duty. We need to do more to help these heroines transition back into their civilian life and take care of themselves and their family. That is why I am proud to have introduced Senate Resolution No. 262, legislation to establish the Task Force on Women Veterans' Health Care. The 17-member task force will study the issues facing women veterans and make recommendations to the Governor on ways to improve the care they receive. The task force will include representatives from key government and military agencies as well as healthcare providers and organizations affiliated with a host of veterans issues. This task force is so important to the future of women veterans in Pennsylvania. This will help women across the State get back to the new normal and thrive in their civilian lives. I thank my colleagues for their partnership on this matter and urge quick action on the package of bills.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, yesterday a number of my colleagues briefly discussed the issue of paycheck protection and its importance in making Pennsylvania more competitive. During the course of that discussion, it was noted that employers regularly make deductions from employees' paychecks for a variety of causes such as United Way and other charities, insurance premiums, retirement plan contributions, and other programs agreed to by the employer and the employee. Such deductions are not the issue. Rather, the issue is using taxpayer resources to collect union dues that will later be used for political purposes. This is the issue. Payroll systems all across the Commonwealth that are bought and paid for with taxpayer money are being used to collect money that will be used for political purposes. Mr. President, if any of us in the Senate used taxpayer resources for political purposes, we would soon be investigated for violations of campaign laws. This is why the Ethical Conduct Rules of the Senate of Pennsylvania, which I have in my hand, define a campaign contribution as a monetary or in-kind contribution made to an electoral candidate campaign. Senate Rules also prohibit Senate employees from engaging in campaign activity during Senate time or using Senate resources for campaign-related activities.

So, Mr. President, we have laws to protect taxpayer resources from being used for political purposes, and we have Senate Rules that govern what Senate employees are able to do in regard to campaign-related activities, yet, we allow cer-

tain private entities to use taxpayer resources for political purposes. This, Mr. President, is a double standard that is unfair, promotes questionable and unethical standards, and is just plain and simple bad public policy. The time has come for Pennsylvania to join other States that have adopted paycheck protection for their employees, and these other States include Arizona, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Washington, and Wisconsin. Paycheck protection would stop State and local governments and school districts from collecting union dues or funds from employees, sometimes without their consent or permission, to be used for other purposes like campaign activities.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, again, it was not my intention to rise today and talk about this issue, but I recognize the comments of the gentleman, my friend and colleague, Senator Folmer, on this issue and I recognize his position along those lines. At the end of the day, Mr. President, my remarks from yesterday speak for themselves. This is nothing but an attempt, in our view, to undermine and diminish the efforts and the fine, good work that our labor organizations do in this Commonwealth. This legislation in Pennsylvania and other States has been designed to undermine the ability of these organizations to operate. As I have said earlier, the fact of the matter is, and I said yesterday, this is a process that employers undergo, including the Commonwealth, to collect, whether it be dues or other types of dollars, that are then designed for a different purpose, or the purpose that they collect it for. At the end of the day, this initiative is just nothing but a blatant attempt to continue to undermine our labor organizations in Pennsylvania.

This Commonwealth, this country, and individual employees who work on a day-in-and-day-out basis who belong as members of organized labor have a lot to be thankful for as it relates to the efforts of labor unions and organizations to protect workers, whether it be the number of hours that they work, whether it be the age that they start working, or whether it is the conditions in which they work. Those are all things that relate directly to things that our labor organizations have done over the course of the past several decades. This language, this legislation erodes that and, at times, turns a blind eye to the benefit that organizations provide for us. When I think of the workforce, folks in this room, the Governor joined hand-in-hand with labor when we had a conversation about transportation funding. When you saw the Governor, you saw organized labor standing right next to him all talking about the benefit of organized labor, workers within organized labor, the way in which they provide good quality workmanship, the way that they honor and respect the rules and regulations that exist within the constraints of the various pieces of legislation and regulations, whether they be State law or whether they be OSHA laws.

At the end of the day, fine work is conducted by our folks who belong to organized labor bargaining units. This language would do harm to those organizations and the ability for people to organize. That is what is at the heart of this. If you put this legislation in, you minimize and decrease the ability of organized labor to be able to have members participating in

that process. That is the underlying goal, that is right out of the Republican playbook as it relates to what is being done around the rest of this country. We do not think it is appropriate, other States have not thought it was appropriate, and I would say to you at this point in time Senate Democrats stand united in working to make certain that that legislation does not come to the forefront and does not pass in this Commonwealth because it is designed and geared to, again, undermine organized labor in this State, and that is not something we believe we should be doing. I respect the gentleman for the work that he does, particularly in the education community, but on this issue, I think we agree to disagree, and I want to thank him for his comments and thank you, Mr. President, for the opportunity to speak on this issue.

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, again, as a follow-up to some of the comments made yesterday, some of the debate that we had, and I have said this before, I think it is appropriate and important that we have open discussions and open debate in this Chamber. I wish we had it more often, to be honest with you, the opportunity to discuss important issues and to air our differences and to air our positions on issues that are important to the people of Pennsylvania that we represent. I think it is critically relevant to the process, especially now as we really look to June 30 and getting our budget done and getting it done on time.

One of the issues that we talked about yesterday, and one of my esteemed colleagues, the new Senator, of course, my good friend, the chairman of the Committee on Education addressed it as well, education, and then some additional comments from the new Senator from York County who, again, I had an opportunity to have a discussion with him a couple of weeks ago on PCN, and I enjoyed that, and I, again, congratulate him for his position and I continue to look forward to working with him. We talked about getting the facts out about public education and really understanding what existed before this administration took place and where we have gone over the last 3 1/2 years. So, I think it is important to talk about the facts and where we are. So, I took some time and my staff took some time since last night and we really looked at where we are, where we were, what has happened to public education, and where we, as Senate Democrats, and the other side of the aisle, have dramatic differences in terms of where we have gone and, more importantly, where we are going to go. I would like to just take the first piece of what we have discussed.

Governor Corbett's first budget cut nearly \$1 billion from our education budget. That is a fact, Mr. President, that is a fact. That is not a made-up piece of information, we did not pull that from any Democratic playbook, that is a fact, and I want to tell you why that is a fact. You can say all you want about the Federal stimulus money going away and how it was not the fault of the Governor. That may be the case. But if you look at the total classroom funding in 2011-12, as compared to pre-stimulus year 2008-09, it is \$500 million less than the State's investment 3 years prior. Only when fighting tooth-and-nail has the legislature been able to get increases to the basic education line-item in the last 3 years, as well as a renewal by not quite one-third of the accountability block grant at \$100 million, funding that is essential for impoverished, at-risk stu-

dent populated schools. Let me just highlight that again. If you look at the total classroom funding, in 2011-12, as compared to pre-stimulus year 2008-09, a half-billion dollars less than the State's investments 3 years prior. That is a fact. Only under the Governor's carrot this year, the election year budget, Mr. President, the centrist budget, do we see total classroom funding back toward the investment we were making to our children 6 years ago, albeit without previous investments and important charter reimbursements, tutoring, science, and other programs.

The Governor's Ready to Learn Block Grant is potentially an over-prescriptive new program. It is a potentially over-prescriptive new program tied to a one-time revenue source that does not look like it is going to be coming to fruition in this cycle. You have to look at it in terms of what else was linked in previous budget years. For instance, the linking to liquor privatization, another issue that we addressed last year that this administration tried to link at the time that we tried to do the budget. The second fact, in the 2007 costing-out study, the funding formula, we are woefully behind our adequacy targets in providing for State-funded education. Somebody read the Constitution earlier. Under the Constitution, Article III, Section 14, it is required that, "The General Assembly shall provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public education to serve the needs of the Commonwealth." In yesterday's hearing of the Committee on Appropriations, I was pleased to support a basic education funding commission bill, House Bill No. 1738, and on the floor today as well. I was displeased yesterday with an effort by my good friend, Senator Hughes, which went down, which would have tried to enshrine this value within the commission's considerations. He was unsuccessful in moving that piece of legislation yesterday. House Bill No. 175 of 2005 at least provided some language, Mr. President, that specified that the study shall consider both adequacy and equity. As we know, education funding in the last several years has been neither adequate nor equitable.

My esteemed colleague from York County referenced yesterday that one out of four school districts he represents received a 22-percent increase in their funding as a way to debunk the fact that funding cuts have, indeed, occurred under this administration. Let us look at that issue a little bit more closely. I would like to share some information regarding my home school district, Philadelphia, Mr. President. The largest school district in the State is looking at a \$440 million budget hole and budget shortfall in order to provide adequate education to their student population. Even after massive staff layoffs last year, including much-needed nurses, counselors, and cutting their administration budget to the bone, the school district of Philadelphia cannot meet the classroom needs of their students with the funding that they continue to receive, which is proposed by this administration. Now, when we look at the adequacy targets set by the funding formula, which was discontinued under this administration, which was discontinued under Governor Corbett, we see the Philadelphia School District is \$301 million worse off. Let me say that again, over \$301 million worse off than they were in 2010-11, and they would receive nearly \$520 million less in this proposed budget than was called for in their adequacy target for the fiscal year under the funding formula. Now think about those numbers,

\$301 million less than 2010-11. They are over \$300 million worse off than they were in 2010-11. And this year, to make matters worse, under the proposed budget, they would still be receiving \$520 million less than was called for in the adequacy target for this fiscal year under that previous funding formula which I mentioned.

Those are not made-up numbers, Mr. President. Those are facts. Those are real numbers. And the saddest part about this is that when you follow this out, at the end of those numbers is, in my opinion and many people's opinion, our most precious resource, which is our children. That is who looks down the barrel of those numbers, of those budget deficits, and they are real and they are not made up.

Fact: Pennsylvania's State share investment has dwindled significantly in comparison to other States. Let us talk about that for a moment. When we look at the distribution percentage of State to local funding in Pennsylvania, we see that the State is only providing 39.6 percent in a funding percentage share, ranking 37th in the United States. So right now at providing 39.6 percent, actually, to be exact, in funding percentage share, we rank 37th in the country. Of our neighboring States, Mr. President, let us take a look at that, only New Jersey ranks lower in their State percentage share ranking than Pennsylvania. We are 10th in local percentage share ranking with local revenue distribution coming in at 54.6 percent or 11.2 points above the national average.

So let us get back to some of the comments made on the floor at this point yesterday, that one district out of four is getting an increase. Now, of course some districts are going to see increases in their funding despite the overall State investment. We understand that. That is just the way things are, it is part of the process. But there are some school districts that have better tax bases and means to make additional investments than other school districts, and because of the high local percentage share, they will benefit from geography. Many of those same school districts also receive disproportionately greater State funding than other school districts because we no longer follow an equitable and adequate funding formula. Now, we talk about the Constitution, and remember those words, Mr. President, "equitable and adequate"; an equitable and adequate funding formula. We abandoned that under this administration. That went by the wayside. So, now, as a result of that, as a result of actions that were taken by this administration, Philadelphia educates, as we know, 12 percent of our school students in Pennsylvania, but the school district was walloped with a disproportionate 35 percent of the statewide funding cuts in 2011. Now, how is that equitable and adequate? Let me say that again, Philadelphia educates 12 percent of our school students in the Commonwealth, but the school district was hit under this administration because of its decisions with a 35-percent drop in cuts from 2011. A disproportionate 35 percent of statewide funding cuts since 2011. Those are the facts. We could sit here and talk about why we are where we are or about the Federal stimulus, but that is really not the issue. That came out of that same playbook that my colleague, Senator Costa, talked about when we attacked organized labor and what they have done and the sacrifices that they have made so that we can continue on. Specifically, let us look at what was done last year with the transportation bill which Senator Costa so eloquently pointed out.

So, I think we are in agreement on this: it is time to face the facts. I agree 100 percent. Let us just talk about the facts. Let us talk about where we are right now, where we were 3 1/2 years ago since this administration took office. Because wherever you are, when you are an elected official, when you are in the executive branch, or the legislature, you have to run on the record in which you have obtained, worked for, or acquired, and that is what the facts are right now. That is where we are. That is what is happening every single day to school kids around the country.

Mr. President, it is not just Philadelphia. Because when we sit in those hearings of the Committee on Appropriations, there are more people on the Committee on Appropriations team, Mr. President, than just people from Philadelphia, and we hear the same stories from other colleagues that their districts are being hit, that their school boards are having to raise property taxes year in and year out. So, when this administration says, with a straight face I might add, we did not raise taxes and we did not cut public education, and we did not do it by a billion dollars. Well, you show me your facts. Here are our facts. You show me the facts which support your claim that school districts around the State are not hurting, that local school boards are not raising property taxes, and that the Philadelphia School District is not in a state of significant budgetary deficit to the extent that we are laying off teachers, and that there are schools without nurses.

There was an incident a couple of weeks ago, a child in a school tragically lost his life. No nurse on duty. Now, that certainly is not the fault of anyone here, but let us be honest, if it has come down to a point where a school, an administration, a principal has to make a decision on whether or not to put a nurse in or whether or not to have guidance counselors, is that really earning up to or meeting that constitutional requirement of adequate and equitable? I mean, are those the choices that we here want our teachers, our principals, our administrators to be making?

I do not care where your ideology is on this issue, Republican, Democrat, Independent. The fact is that these are decisions that are being made every single day, and as we stand here right now on June 3, there are schools all over the Commonwealth that are making the decision, how many teachers do we lay off? How many students do we add to those classrooms? How many schools are going to be without nurses and guidance counselors? How are they going to make ends meet in September when they have to open back up? Those are real-life decisions. Those are facts which at the end of them are children's lives and their future at issue, which is our future.

I always shake my head when I hear the argument about where public education dollars are going, because the one thing you could say about public education is that it is the one thing that whoever you are - Republican, Democrat, Independent - when you spend those dollars, they are going toward our future, your future, my future. That is the future of this Commonwealth, and that is literally the future of this country. So, when you look at it that way, are you really willing to make those kinds of decisions? Decisions on whether or not to have a nurse at a school, a guidance counselor, or whether or not to put additional children in a room that the learning environment becomes untenable, impossible? Is that really what we want to do, and have we met our constitutional requirement to do that?

So, when we stand up here, like myself and the Senate Democrats and my colleagues have been saying, not just for this budget season but for years, advocating for a budget and a savings plan that will yield \$1.1 billion and supporting a very fair severance tax on Marcellus Shale, which could yield \$700 million for Pennsylvania. These are ideas, Mr. President, these are sound ideas that do not come with a cost to the taxpayers. They are ideas that can put us back on track with meeting our constitutional requirements to the children of Pennsylvania, and that is giving them a fair and adequate funding formula so that they have every single possible chance to succeed. That is what I think we should be doing here.

So, it is time that we face the facts. We have options available. We have options available to make this less painful for the folks across the State and for our children. We have options available to insure that our schoolchildren in Pennsylvania can learn their own facts and figures, because positive investments in education--this really is the heart of the issue. This is a fact that I do not think anybody can really argue with: positive investments in education, simply put, yield positive results. I mean, that is it. You could talk about the stimulus and one out of four school districts--and again, I welcome and I applaud the intelligent and vigorous debate that took place here yesterday with my colleague from the other side of the aisle. I look forward to additional opportunities to have these discussions with him and other Members because I applaud his advocacy and I applaud his enthusiasm, because he gives folks like myself an opportunity to stand here and allow these issues which we think are critical issues to be heard and for us to have an opportunity to debate them. So, as we move forward, Mr. President, and we have additional debate about where we are going to go and how we are going to solve this budget hole, let us continue to stick to the facts, because if we stick to the facts, I know at least the Senate Democrats are very confident that the plan that they have put forth, that the ideas that they have advocated for will put Pennsylvania back on track and, most importantly, will give the children of Pennsylvania each and every opportunity to be as successful as they possibly can. And at the end of the day, is that not really what we all want?

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator John C. Rafferty, Jr.) in the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Wagner.

Senator WAGNER. Mr. President, regarding the facts that were just discussed by my colleague across the aisle, here are five facts on Pennsylvania public schools. These are from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. They just released this information. It is the annual summary of their public school finances with the 2012-13 data, and here are some basic facts about school finances and spending that people in this building may not be aware of, Democrats, Republicans, and people viewing us today.

Here is fact number one: school district revenue is at an all-time high. Total revenue exceeds \$26 billion, that is with a "B," which is \$974 million more than it was in 2011-12. It is \$800 million more than in 2010-11, the previous high. And

nearly \$3 billion more than in 2007-08, the last fiscal year prior to Federal stimulus funds being used to balance the budget. Here is fact number two: total school spending is at a record high at \$25.56 billion, with a "B." This represents an \$803-million increase over the prior year and \$464 million more than the previous high. The fastest growing major category of spending is other financing uses, which is primarily interest payments on debt. Debt payments grew by 74 percent since 2002-03. In contrast, instructional spending increased by only 42 percent in the same timeframe.

Fact number three: school district reserves grew by \$445 million. In 2013, Pennsylvania school districts increased their combined revenue funds by \$445 million to a total approaching \$4 billion as of June 30 of last year. Including charter schools and career and technical centers, public schools had more than \$4.2 billion in total fund balances. School district total fund balances grew by \$1.7 billion since 2007-08.

Fact number four: property taxes grew by 1.9 percent in 2012-13, the smallest tax increase, except for 2008-09, the first year that slot machine funds were available for property tax relief. The next lowest was 2.9 percent in 2011-12. Average annual growth in school property taxes has been 5.6 percent over the past 30 years, despite the claims that the \$1 billion cut, which is in itself a lie, will drive up property taxes. Tax hikes over the last 2 years have been significantly lower than past years thanks, in part, to legislation tightening the loopholes by which school districts could raise taxes without voter approval.

Here is fact number five, and it is the best: employee benefits continue to outpace other categories. Over the last decade, school district spending on school salaries grew by 22 percent. In contrast, spending on employee benefits, driven by escalating pension costs, grew by 108 percent.

So, who is lying? Is it the Democrats? Is it the Republicans? The teachers? Is it the PSEA? Is it the Governor? Where is the rat in the woodpile? These are real numbers from the Department of Education.

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I just want to say in response to the comments that were made, we can look at the numbers and we can talk about what the facts are, and the facts, I stand by my comments, the facts are the facts. But let us see when we leave here in June, let us see when we all go back to our districts and we have to ask the people of Pennsylvania to send us back to give us the privilege to represent them again. Let us see how many of us will invite the administration, will invite this Governor to our local schools to stand next to him and compliment him and tell him thank you for what you have done over the last 3 1/2 years. To invite him to come out to your district and stand with you and have your picture taken and make sure that he is there for you because you believe that what he has done in public education benefits all of the children and all of the districts that you represent. How many of us would have him come there and thank him for the good work that backs up these facts? I will not. And quite frankly, Mr. President, he will not come, because he is not going to walk into a Philadelphia school and talk to them. He already had that chance, and unfortunately, that ship has sailed. So, I do not expect to see him coming in and touting all

of these great facts, which have strengthened public education under his tenure, that have grown our base, and made our kids more successful, and given them every single opportunity. Sometimes actions do speak louder than words. Maybe those actions, when we leave here, will be more indicative of what the true feelings are. But it would stand to reason that over the next several months there may not be many of those pictures standing there and thanking this administration for what they have done for public education and thanking them for what they have done for your school district. I would bet not. But I guess, Mr. President, we shall see. But you will not see him in Philadelphia because I do not think he has got the guts to walk into a Philadelphia school.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator FERLO. Mr. President, I will try to lower the volume a little bit because I do not want to send my colleague on the aisle opposite into traction here today. I want to thank the hundreds of Pennsylvanians who came down today, just outside our Senate Chamber on the main marble floor of our great portico and Rotunda here, basically talking about the urgent need for the State and Federal government to consider a long overdue increase in the Federal and State minimum wage. I know there were many from not only the urban core of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh—I represent a three-county area, including many small towns and some rural communities, and it was a very diverse group of individuals. Yes, there were some proud members who were wearing union t-shirts who do benefit from a higher wage, to their credit, and to the credit of all of those things that they have fought for, but the fact of the matter is that many, many working people are at the lower rung of the economic ladder. They do not have the benefit of even a collective representative process either through a union association, what have you, and I think that is justified for them, under our Constitution, to come to us for redress of their grievance, their grievance being basically that it is very difficult to survive on minimum wage, a minimum wage that has not really been increased for quite some time. I believe fundamentally that a rising tide can lift all ships.

At the national and the Federal level across our great nation, and it is a great nation with tremendous wealth, and yet, a complicated disparity exists within our midst. When you think that 8 million people across our great country go to work each and every day, very difficult jobs, day in and day out, night and day, three shifts, weekends, Saturday, Sunday, holidays, they work in the service industry and other low-wage jobs, and yet those 8 million people still live and work basically at or below the Federal poverty guideline. I think that is immoral, let alone just extremely unfair. When you look at the last couple of weeks, there have been a number of reports on the CEOs of major corporations in this country and, yes, the stock market is increasing, and for those who have the benefit of some retirement income, 401k, an IRA, you name it, some savings, investment account, they are doing better than certainly 2008-09. But the fact of the matter is that a lot of people do not have that accumulated savings and benefit that they could be accruing. Most people live day in and day out with the minimum wage that they earn, and are hard-pressed to make basic expenses.

That is why you see a lot of folks at church food banks and community food banks and the like. So I do think there is a moral issue there as well. I think it is very clear that in the last 40 years since the minimum wage was first instituted at the Federal level, if there was just a basic rate of inflation, cost-of-living adjustment, the \$7.25 Federal minimum wage would now be roughly \$10.86. So I do not think it is unreasonable that President Obama has suggested the \$10 figure here in our State. There is a move on, certainly a number of Democratic colleagues in the House and the Senate, Senator Tartaglione in particular, our chairman of the Committee on Labor and Industry, has proposed an increase to roughly \$10 an hour.

So I want to thank all of those folks who came down here today and peacefully protested and rallied and made delegation visits to their respective elected officials. I think it is also important to point out that--and you would think conservatives and Republican ideologues would consider the fact that when we raise the minimum wage, a higher wage will actually lift hardworking Americans out of poverty, and I would believe--and I do not have the actual factual statistics, I will try to work on that--you would actually see in our Commonwealth alone that the raising of that wage, the raising of the quality of standard of living for those individuals and families would actually remove them from various levels of government assistance.

So the issue is why not shift the burden that we are all paying through our taxes and the social welfare system and put it on the backs of the Walmarts of the world and other major corporations? I do think there are opportunities to make sure that teenagers continue to work during the summer in part-time jobs, but fundamentally, that is not the issue. It is really the class of working people who survive each and every day or try to survive each and every day on minimum wage and they just cannot make it. And the immorality of what is happening in this country--and at one point, I stood over there at the main podium and talked about our country going to hell in a handbasket. The fact of the matter is that the disparity that has grown in this country is not only immoral but it is inequitable, it is going to threaten our democracy at some point. The fact of the matter is that just the unbelievable salaries that CEO members of the corporate community are making, so disproportionate to the reality of their work. In fact, you see rumblings and a movement now with major stockholders who are now challenging CEOs who are taking an inordinate amount of profits from that company. It is up to 10, 12, 14 percent of year-end profits of major corporations, and that is just unconscionable.

So, I do think we need to grapple with this issue both at the Federal level and certainly at the State level. There have been at least three times that the Federal government has acted to raise the minimum wage. I do think it is important to point out, because in the last battle that we had to raise the State minimum wage, we Democrats also suggested it be pegged with some reasonable cost of living. We saw that with our local governments with the \$10 so-called occupational tax, which had not been raised since the early 1960s. We finally changed it to a public service tax to help police, fire, and municipal budgets. We raised it to \$52. I would strongly urge that we consider raising it to \$100 or \$110 to help all of the small

communities that we represent, and not just the city of Pittsburgh for me. I have many small towns and communities that need and would appreciate that revenue. When you think of some of the small towns that I represent paying police officers \$9 and \$10 and \$11 an hour, they do not have membership in unions like the FOP, the firefighters, the IAFF. They are professionals but not as a State career public safety official. They have to wear a gun and run into burning homes when most people's instincts are to run out. For them to make \$11 an hour or being volleyed and not having any kind of remuneration is, I think, unconscionable. So again, I think we need to recognize that there are at least 13 States that have already pegged the rate of inflation to their minimum wage increases, including the District of Columbia.

I will just close with, again, the thought that we should be doing something. I will have plenty of opportunities over the next few months to trash this administration and try to instill some factual reality, not mindless ideological dribble but some actual material regarding what the actual factual state of the Pennsylvania economy is post-Rendell years, in terms of unemployment and revenues to be raised. As much as the Governor is making about some growth within certain counties in the Marcellus Shale field, when you look at the loss of jobs, loss of income, the state of our budget, it is embarrassing when you compare it to the State of Ohio and the State of New York, to our west and to our north.

I think it is important to close with Bertolt Brecht, a German poet, when he talked about the following section of a well-known poem called "From a German War Primer" during the height of World War II, and he talks about the following:

Those who take the meat from the table
Teach contentment.
Those for whom the contribution is destined
Demand sacrifice.
Those who eat their fill speak to the hungry
Of wonderful times to come.
Those who lead the country into the abyss
Call ruling too difficult
For ordinary men.

There are a lot of thoughts in those words, Mr. President, and I would suggest that the people down at the rally today are people who should begin to fill these Chambers in the House and Senate, and maybe there would be a more just, a more equitable, and a more democratic society here in our great Commonwealth. Thank you.

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

Senator BREWSTER. Mr. President, I was not prepared to speak on the topic, but I want to address the school funding for my new friend from York County. I have been here 3 years and I must tell you, one of the frustrations I have had the whole time I have been here has been about our position on education. My good friend, Senator Farnese, covered most of the points, but I graduated in education. I was a teacher before I went into the banking business, and the frustration I have is there are an awful lot of people who have an opinion about education, but other than going through school they have literally no experience, not only in being there, but teaching. And one of the things I say to people all of the time as a former

mayor, nobody wants to take on the hard issues. The reason we have problems in public education is discipline. That is the big problem. Nobody wants to talk about parental accountability. Too dangerous, unacceptable. It could hurt your career.

Now my good friend from York County presented a lot of statistics. I was not particularly impressed, not by him, but by the numbers. That is not surprising. In anybody's business - his, my business, our business here - expenses go up, revenues do not follow. That is not a new trend or a new thing. But I want to tell you, if you go out and talk to educators, talk to superintendents and school boards, parents and children, I am more cynical. Since I have been here, to me, it has been a calamity. The whole idea of charter schools, if you want public school business to go away or be destroyed, you just cut the money. The strong will survive, the weak will die. That is what is going on in this building, and we have compounded it with this thing we call charter schools, which I support. It is an unbridled business. We have talked about it, there has been no legislation passed right now on controls. We have teachers who can teach in the charter schools that do not have to be certified but in the public schools they have to be. We have not talked about the healthcare situation and what that has done in the education field. Nobody wants to talk about--by the way, how about this: how about a testing system that is completely useless. No consideration for cultural differences, regional differences, poverty. None of those things come into consideration.

The very first thing I heard when I came into this Chamber, they talked about teacher evaluations. I said, well, why do we not talk to the teachers and make them part of the process? The Senator, who is no longer here, said they would not be invited to the table. Now, what that told me was they were looking for failure. But here was the big bang theory: cut education a billion dollars. But, that individual said we are not raising taxes. When that was done, 400 school districts raised their taxes; 400. That was a de facto tax increase. That is a fact. Go ask those folks if they wanted to do that.

How about the jobs that were created? I sat here for months now hearing this 100,000 new jobs. I have a grandson at home who could have brought 100,000 jobs in with Marcellus Shale. They were coming anyway. But how about the 25,000 school-teachers who lost their jobs that went away? Who represents them? Who represents Clairton School District, which is trying to do the right thing, trying to merge with other school districts and is being told, no? How about the teachers in Duquesne? Who considers the poverty level? When I was mayor of McKeesport, we had the highest poverty level, the highest unemployment rate, the highest number of families without fathers before the recession. We have done nothing to help that.

I will tell you another fact, it is called the Constitution, and my good friends on the other side of the aisle, that is the only fact that they need to hear because the law says we have to do this with public education. If they want to supplement that with charter schools, so be it. But get the rules straight and make it fair. Because at the end of the day, I will defy anybody in this building to go to any school district, poor or affluent, talk to a student, talk to a parent, talk to a teacher, and ask them if they want their school district to go away.

If you are mayor of a community--and that is another thing about this room, we seem to think we know an awful lot about

local government. There are probably not five people in this room who have ever been in local government. But we know what they need. Try to develop a community. McKeesport was 55,000 people at one time, and I use that as an example. That region was the largest producer of steel in the world, protected democracy, so that we can have public schools. Now we have 19,000, people and there are people who think that we should not have a school district, too expensive, do not send them any money. We do not care what their grandparents did for democracy. We forget those things. I do not. Try and market a community that does not have a school district. When we did the cracker plant, we voted on tax credits, I voted for that as a banker. My question was, why not Allegheny County? Why not the brownfield sites? It was going to Beaver County. Who made that decision? See, if you are looking for a rat, okay, I can help you find a few. We are not all stupid. We either work together on this issue, Mr. President, or we are going to continue down this path and hurt people.

I want to remind my colleagues that we represent 12 1/2 million people, not just our districts. I do not think we talk enough about that when we hear what I consider to be inflated numbers and unnecessary emotion. We can solve this problem together in no time. And I will say this about the \$1 billion in cuts, that did not have to happen overnight. If somebody had a financial unreadiness and had done their analytical reviews, and really wanted to do the right thing from a business perspective, you sit down with a business plan and say, listen 500 school districts, here is what we are going to do over the next 4 years. That is not what happened. What we said is, we are not going to fund you and then we will let you go to your local constituents, raise school taxes, and they will be up in arms. And to make your problem even worse, we are going to put together a charter school program that is completely unbridled, without regulations, and we are going to let that program steal students from your school district at an average of \$15,000 a person, as in Woodland Hills, a \$60 million budget where \$11 million goes to a charter school. That is all a part of a cynical plan to dismantle public education, and then go to bed at night and think we are funding it. Not everybody is that stupid, and I apologize for my candor. Now, I do not disagree with my colleagues on a few things. There needs to be some control and we did that in the banking business. We know how to do that and are smart enough to do that.

Let me just close by saying this: We have some good people on our Committee on Education on both sides of the aisle. We did a very good job on special education funding legislation. I know there is some brainpower in this room to get it done, but we have to get past the nonsense and get past the idea that there is a rat in every corner. And remember one thing: I have to go home and look in the eyes of young people who are relying on us to make sure that they get educated. They do not know and they do not care where the money comes from. We have to figure that out.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I appreciate the opportunity to share a few remarks in the context of what I believe my good friend and colleague, Senator Ferlo, was discussing earlier, the fact that arriving here in Harrisburg today were sev-

eral hundred folks from across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania talking about the ongoing injustice that exists in this Commonwealth, and frankly across the country, about raising Pennsylvania's minimum wage. We have been spending time talking about the statistics around various issues, but I think it is important that we talk about the injustice of being one of too many States across this country who have not raised their minimum wage. After walking through the statistics, I will talk briefly about an experience I had on May 19. I had a rally that I participated in with about 100 or so low-wage workers and several elected officials. But quick facts on the minimum wage, \$10.74 is what the minimum wage would be if it had kept up with inflation over the past 40 years. Instead, it is currently \$7.25. Fifteen-thousand dollars is the annual income for a fulltime employee working the entire year at the Federal minimum wage; \$15,080 is what a fulltime employee would be making over the entire year if they were working at the Federal minimum wage. I would remind folks, that is below the Federal poverty level. The number zero, that is the number of States where a minimum-wage worker can afford a two-bedroom apartment working a 40-hour week. That is a striking statistic. Zero is the number of States where a minimum-wage worker can afford a two-bedroom apartment working a 40-hour week. Three, the number of times Congress passed legislation to increase the minimum wage in the last 30 years.

We are woefully, dreadfully, and embarrassingly behind on this issue, Mr. President. In fact, nationally, when it comes to talking about the issue of minimum wage and equality wages, this nation does not fare well internationally when it comes to the issue of the minimum wage. There are too many nations around the world that pay a higher minimum wage than what we pay in the United States of America. We should not be proud of that fact, we should be working aggressively to try to change that statistic, change that fact.

But the most embarrassing thing, Mr. President, in this conversation about minimum wage is the whole conversation about tip-wage workers. Tip-wage workers, Mr. President, are those individuals who attempt to make it on tips. They try to make it on a sub-minimum wage statistic, which is currently \$2.83 an hour, and then they try to supplement that wage with tips, with money they get from the tip jar, if you will. Unfortunately, there are thousands, if not millions, of people across this nation who are in the tip-wage category, but they cannot ask for tips. For example, you go to the airport, Mr. President who is currently holding the Chair right now, a good friend and colleague of mine, happens to travel out of a local international airport, which is the Philadelphia International Airport. The individuals who escort people throughout the airport who may be in wheelchairs and they are pushed around in their chairs to get from their flight to baggage claim, or get to their flight, the individuals who are pushing folks around make below the minimum wage. Many of them are tip-wage workers. Most folks do not know that, most folks do not also know that these individuals cannot ask for tips when they are doing their job, although they are tip-wage employees. They are not allowed to ask for tips. They are not allowed, in fact, to have a little cup on the side of their chair that a person who was escorted around could drop a quarter, or a dollar, or something into that jar. There are thousands of these individuals who

work in all of the airports across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Ours is closest, Philadelphia, but Pittsburgh, and Harrisburg. I believe they have an international airport in the northeastern part of the Commonwealth, and an Erie airport. These are folks who are not allowed, even though they are classified as tip-wage workers, to ask for a tip, which means they are making below \$7.25 an hour and they are the sole breadwinners of their family. This is the only work that they could get.

This is not fair. This is not right. This is an injustice. You are classified as a tip-wage worker but you cannot collect a tip. Think about it. If you ask for a tip, the company that you are working for will fire you. If you complain about that reality, the company that you are working for will fire you. You cannot have a little cup on the side of your little cart and have tips on the side of it, you cannot do that, so you are locked into poverty. It is bad enough that the current Federal minimum wage is below the Federal poverty level. Now we have folks who are making sub-minimum wages, tip employees, they cannot even ask for a tip. We have to do something about that in this Commonwealth.

In 2006 we saw the light. We voted for an increase in the minimum wage. We beat the Federal government by 3 years before they voted for an increase in the minimum wage. We saw the light in this State. It was when we were at our best. But we are at our worst when we sit here and see folks suffering, locked in poverty, working at a wage scale below the Federal poverty level, cannot afford to rent a two-bedroom apartment anywhere, not just in the State, but in the country, and if they are tip-wage employees, they cannot even ask for a tip. As I said, tip-wage employees are recognized by the law, are paid below the Federal minimum wage, and the statistic that we are looking at is tip-wage employees make \$2.83 an hour, and hopefully they can get a tip.

Mr. President, we have been better as people in this Commonwealth. We have been better citizens in this State. When we recognized the plight of those individuals who are working two, three, and four jobs trying to make ends meet and we try to help them out in various ways, that is when we are at our best. We are at our worst when we do not recognize their humanity and we allow them to work in an environment that traps them and gives them no freedom to move up. It does not even allow them to earn the income that they are legally entitled to earn as a tip employee, a tip-wage employee, and they cannot even ask for tips. Mr. President, my hope is that before June 30 is over we will see the light and we will do something to recognize their humanity and their dignity and give them the scale and wage that they deserve to have. Mr. President, we can do better. I hope we will see the best in all of us and enact an increase in the minimum wage. Thank you.

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, June 4, 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 5:36 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.