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SENATE

MONDAY, June 9, 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 GREGORY DIMICK, of Pequea Evangelical Congregational Church, Gap, offered the following prayer:

The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we ask Thy blessing upon us this day. We thank Thee for this good land and especially for this Commonwealth, our home. We are ever grateful for our freedom and for those who, even this day, defend that freedom at home and abroad. We are grateful, O Lord, for all of the men and women who have been chosen to represent us and to speak for us in this, our State Senate. As they engage in this awesome responsibility in these very challenging times, we pray Thee, O God, to give them clarity of mind, sincere integrity of purpose, determination, steadfastness of spirit, hearts of compassion, and especially, Father, bestow upon them wisdom and discernment that they may in the right spirit discuss, debate, and deliberate thereby to make decisions which will enhance and prosper all of our lives. Give them courage, Lord, and above all faith so that they may not grow faint-hearted, nor downcast, but rather by Thy grace continue to persevere in the quest for justice, righteousness, prosperity, and peace to their blessing and ours, and to the glory of Thy great name. Amen.

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

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 DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

June 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, Aaron J. Cohen, 769 S. 17th Street, Philadelphia 19146, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Ronald G. Henry, Bryn Mawr, serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 9, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Dr. James E. Barker, 3821 Greenly Road, McKean 16426, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2018, or until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS

June 9, 2014

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Frank R. Perman, 925 Saxonburg Boulevard, Pittsburgh 15223, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment 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 Joseph Fluehr, Richboro, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

June 9, 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 M. Schroeder, P.E., 3929 Upper Mountain Road, Furlong 18925, Bucks County, Tenth 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 Michael E. Braxton, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 9, 2014

Senators FOLMER, TEPLITZ, KITCHEN, COSTA, BOSCOLA, PILEGGI, FARNESE, SOLOBAY, RAFFERTY, HUTCHINSON, WILLIAMS, BLAKE and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 1403**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 3, 1992 (P.L.28, No.11), known as the Tuition Account Programs and College Savings Bond Act, further providing for general provisions governing both tuition account programs.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, June 9, 2014.

Senators FOLMER, TEPLITZ, KITCHEN, SCARNATI, COSTA, BOSCOLA, PILEGGI, FARNESE, SMUCKER, SOLOBAY, RAFFERTY, HUTCHINSON, WILLIAMS, BLAKE and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 1404**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income; and, in inheritance tax, further providing for transfers not subject to tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, June 9, 2014.

Senators BAKER, MENSCH, ERICKSON, KASUNIC, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, ARGALL, EICHELBERGER, McILHINNEY, VOGEL, PILEGGI, SMITH, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, WHITE, BREWSTER, COSTA, WILLIAMS, WOZNAK and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SB 1405**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for issuance and content of driver's license.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 9, 2014.

Senators McILHINNEY, WOZNAK, WASHINGTON, RAFFERTY, COSTA, TEPLITZ, SCHWANK,

VULAKOVICH, PILEGGI, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, FONTANA, BAKER, GREENLEAF, BLAKE, FARNESE, STACK, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, KITCHEN, VOGEL and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 1406**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1372, No.212), known as the Early Intervention Services System Act, further providing for definitions and for child identification, assessment and tracking system.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, June 9, 2014.

Senators BLAKE, TEPLITZ, WASHINGTON, FOLMER, FONTANA, BOSCOLA, STACK, WILEY, FARNESE and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 1407**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for the designation of legislative and congressional districts within this Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 9, 2014.

Senators YUDICHAK, TEPLITZ, KASUNIC, WASHINGTON, FONTANA, SCHWANK, RAFFERTY, ARGALL, HUGHES, WHITE, COSTA, ERICKSON, VULAKOVICH, FERLO, FARNESE and SOLOBAY presented to the Chair **SB 1408**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 2008 (P.L.915, No.64), known as the Water and Sewer Systems Assistance Act, further providing for legislative findings; authorizing the incurring of indebtedness, with the approval of the electors, of \$600,000,000 for the acquisition, repair, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, extension, expansion and improvement of water supply and sewage treatment systems; providing for the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority and for authorization and expiration; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 9, 2014.

Senators RAFFERTY, PILEGGI, WOZNAK, YUDICHAK, SCHWANK, SMITH, KASUNIC, MENSCH, HUGHES, GREENLEAF, VULAKOVICH, EICHELBERGER, HUTCHINSON, DINNIMAN, SOLOBAY, ALLOWAY, BLAKE, WHITE, BROWNE, BAKER, BREWSTER, YAW, ERICKSON, LEACH, TEPLITZ, COSTA and ARGALL presented to the Chair **SB 1409**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.306, No.84), known as the Board of Vehicles Act, further providing for unlawful acts by manufacturers or distributors.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 9, 2014.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

June 6, 2013

HB 1159 and 2171 -- Committee on Transportation.
HB 1728 and 2049 -- Committee on Education.
HB 1989 -- Committee on State Government.
HB 2204 -- Committee on Aging and Youth.

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HB 1773 -- Committee on Local Government.
HB 2007 -- Committee on Judiciary.
HB 2128 -- Committee on State Government.
HB 2202 -- Committee on Finance.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

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

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

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, June 9, 2014

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, June 16, 2014, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, June 16, 2014, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
 Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

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

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

GUEST OF SENATOR DOMINIC F. PILEGGI PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, it is my pleasure this afternoon to introduce Marisa Mastripolito, an intern in my district office who is visiting Harrisburg for the day. Marisa resides in Ridley Township, part of Senator Erickson's district. She will begin her sophomore year at Albright College and is pursuing a bachelor of arts degree majoring in political science and public relations. She is interested in a career in the field of government, and has experience in finance, sales, and marketing. Marisa is also an active member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority at Albright College. She writes for the college newspaper and participates on the college dance team. She is currently an interim secretary for the student government association and an Albright ambassador. Marisa is seated in the gallery today. Mr. President, I ask that we extend our traditional warm welcome to my guest.

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

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR RICHARD L. ALLOWAY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin, Senator Alloway.

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome and thank Reverend Gregory Dimick and his wife, Bobbie, from Lancaster County. Reverend Dimick served for 33 years as pas-

tor of the Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church in Hatfield. This year, he started his 11th year at the Pequea Evangelical Congregational Church in Gap. He has served many years as the chaplain of the Hatfield Fire Company and police, chaplain of the White Horse Fire Company, and a member of many Masonic bodies in Pennsylvania. He is also past president of The Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania. He served 19 years as chaplain of the PA Society of Sons of the Revolution, and is a member of many historical societies, including the Mayflower Society, the First Families of New Hampshire, Founders and Patriots of America Society, and the Colonial Clergy Society. He is a member of the Russellville Grange and the Kiwanis Club. Please welcome him, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Alloway 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 Appropriations 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, 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 Appropriations, to be followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Washington. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 119 (Pr. No. 119) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing an emergency medical services memorial flag; and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council and the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services in the Department of Health.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 198 (Pr. No. 3630) -- 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 Dyslexia Screening and Early Literacy Intervention Pilot Program.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Erie, Senator Wiley.

Senator WILEY. Mr. President, I rise today to ask for my colleagues' support for Representative Neilson's House Bill No. 198. Thousands of children in the Commonwealth are struggling

with the ability to spell, read, write, and memorize words due to the learning disability known as dyslexia. But in all likelihood, they do not even know it. House Bill No. 198 provides for a pilot program that will allow select schools in the Commonwealth to screen children with risk factors of dyslexia. Because the schools do not currently have adequate screening programs, we are finding that many bright children are falling behind at no fault of their own. Mr. President, no child should ever have to struggle through their school years because we did not give the schools the proper tools these children need to succeed. House Bill No. 198 will insure that every child has the opportunity to perform to his or her full potential. I had the opportunity to work closely with Representative Neilson and many others to craft a companion bill in the Senate for this pilot program.

Finally, Mr. President, I would like to thank my colleagues, the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Education, Senator Folmer and Senator Dinniman, as well as Senator Browne and Senator Tomlinson, for recognizing the importance of this piece of legislation and moving it swiftly through committee to get a final vote in the Senate today. Mr. President, thank you again. I ask for a favorable vote from my colleagues in support of House Bill No. 198.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, this is a good bill and I urge concurrence, and I know Senator Folmer does as well. We had great leadership in making sure this got through. I also want to take this occasion to thank Senator Wiley. This initially was his bill, and Senator Wiley was the one who educated us here in the Senate about this problem and some of the solutions to this problem. We thank and also congratulate Representative Neilson, but as we pass this we want to make sure that the good work of our colleague, Senator Wiley, is recognized.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I am very pleased to stand with my colleagues, Senator Wiley and Senator Dinniman, in support of this bill. Representative Neilson worked very hard on the bill, as did Senator Wiley, and I am very anxious to see an affirmative vote and have this bill get across the finish line to the Governor's desk. Both Senator Wiley and Representative Neilson deserve a lot of credit, and it will be nice for the Representative, now as he is about ready to assume a new position, to see this bill get to the Governor's desk.

So, thank you, Mr. President. I join with my colleagues in asking for an affirmative vote.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Alloway	Farnese	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Argall	Ferlo	Robbins	Wagner
Baker	Folmer	Scarnati	Ward
Blake	Fontana	Schwank	Washington
Boscola	Gordner	Smith	White

Brewster	Greenleaf	Smucker	Wiley
Browne	Hughes	Solobay	Williams
Brubaker	Hutchinson	Stack	Wozniak
Corman	Kasunic	Tartaglione	Yaw
Costa	Leach	Teplitz	Yudichak
Dinniman	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	
Eichelberger	Mensch	Vance	
Erickson	Pileggi	Vogel	

NAY-0

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 803 (Pr. No. 2075) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, in consolidated collection of local income taxes, further providing for definitions.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1314 (Pr. No. 1905) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1316 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1377 (Pr. No. 2054) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1646 and HB 1831 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1873 (Pr. No. 2741) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the release of restrictions on use and alienation imposed by the Project 70 Land Acquisition and Borrowing Act on certain land owned by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission in Benner Township, Centre County.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 201, HB 272, SB 312, SB 602, HB 803, SB 1169, HB 1234, SB 1243, SB 1256, SB 1262, SB 1337 and SB 1342 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1355 (Pr. No. 1980) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1356 and SB 1357 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1383 (Pr. No. 2095) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of December 8, 1982 (P.L.848, No.235), known as the Highway-Railroad and Highway Bridge Capital Budget Act for 1982-1983, itemizing additional State and local bridge projects.

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.

SB 1384 (Pr. No. 2096) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the highway capital budget project itemization for the fiscal year 2014-2015 to be financed from current revenue or by the incurring of debt.

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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1388, SB 1401, HB 1574 and HB 1575 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1602 (Pr. No. 2871) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1653, HB 1672, HB 1816, HB 1929 and HB 2003 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 2009 (Pr. No. 2986) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 17 (Credit Unions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in incorporation, further providing for articles of incorporation, for Department of Banking consideration of articles and for by-laws; in corporate powers, duties and safeguards, further providing for powers, for fees and charges, for loan interest, for power to borrow, for loans and for dividends; in members, directors and officers, further providing for notice to members and for expulsion and withdrawal; in amendment of articles, further providing for procedure for amendment of articles; in conversion, merger and consolidation, further providing for conversion into Federal credit union and for adoption of plan; and, in dissolution, further providing for approval of voluntary dissolution.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 2068, HB 2072, HB 2093, HB 2106 and HB 2110 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 397, ADOPTED

Senator PILEGGI, without objection, called up from page 10 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 397**, entitled:

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.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

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Alloway	Erickson	Pileggi	Vance
Argall	Farnese	Rafferty	Vogel
Baker	Folmer	Robbins	Vulakovich
Blake	Fontana	Scarnati	Wagner
Boscola	Gordner	Schwank	Ward
Brewster	Greenleaf	Smith	Washington
Browne	Hughes	Smucker	White
Brubaker	Hutchinson	Solobay	Wiley
Corman	Kasunic	Stack	Williams
Costa	Leach	Tartaglione	Wozniak
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A majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

The PRESIDENT. The resolution is adopted.

HB 1424 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 1424, Printer's No. 2766, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 324 (Pr. No. 2110) (Amended) (Rereported)

A Joint Resolution proposing integrated amendments and separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, abolishing the Office of Lieutenant Governor and reorganizing executive functions; reducing the size of the General Assembly; and reducing the size of the Supreme Court and the Superior Court.

SB 621 (Pr. No. 2111) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in orphans' court divisions, further providing for nonmandatory exercise of jurisdiction through orphans' court division; in wills, further providing for rules of interpretation; in dispositions independent of letters, family exemption, probate

of wills and grant of letters, providing for submission to jurisdiction; in administration and personal representatives, further providing for continuation of business and for incorporation of estate's business; in accounts and distribution, further providing for determination of title to decedent's interest in real estate; in health care, further providing for authority of health care agent and for relation of health care agent to court-appointed guardian and other agents; in powers of attorney, further providing for form of power of attorney, for implementation of power of attorney, for durable powers of attorney and for account; providing for investigation of financial abuse and mismanagement and for jurisdiction and venue; in estates, further providing for release or disclaimer of powers or interests; in estates, providing for release of powers and interests and disclaimer of powers; providing for powers of appointment; in trusts, further providing for nonjudicial settlement agreements - UTC 111, for representation of parties in interest in general, for division of trusts, for resignation of trustee and filing resignation, for duty to inform and report, for limitation of action against trustee and for powers, duties and liabilities identical with personal representatives; codifying provisions of the Charitable Instruments Act of 1971; in principal and income, further providing for charitable trusts; and making a related repeal.

SB 1155 (Pr. No. 2112) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 31, 1945 (P.L. 1198, No. 418), known as the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act, establishing the Aggregate Advisory Board.

SB 1253 (Pr. No. 1772) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 37 (Historical and Museums) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in powers and duties of Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, further providing for specific powers and duties, for personal property and for documents; providing for Commonwealth archival records, for local government archival records and for access to older public records; in historic properties, further providing for powers over certain historic property; and prescribing a penalty.

SB 1389 (Pr. No. 2065)

An Act making an appropriation from the State Employees' Retirement Fund to provide for expenses of the State Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

SB 1390 (Pr. No. 2066)

An Act making an appropriation from the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund to provide for expenses of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

SB 1391 (Pr. No. 2067)

An Act making appropriations from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account and from restricted revenue accounts within the General Fund to the Department of State for use by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs in support of the professional licensure boards assigned thereto.

SB 1392 (Pr. No. 2068)

An Act making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide for the expenses of administering the Workers' Compensation Act, The

Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act and the Office of Small Business Advocate for the fiscal year July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

SB 1393 (Pr. No. 2069)

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

SB 1394 (Pr. No. 2070)

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Consumer Advocate in the Office of Attorney General.

SB 1395 (Pr. No. 2071)

An Act making appropriations from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015.

SB 1396 (Pr. No. 2113) (Amended)

An Act making appropriations from the restricted revenue accounts within the State Gaming Fund and from the State Gaming Fund to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, the Department of Revenue, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Attorney General for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

SB 1397 (Pr. No. 2073)

An Act making appropriations from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund and the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for fiscal year July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015.

SB 1400 (Pr. No. 2082)

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

HB 43 (Pr. No. 3541) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.893, No.141), known as the Volunteer Health Services Act, further providing for purpose and for definitions; providing for approved organization procedure; and further providing for liability and for prescription of medication for family members.

HB 1420 (Pr. No. 3544) (Rereported)

An Act providing for newborn child pulse oximetry screening.

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators TEPLITZ, DINNIMAN, WOZNIAK, WASHINGTON, MENSCH, FERLO, ERICKSON, STACK, KASUNIC, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, BREWSTER, BAKER, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, SCHWANK, SOLOBAY, HUTCHINSON, COSTA, PILEGGI, SMITH, FOLMER, BOSCOLA and FARNESE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 404**, entitled:

A Resolution designating June 27, 2014, as "Remember Everyone Deployed Friday (Red Friday)" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, my resolution designates June 27, 2014, as "Remember Everyone Deployed Friday (RED Friday)" in Pennsylvania. Throughout the year, we honor the commitment that our servicemen and women, both active duty and veterans, have made to our country. RED Friday was designed as an opportunity for Americans to demonstrate their support for our troops who are currently deployed by wearing the color red on Fridays. These courageous men and women and their families have made tremendous sacrifices in the defense of our freedom. They are stationed in some of the most dangerous places on earth, put their lives on the line every day, and they spend months and even years away from their homes and families. They deserve to know that back here at home we are still thinking of them and supporting them. Therefore, Mr. President, I ask that my Senate colleagues join me in recognizing June 27, 2014, as Remember Everyone Deployed Friday in Pennsylvania. I anticipate we may be here in Session on Friday, June 27, 2014, and I encourage my colleagues to wear red on that day in commemoration of this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kimberly Moyer-Bercaw by Senator Argall

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Timothy Michael Griffin by Senator Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sable Butler and to the Portuguese-American community of Bethlehem by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Margaret Virginia Bixler by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hanzl, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Why and to Mary Gwen Steele by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Loretta Harnish and to Jhett Janis by Senator Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nathan John Oren by Senators Folmer and Teplitz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jeremy A. Lowery by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Kite Wallace family by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Meredith McKee by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ned Moore by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ramya Muthukrishnan and to Rita Petruzzi by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John M. Ernesto and to Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences Nursing Program by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the South Hills Junior Orchestra and to the citizens of Collier Township by Senator Smith.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to YWCA Bucks County by Senator Tomlinson and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to West Shore United Boys' Rugby Team and to West Shore United Girls' Rugby Team by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Collin Heiry and to Cameron Heiry by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael Stefanick, Arizona Bitler, Nicole Dgien, Emily C. Betts, Amanda Newman and to Rachel Kita by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ralph C. Lennon, James H. Wentz, Edward J. Moyer and to William H. Diehm by Senator Yudichak.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Francis S. Lysek by Senator Boscola.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 1389, SB 1390, SB 1391, SB 1392, SB 1393, SB 1394, SB 1395, SB 1396, SB 1397 and SB 1400.

And said bills having been considered for the first time,

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2014

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 324, 621, 1155, 1253, 1389, 1390, 1391, 1392, 1393, 1394, 1395, 1396, 1397 and 1400; and House Bills No. 43, 790 and 1420)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014

9:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (public hearing on Emergency Responders to Vehicle Accidents)	Room 8E-B East Wing
9:30 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 1207 and 1322; and House Bill No. 1052)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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.
11:00 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH (to consider Senate Resolution No. 62; and House Bills No. 1702 and 2204)	Room 461 Main Capitol
11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider House Bills No. 1090, 1429 and 2026)	Room 8E-B East Wing
12:00 P.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider the nomination of James Van Blarcom to the PA Milk Marking Board)	Room 8E-A East Wing
12:30 P.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 369 and 1240; and House Bill No. 1989)	Room 8E-B East Wing
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 1383 and 1384; and House Bill No. 790)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 1077 and 1205; House Bill No. 1559; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

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.
10:30 A.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bills No. 1332, 1334, 1348 and 1402; and House Bills No. 1144 and 2169)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2014

10:00 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (joint public hearing with the House Local Government Committee on 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 gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Stack.

Senator STACK. Mr. President, I rise with a few comments about where we are in June. We are at June 9 today, and our constitutionally mandated budget deadline is June 30, so we are looking at roughly 21 days. I guess that is a lot of time, Mr. President, but it goes quickly. We are really up the creek again for this budgetary cycle. I know that revenue has come in about \$600 million short. We have about a \$1.3 billion or \$1.4 billion budget deficit and we still have a lot of conflict around here about how we are going to solve this problem.

In the meantime, we are still running into public education shortfalls all over the place from one State to the next and the question is how are we going to give our young people a chance to succeed in Pennsylvania and America if we cannot guarantee them at least a decent, not even a great, but a decent opportunity at a good public education, and then hopefully for success in the future? I have said this countless times, we have among the greatest universities in the world here in Pennsylvania, and I know, Mr. President, you are a graduate of at least one of them. Many of our Members here in the legislature are also graduates of Pitt, Temple, Penn State, just to name a few. It is a tremendous State for higher education and it should be, too, for public education. The problem is that we are making it tougher and tougher for kids to graduate college without being borderline bankrupt. With those kids come their parents, who, as we all know, participate greatly in helping their children try and fulfill all of their potential.

So, all I can tell you is that I have a lot of conversations around here, Mr. President, with stakeholders and with my friends here in the Senate and in the legislature, and we can all talk about the problems but we have yet to get to the solution. A lot of the solution, of course, has to do with funding, and we are not funding at a level high enough in public education across the State, or in Philadelphia for that matter. I always say I am working on several things which are going to help us to be more efficient in delivering the educational product, smarter about education. We can make educators more accountable by setting benchmarks, but I do not feel that we are doing that right now here in Harrisburg. There is this perception that somehow we are being asked to fund education and it is like, quote, flushing money down the toilet. I think that is a horrible way to perceive what we are doing with education. It should be in everyone's interest that we fund education at a fair and high level and that we make sure that we are educating children.

We had some charter school folks here today, and the other thing we are doing here that I think is wrong is we are pitting parents, families, and students against each other, and the charter folks are now worried that they are essentially going to be cut in their funding area in favor of public education, and we have had that argument on the other shoe before. We have to resolve it and we have to do it in a way that stops putting people on the cliff of absolute fear and anxiety worrying about their future for themselves and for their kids. If we cannot do that in Pennsylvania, no matter what else we can do, we are still going to be a failure. So, we have to find a way to solve this budget crisis. I have talked about it before, I am in favor of some kind of an extraction tax with our natural gas, with the Marcellus Shale, and it is not clear to me whether the Governor supports it or not. I have heard different views, but the bottom line is, as I said at the outset, 3 weeks seems like a lot of time, it is going to go fast, and we have no idea how we are going to solve this funding crisis yet again.

So, I do not want to just be there and be one of these people who says I am willing to criticize the problem without coming up with answers to solve it, and I am here for about the third year in a row, Mr. President, talking about a piece of legislation I have which is in the Senate Committee on Transportation. I am told by my friend and colleague, the chairman, Senator Rafferty, that the bill is going to move out of committee or it is at least going to get voted on in committee this Wednesday. It is one area of our

budget where I believe that we could reacquire or collect at least a billion dollars of uncollected fines, fees, and costs in our judiciary system here in Pennsylvania. The judiciary system has been no exception for having an inability to efficiently collect the fines, fees, and costs out there. So, what my bill does is says if folks owe money for being availed what it costs to go through the judiciary system, that if they do not pay those fines, fees, and costs, or if they do not make arrangements to do it, that another privilege that they have in Pennsylvania is their driver's license, and that should be suspended until the fines, fees, and costs are paid or arrangements are made to do it. That is one area of government where we should and could be collecting.

There is one other point there, Mr. President. We are talking about restitution, and restitution is something that victims of crime get awarded to make them whole in cases where they have been criminalized or have been a victim of crime. And when we do not make the people who have perpetrated a crime against a victim pay what they agreed to pay, either in lieu of or in combination with some kind of prison, we are throwing that victim under the bus and we are making them think that the judiciary just does not care about them, and that is no way to run a State. So, we have to be better with our judiciary, we have to stand up for victims and stand up for the people of Pennsylvania. So, hopefully we can figure this out, Mr. President, and time is wasting.

I was disheartened to see that some of the things we have been working on today, and maybe there is a time and a place for that, is shrinking the size of the legislature, and I think maybe there is a time and a place for that discussion. June is not the time or the place. The time and the place is some other time, and I know it makes good headlines sometimes, but what makes better headlines is, say, the legislature solves budget crisis, stands up for citizens of Pennsylvania early, as opposed to legislature deadlocked, now talking about issues such as constitutional amendment to shrink the size of the legislature. So, I hope we can move on and I hope we can get it done for real and I am going to participate and lead and work with both Republicans and Democrats to help that cause. I look forward to seeing if we can get that done for the people of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, as my colleague mentioned, as we begin to approach this budget season, it is important that we keep in mind how decisions made here in Harrisburg impact individuals who reside back in our districts. Mr. President, our focus should be on job creation, education investments, and expanding Medicaid. These are the issues that are important and we need to keep an eye on the ball. Using up our energy here in this Chamber and in this Commonwealth, engaging in debate, and debating side issues that are driven by out-of-State special interests that have a raw national political agenda does not help create jobs in Pennsylvania. It does not make our schools any better and it does not provide healthcare for hundreds of thousands of working men and women in this Commonwealth.

A focus on education, for instance, will help us better understand recent findings of the study by the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators and the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials, concerning the state of public schools in Pennsylvania in the aftermath of a \$1 billion Corbett

education cut. These findings illustrate the point we have been trying to make and we have been making about the needs to continue to invest in our schools and investing in our children. The survey reinforces our strong belief, in fact, it provides data and validation that our children and our schools have collectively been harmed by these cuts. Fifty-six percent of school districts participated, serving more than 63 percent of the State's school enrollment. According to the reports of the survey, financial conditions of schools continue to deteriorate. Nearly 60 percent of schools laid off staff since 2010-11 and teachers account for 40 percent of those layoffs. Seventy percent of the 500 school districts have not filled positions after retirement or resignations. A quarter of school districts have hiring freezes in effect, and 1 in 7 is planning on laying off more teachers in the upcoming school year. Class size has increased in 64 percent of the districts, 783 academic programs have been cut, and 370 more academic programs are expected to be slashed this year. One-third of the districts have either cut extracurricular activities or instituted a fee for students to participate in the same. The local share for educating students, which means local tax increases to cover the portion the State used to pay, has increased from 37 percent in 2011 to 45 percent in 2013-14. And according to the survey, three-fourths of the districts plan to raise taxes.

School funding and recovering from the massive Corbett education cuts is where we need to devote our energy in the upcoming weeks, not revisiting marginal issues that do not involve creating jobs, providing help to our teachers in the classroom, repairing holes in our social safety net, or closing the budget deficit or expanding healthcare. I simply cannot shake the idea that we are wasting time and there has been simply too much talk about issues that have no direct impact on the lives of our citizens. There was even a rally here, Mr. President, last week in the Rotunda funded by wealthy national political special interests about how unions receive their dues. Mr. President, that is fine, that is appropriate, and that is our democracy. But we spent an inordinate amount of time here on the Senate floor talking about an issue that does not move the ball forward as it relates to the issue that I just raised. In fact, I think the rally and the focus on how union dues are paid underscores the point that I have been trying to make about that issue, that it is one that comes out of the national Republican playbook, as I have said here on the floor multiple times. Remember, that is the same playbook that gave us the voter ID debacle and a colossal not only waste of time, but expense and millions and millions of dollars were wasted. National political issues, conveyed by national political people, paid for by national political players, and imposed on Pennsylvania, simply is the wrong approach. The right approach is to make certain that we collectively work together to address the issues that are important to the people of Pennsylvania: investing in education, investing in our children, providing healthcare for those working men and women in this Commonwealth, making certain that our social safety net and our human service programs are properly and adequately funded to be able to provide those services, to provide an adequate level of legal service resources, and the list can go on and on and on. We should not be talking about those issues, Mr. President, that are driven by outsiders to this Commonwealth and to this General Assembly that have no place at this particular point in time. Our focus should be on enacting a budget that meets the needs of

Pennsylvanians, and I ask my colleagues to join us in working toward that end in a cooperative, bipartisan way to achieve that end.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I appreciate the opportunity to speak before this body and all of those witnessing, and also the opportunity for these comments to be put on the record. On a personal level, these last 10 days for me have been a bit of a personal whirlwind, Mr. President. On May 28, I had the pleasure of culminating four days of a graduation program for my son, who graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He is now a Second Lieutenant, and I cannot tell you how proud I was to witness that moment, to watch him grow from a kid who played T-ball, and when he was standing on first base and the other kid hit the ball, my son decided to run to second base but did not make the turn to third, and he just kept running right on into left field. We all had to run and catch him and get him to turn around and head back to third base, which is where he was supposed to be, to when he hit the grand slam home run for the Little League team to win their championship, with two outs, the count was 3 and 2, the bases were loaded, his team was down, and he hit the grand slam. From those moments, there was probably no more proud a moment that a father or parent could have for their son to see that little occasion occur. Moving on to May 28, 2014, to have him receive his diploma from the United States Military Academy at West Point and be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, there is probably no more proud a moment to share. And, in addition to having the opportunity to be greeted by the President of the United States of America, and to shake President Obama's hand at the moment that he received his diploma from West Point, no more proud a moment.

Ten days after that, Mr. President, this past Friday, I had the wonderful opportunity to see him get married. So, in a brief amount of time -- that is correct Mr. President, in 10 days he graduates from West Point, gets married, and right now, I presume he is sleeping in some hotel room in Maui on his honeymoon. I hope he is sleeping right about now getting a well-deserved rest with his bride, Rhianna. So, Lieutenant Alec Vincent Hughes and Rhianna, we are proud of both of you, and I wanted to put that on the record.

I also want to put on the record, Mr. President, the President's address about getting engaged and getting involved in smart military conflicts as opposed to compulsive warring which, of course, is a thing that we all think about for our young men and women as parents when they sign up to join the military hoping that they are not sent off, in some way, shape, or form, to put their life on the line, that we can get their time of service and they can skate through and not have to be conflicted or put in a situation where military action is part of their reality. But I witnessed the President's address in a very sobering moment and I listened closely and intensely to what he had to say and, quite frankly, I think he was on point, that we need to be smart about how we deal with our young men and women who choose to serve, as opposed to engaging in warring and conflict that may be unnecessary if we did not take the smart road.

Quite frankly, Mr. President, those two personal moments lead me to a broader issue that I think we are compelled to ad-

dress. Obviously, the business of military engagement has, for me, a more, well, maybe I should say it this way, requires me to look at military conflict through a little bit of a different prism now with my son and his bride as part of the United States military. We look at it a little bit differently. It is a little bit different prism that we see our children involved in. When we look at what is happening, we obviously see the issues that have confronted our veterans celebrated this past Memorial Day and, hopefully, celebrated every day, but we look at the conditions that our veterans are having to seek care. I think all of us on both sides of the aisle are a little bit dismayed, or maybe a lot dismayed, about their situation, about their reality. The kind of care that they should be getting should have already been in position years ago, and hopefully the direction that we are taking will get to the bottom of the problem, but also in the context of getting to the bottom of the problem that seems to exist in the Veterans Administration, that we can get to the appropriate solution to the problem. We need to understand that the need for services for our veterans has increased dramatically in the last 5 to 10 years, largely because of decisions around providing care for those veterans who suffer from Agent Orange. But, unfortunately, the resources to the Veterans Administration are not consistent with the growth and the amount of services necessary. So, our veterans are being provided services that most of them say is at the highest level but are not getting them in the appropriate timeframe, largely because of an inadequate funding of the Veterans Administration.

But that leads me to this issue, Mr. President. Many of us are just getting or finding out in the most recent 24 hours about what some may say is a hypocrisy that exists in the administration here in Harrisburg. What I mean by that, Mr. President, is that on this past June 8, which was just yesterday, an op-ed appeared in the Centre Daily Times written by the Governor speaking about time to right a wrong to our veterans. And the op-ed discussed at length the need to improve or deal with why there is a long waiting list, what is the status with veterans facilities, and things of that nature, but, basically led to that the President needed to do more with respect to our veterans. The reason why I say this is somewhat of a bit of a hypocrisy, Mr. President, is simply this: I guess there is an old biblical saying, let he who is without sin cast the first stone. I believe that is in the New Testament of the Good Book. The relationship to this issue is, Mr. President, that the op-ed written by the Governor talks about, I guess, several hundred veterans who may have an issue with respect to getting access to care from the Veterans Administration, and the hypocrisy goes to the fact that, quite frankly, Mr. President, if we had adopted Medicaid expansion as we should have in the beginning of the year and got it underway, that the 20,000 veterans who are eligible to receive care to Medicaid expansion have been left sitting aside.

In other words, Mr. President, of the half-million or so people who could get care through Medicaid expansion here in Pennsylvania, approximately 20,000 of them are veterans. That is according to the Urban Institute. But those 20,000 individuals, veterans, who should be getting care right now if we had adopted Medicaid expansion, are being left on the side. They are being left without access to care. They do not get the care that they should be getting, and there is no rational reason for them not to get it, except for a decision that this administration should have made 4, 5, or 6 months ago.

So, here is the deal. We could have had Medicaid expansion in place for at least a half-million people to be getting health insurance here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, paid 100 percent by the Federal government; 20,000 of those half-million individuals are veterans. You do not have the right to throw stones at the Federal government when you are not taking care of your own business in your own backyard. Do not wave your finger at the Federal government and say that they are not doing your job for these couple hundred veterans here who need to be addressed when you have the same opportunity to address 20,000 veterans who are sitting and waiting for health insurance from the Federal government. Medicaid expansion, already paid for, money in place, money ready to be spent in Pennsylvania to provide health insurance for a half-million people, 20,000 of those individuals are veterans. So you leave them sitting on the side and wave your finger at the President's administration for not doing what it is that they are supposed to do. There is a sense of hypocrisy there, Mr. President, a sense of hypocrisy.

If you care so much about these veterans, sign them up. Allow them to sign up and get access to care through Medicaid expansion. Take the money that has been booked for Pennsylvania. Right now, it is over \$1.6 billion that we have turned away that we have not accepted from the Federal government to Pennsylvania. Take that money, provide the care to the half-million people, 20,000 of whom are veterans. Get them the care that they can access, that they so desperately need. Do not wave your finger at Washington. Do what you are supposed to do here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Take the funds that are available, provide the care, take the care for the veterans, get them the assistance that they need and then everything else can work itself out. It is in the New Testament: Let he who hath no sin cast the first stone. Do not be hypocritical about this. Let us get this issue done. If we cannot figure out a way to get it done or if we cannot rationalize a way to get it done for a half-million people who could have health insurance by doing Medicaid expansion, at least rationalize it to provide health insurance coverage for the 20,000 veterans who are sitting there waiting for it who could be covered. Do not say to the Federal government and Veterans Administration, shame on you, when you could be taking care of your part of the issue by providing coverage for 20,000 veterans. So I rise, Mr. President, to highlight this apparent hypocrisy that has been presented to us in the last 24 hours. I rise, Mr. President, to say that, let us do the right thing for these veterans, for these half-million people.

Let us understand that by doing the right thing for these veterans, for these half-million people, that it would also help the rest of the problem that we have with respect to the State budget. We do Medicaid expansion. If we do it right away, we can book the numbers back to April, we can secure a significant portion of that \$1.6 billion into the State's economic system. We can save probably about \$300 million to \$400 million in current State spending and be a significant vehicle to balance the State's budget. That is available for us right now. That is the opportunity that is in front of us right now. So let us do the right thing by these veterans. Get them the care that they deserve to have. Stop waving our finger at the Veterans Administration in Washington, D.C., and take care of the business that should be taken care of at home here in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Get the Medicaid expansion done. Bring the dollars into the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Put some people back to work because they desperately need

work here in the Commonwealth. Provide the care for the half-million people and get the care to these 20,000 veterans who desperately need the care, deserve to have the care, should have the care, and if you say that the folks in Washington are not doing their job, ask yourself the question: Are you doing yours?

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Wagner.

Senator WAGNER. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about an issue that I have been very passionate about, and that is paycheck protection. The opponents of this critical reform want to talk about everything except the substance of the issue. They want to talk about how much or how little money is spent collecting dues. They want to talk about whether or not workers choose to have the dues automatically deducted. They want to talk about where these deductions get negotiated in the contracts. They even want to talk about crazy Scott Wagner saying things that he probably should not. You know what they do not want to talk about? The fact that public money is being used to collect campaign contributions for government unions. Let me say that again, public money is being used to collect campaign contributions for government unions.

Set all of the other ancillary conversations aside and think about the substance of the issue. Should taxpayers really be paying to collect campaign contributions? In the polling that I have seen, the answer from the public is clear, that they do not want their tax dollars being used in this way. I implore my colleagues here in the Senate and other counterparts in the House to work diligently to end this practice, which is unfair and unethical.

Today with me I have two copies of the PSEA "Voice." This is supposed to be the PSEA monthly magazine and it is really a political piece. What I find interesting is in the March issue, probably 7 to 10 pages are devoted to endorsing Rob McCord. But what I find more interesting is on one of the pages it talks about how Tom Corbett's agenda is failing Pennsylvania. Basically, for the last 60 days I have heard repeatedly, and I am reading right here that Tom Corbett's nearly \$1 billion in school funding cuts have caused a school funding crisis. I would like someone to show me the numbers that reflect the \$1 billion in school funding cuts that Governor Corbett has caused. If I go back, again, I went to 10 school districts in my Senate district, all 10 districts have received more State funding over the last 4 years and Federal funding was cut, and it had to do with the stimulus package. So this is the March issue. Here is the May issue. Again, this is a political piece. So, I would like to see this billion dollars that is being represented, that I continue to hear about, show me the numbers because my numbers do not reflect \$1 billion, and I think Governor Corbett has been very supportive of the education system.

I received an email this afternoon, and tomorrow afternoon we are going to talk about pensions. But in one of my school districts in my district, a former superintendent is receiving 92 percent of his former salary. He is retired, he was in the system for 38 years, he retired at age 60. And these are the legacy costs that we are going to pay for forever or until this person is no longer here.

But, we do have a lot of issues, we have pensions to deal with, we are talking about liquor reform, talking about paycheck protection, talking about the budget, and there are so many things

that are intertwined. We definitely have our work cut out over the next 30 days.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, thank you, first and foremost, for your patience. With respect to, again, the issue of paycheck protection, I received a letter from the Minority chair of the Committee on Appropriations, Senator Hughes, \$100 is the cost associated with the Commonwealth collecting resources.

But I want to go to education. As I stood here last week, \$229 million, State dollars, that we used to provide to school districts to support their charter school efforts is no longer provided to our charter schools. In fact, we have taken steps to make it more costly to our charter schools. With respect to the line item as it relates to our tutoring programs, I believe it was \$49 million, roughly \$49 million or \$50 million in the budget preceding when the Governor got here, gone. And the Governor has not replaced it and has not put it in. The list goes on in terms of the numbers of dollars that have been cut from education. The school districts are not eliminating 20,000-some positions because they just feel like it. Those are lost revenues that impact the quality of education that a child receives. The number of school districts that have increased their class sizes are remarkable in terms of what has been done.

I wanted to take a moment to look at how we deal with the funding along those lines, but I also want to talk a little bit about pensions. What we did here in 2010, before this Governor came here, we made some of the most sweeping and significant pension reforms to benefits for new employees. We reduced the multiplier from 2.5 percent down to 2 percent for all new employees going forward. We staved off a significant spike in allocations in what we would have to make. We changed the retirement age from 60 to 65. We changed the vesting period from 5 years to 10 years. We introduced a new concept of shared risk with respect to employees. All of those things were done to address the pension crisis, and it was not because of what the employees did or did not do, what that superintendent did or did not do. That superintendent the previous speaker referenced got up every day, went to work, managed a school district, and did what he was asked to do relative to his contributions. It was the State of Pennsylvania, this very Commonwealth, as well as the school districts, that failed to make the appropriate investments in the retirement system that has caused the problem, not the superintendent, not the schoolteachers, and we cannot move off of that fact.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania did not make the investments they needed to make at that particular point in time, and that is the problem of why we have a high level of pension obligations this particular year. But we recognized that in 2010, and we said back then we are going to have an issue for the next 5 years, and we are in the midst of that, and we are making our payments, and that is what we need to do as a Commonwealth, make our payments. As long as we do that this pension issue will resolve itself over a period of time.

The second issue, as it relates to that, as I said from this podium last week, Senate Democrats have put forth a reasonable and appropriate way in which we can manage this situation from now through the next 10 to 15 years. With specifics to the first

3 years, by lowering the collars by 1 percent allows us to do that. By introducing a thoughtful, smart, dedicated, and very narrowly crafted borrowing allows us to do that as well. We think that is the solution to what needs to be done as we go forward, along with the charter school double dip. All of that needs to be taken into consideration at one time. That will allow us to be able to continue to address our pension situation without kicking the can down the road, as recommended by this administration through their budget process. We do not believe in a 2 1/4-percent reduction in the collars without anything else being done as an appropriate solution. We think the solution that we have offered along the lines of pension is along those lines.

As it relates to some of the funding that no longer exists, just give me one moment and I will share that with the gentleman. As I mentioned earlier, there was \$226 million in charter school reimbursement; school improvement grants, \$22.8 million; dual enrollment, \$13.625 million; and the list goes on, as I indicated. The accountability block grant, \$150 million, does not exist anymore. Those are the places where that billion dollars has been cut. Those are the dollars that are not making their way back to the classrooms. Now, the Governor is going to point to a line item that says he put more money into that specific line item. That fact of the matter is, they rolled in other line items cuts to create the false impression that that is what is being done here, in our view, and that is exactly what is being done. We need to go back to making the investments that we used to make in education where we have proven results. Whether it is in the business community or in the government, the best thing to do is to make investments with proven results. We saw those proven results in the Rendell years when the Governor made investments, and we stayed here and we did not leave. We made a commitment to funding education, and we did not leave until we had that commitment solidified. We had the benefit, our kids, our children in school district after school district across this Commonwealth, your school districts and mine, all benefitted from those investments in education. Our scores were better at each level and each grade subject matter, and that is what we need to go back to as we move forward. I think that is the conversation that Senate Democrats have had for many, many years, wanted to make those investments. We did a little bit the last couple of years, but nowhere near enough, and that is what we need to do as we go forward.

I also believe that the Governor must feel the same way about making investments because he proposed that in his Budget Address. We do not agree with the way in which he drives it out; we think the appropriate way to drive it out is under the old accountability block grant process, we think it is a more appropriate distribution system and one that we already know how it operates, but at the end of the day, there are some folks who must believe that it is the right thing to do, providing more resources to education, otherwise it would not have been proposed. The sad thing is, without additional revenues, those increases in education are probably going to go by the wayside, and that is the disappointing part. That is the conversation that we have to have as we go forward.

We have to prioritize where we are going to make our investments. We believe it needs to be in education. We believe that is where the discussion needs to be, education, along those lines. Shoring up the holes in our social safety net, making sure we are talking about growing jobs, not talking about some of the other

issues that folks outside this building and outside this Commonwealth are trying to make issues here in Pennsylvania. I appreciate the opportunity on the floor.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Wagner.

Senator WAGNER. Mr. President, last week we had a conversation, and we talked about in one of my school districts, if you take 2010-11 and go back 5 years, the teachers' salaries in that district went up 31 percent over a 5-year period, 5.7 percent. Senator Costa's response was, well, that is the local school board doing that. In the "Voice" magazine, in the month of March, it talks about "Political bullying behind payroll deduction attacks." It goes on to say, and I have to find it here real quickly, but this is really interesting, "Payroll deduction is a local decision and is negotiated at the bargaining table during contract negotiations. So, ironically, the critics of big government want the state to unilaterally forbid local unions and local governments from negotiating collection of union dues through payroll." Tomorrow, when I come into the Chamber, I will show, I will give my colleagues on the other side of the aisle a comparison from the 5 years of teacher wage increases in that one specific district of 5.7 percent per year in one year when there was negative inflation. So we are going to continue to allow local people to make local decisions? I think not. Thank you.

BILL SIGNED

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

HB 2081.

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:46 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.