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SENATE
MONDAY, February 23, 2015

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rabbi YEHUDA SHEMTOV, Executive Director of Lubavitch of Bucks County, Newtown, offered the following prayer:

As we open today's Session in this hallowed room, we raise our heart upward. Upward to draw inspiration from our Creator and source of our being who endowed us all with a mission to bring morality and ethics to our society. We also raise our heart upward to heaven to understand the scope of what we do, where in the vastness of heaven we see a greatness so far greater than our little finite self. The vastness of our mission extends beyond just the here and now.

There are three types of people: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who do not even know something happened. The Rabbi has taught us that even when we do think we know what happened, even as all of you in this room are people who make things happen, ultimately what happens is really beyond what we can imagine. Therefore, the people we affect are greater than just the people in our communities. The decisions we make impact beyond our walls here in this room, but to so many, many people. Therefore, may today's Session bring spirited debate, sharing of opposing views, but a unity of heart with a goal to build better lives for yourselves, for your communities, all who you do know, and for those who you do not know. May this awareness of purpose guide you with an openness of mind, a purity of heart, and a focus on action. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Rabbi Shemtov, who is the guest today of Senator Mcllhinney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR

RECALL COMMUNICATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

February 23, 2015

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 the nomination dated February 5, 2015 of Thomas King Kistler, 147 Thunderhill Road, Centre Hall 16828, Centre County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, to serve until January 4, 2016, vice The Honorable Ronald D. Castille, mandatory retirement.

TOM WOLF
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:

February 19, 2015

Senators RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, AUMENT, VOGEL, FOLMER, WHITE and SCARNATI presented to the Chair SB 496, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No. 14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school finances, providing for millage rate increase.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 19, 2015.

Senators COSTA, BREWSTER, TARTAGLIONE, KITCHEN, FONTANA, FARNESE, HUGHES, BOSCOLA, BAKER, BROWNE and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair SB 497, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school finances, providing for millage rate increase.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 19, 2015.

Senators COSTA, BREWSTER, TARTAGLIONE, KITCHEN, FONTANA, FARNESE, HUGHES, BOSCOLA, BAKER, BROWNE and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair SB 498, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, adding a prohibition relating to adding rent rebates.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 19, 2015.
An Act providing for the time period for recording deeds from sheriff sales.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 19, 2015.

Senators COSTA, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER and SCHWANK presented to the Chair SB 499, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, providing for funding for schools operated by children's residential facilities.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 19, 2015.

Senators COSTA, GREENLEAF, FARNES, SCHWANK, YUDICHAK, FONTANA, BREWSTER, BLAKE, TARTAGLIONE, VULAKOVICH, HUGHES, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, PIELEGGI and BROWNE presented to the Chair SB 503, entitled:


Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 19, 2015.

Senators COSTA, KITCHEN, FONTANA, SMITH, BREWSTER, BROWNE, TARTAGLIONE and HUGHES presented to the Chair SB 504, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, further providing for tax relief and use of disbursements.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 19, 2015.

Senators COSTA, BLAKE, KITCHEN, FONTANA, FARNES, YUDICHAK, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, BROWNE, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, WILEY, BOSCOLA and LEACH presented to the Chair SB 505, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in film production tax credit, further providing for the definitions of "qualified tax liability" and "taxpayer."

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 19, 2015.

Senators COSTA, KITCHEN, FONTANA, FARNESE, YUDICHAK, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, VULAKOVICH, BOSCOLA, McGARRIGLE, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, MCILHINNEY, BROWNE and WILEY presented to the Chair SB 507, entitled:

An Act providing for the exclusion of veterans' disability benefits as eligible income.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 19, 2015.

Senators McGARRIGLE, VULAKOVICH, MENSCH, PIELEGGI, ALLOWAY, WILLIAMS and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair SB 511, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in procedure, further providing for written requests; and in judicial review, further providing for fee limitations.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 19, 2015.

Senators McGARRIGLE, BOSCOLA, ARGALL, VANCE and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair SB 512, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in district election officers, further providing for vacancies in election boards.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 19, 2015.

Senators COSTA, BREWSTER, TARTAGLIONE, KITCHEN, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, WARD, FARNES, VULAKOVICH, GREENLEAF, SCHWANK, SMITH, YUDICHAK, WILEY, BLAKE, WILLIAMS, BOSCOLA, HUTCHINSON, VOGL, AUMENT, HUGHES, MENSCH, BAKER, STEFANO, McGARRIGLE, RAFFERTY, BROWNE and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair SB 510, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, further providing for the definition of "employer."

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 19, 2015.

Senators COSTA, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, BREWSTER, VULAKOVICH, BAKER, BOSCOLA, SCHWANK, YUDICHAK, VANCE, ALLOWAY, AUMENT, SMITH, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, BROWNE, WARD, WILLIAMS, FARNES, FOLMER, MCILHINNEY and LEACH presented to the Chair SB 507, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in ethics standards and financial disclosure, further defining "candidate."

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 19, 2015.

Senators COSTA, KITCHEN, FARNES, GREENLEAF, WILLIAMS, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, BREWSTER, VULAKOVICH, BOSCOLA, McGARRIGLE, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, MCILHINNEY, BROWNE and WILEY presented to the Chair SB 508, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in procedure, further providing for exceptions for public records.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 19, 2015.
Senators VANCE, KITCHEN, DINNIMAN, BAKER, VULAKOVICH, BREWSTER, MENSCH, HUGHES and AUMENT presented to the Chair SB 514, entitled:
An Act amending the act of November 24, 1976 (P.L.1163, No.259), referred to as the Generic Equivalent Drug Law, further providing for definitions, for substitutions, for posting requirements, for powers and duties of Department of Health and for immunity of pharmacists under certain circumstances.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 19, 2015.

Senators TEPLITZ, SCARNATI, COSTA, VULAKOVICH, TARTAGLIONE and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair SB 515, entitled:
An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and in terms and courses of study, further providing for fire and emergency evacuation drills.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 19, 2015.

Senators TEPLITZ, BREWSTER, FONTANA, HUGHES, SCHWANK, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, SMITH and BLAKE presented to the Chair SB 516, entitled:
An Act amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), known as the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, in preliminary provisions, defining "certified lifeguard"; and, in Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, providing for certified lifeguard requirement in State parks with public beaches.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 19, 2015.

Senators TEPLITZ, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, BLAKE, SCHWANK, COSTA, FONTANA, HUGHES, VULAKOVICH, SMITH, FARNESE, LEACH and BROWNE presented to the Chair SB 517, entitled:
An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in organization of courts of common pleas, providing for veterans and service member courts.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 19, 2015.

Senators McGARRIGLE, GREENLEAF, PILEGGI, YUDICHAK, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, McILHINNEY and LEACH presented to the Chair SB 519, entitled:
An Act amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in unconventional gas well fee, further providing for expiration of provisions; providing for the taxation of natural gas extraction; and establishing the Severance Tax for Education Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 19, 2015.

Senators McGARRIGLE, GREENLEAF, YAW, SCARNATI, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, ALLOWAY, COSTA, SMITH and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair SB 520, entitled:
An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in criminal history record information, further providing for general regulations; and, in child protective services, further providing for information relating to prospective child-care personnel.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 19, 2015.

Senators GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, BREWSTER, VULAKOVICH, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA, HUGHES, GORDNER, ALLOWAY and LEACH presented to the Chair SB 522, entitled:
A Joint Resolution proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, making editorial changes by replacing the phrase "justice of the peace" with "magisterial district judge."

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 19, 2015.

Senators SCARNATI, YAW, GREENLEAF, ALLOWAY, FOLMER, WAGNER, VULAKOVICH, STEFANO, WHITE, RAFFERTY, WARD, HUGHES, YUDICHAK, TEPLITZ and SCHWANK presented to the Chair SB 524, entitled:
An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Non-narcotic Medication Assisted Substance Abuse Treatment Grant Program; and, imposing powers and duties on the Department of Corrections.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 19, 2015.

Senators SCHWANK, COSTA, FONTANA, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair SB 525, entitled:
An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Prison Industry Enhancement Authority; providing for employment of prisoners by private industry and for subcontracts with correctional agencies; establishing guidelines for prisoner compensation; and providing for location of private sector prison industry.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 19, 2015.

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Senators TEPLITZ, SCHWANK, COSTA, FONTANA and BREWSTER presented to the Chair SB 160, entitled:
An Act amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), known as The Third Class City Code, in fire bureau, providing for emergency services reimbursement.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 20, 2015.

Senators EICHELBERGER, BLAKE, FOLMER, TEPLITZ, VULAKOVICH, VANCE, SCHWANK, BOSCOLA, YUDICHAK and BROWNE presented to the Chair SB 340, entitled:
An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in indebtedness and borrowing, further providing for definitions, for classification and authority to issue bonds and notes, for cost of project and for exclusion of other self-liquidating debt to determine net nonelectoral debt or net lease rental debt; providing for preliminary filings with the department prior to the issuance of certain debt; further providing for small borrowing for capital purposes, for debt statement, for submission to department, for certificate of approval of transcript, for effect of failure of timely action by department
and for records of department; and providing for duties of participants in transactions relating to incurring debt and issuing bonds and notes.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 20, 2015.

Senators BLAKE, EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, FARNESE, VULAKOVICH, VANCE, YUDICHAK, SCHWANK, COSTA, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY and BROWNE presented to the Chair SB 341, entitled:
An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further providing for money of authority and for competition in award of contracts; and, in ethics standards and financial disclosure, further providing for investigations by commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 20, 2015.

Senators FOLMER, BLAKE, EICHELBERGER, TEPLITZ, VULAKOVICH, VANCE, YUDICHAK, SCHWANK, GORDNER, BOSCOLA and BROWNE presented to the Chair SB 342, entitled:
An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, providing for interest rate risk and interest cost management; and, in indebtedness and borrowing, further providing for definitions; and expanding the scope of provisions relating to interest rate risk and interest cost management to include authorities.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 20, 2015.

Senators TEPLITZ, FOLMER, BLAKE, EICHELBERGER, FARNESE, VULAKOVICH, VANCE, YUDICHAK, COSTA, BOSCOLA, BROWNE and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair SB 343, entitled:
An Act providing for requirements for interest rate management agreements entered into by a city or county of the first class.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 20, 2015.

Senators EICHELBERGER, TEPLITZ, VULAKOVICH, VANCE, SCHWANK, FOLMER, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY and BROWNE presented to the Chair SB 344, entitled:
An Act amending the act of December 20, 1967 (P.L.869, No.385), known as the Public Works Contractors' Bond Law of 1967, further providing for duty of prime contractor to provide financial security in certain contracts involving public works and public improvements.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 20, 2015.

Senators YUDICHAK, VOGEL, FONTANA, ARGALL, COSTA, BREWSTER, BAKER, BOSCOLA, GORDNER, SMITH, TARTAGLIONE, WHITE and BROWNE presented to the Chair SB 420, entitled:
An Act providing for State assistance grants to municipalities for regionalizing police operations; imposing powers and duties on the Center for Local Government Services; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 20, 2015.

Senators RAFFERTY, BROWNE, VULAKOVICH, YUDICHAK, BOSCOLA and SCARNATI presented to the Chair SB 463, entitled:
An Act providing for a memorandum of understanding between the Commonwealth and the United States Department of Justice or Department of Homeland Security.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, February 20, 2015.

Senators BAKER, SCAVELLO, WHITE, BROOKS, WARD, VULAKOVICH, ALLOWAY, RAFFERTY, VANCE and MENSCH presented to the Chair SB 490, entitled:
An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, further providing for organization of agency.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 20, 2015.

Senators WAGNER, SCARNATI, EICHELBERGER, SMUCKER, ALLOWAY, WHITE, AUMENT, FOLMER, CORMAN and BARTOLOTTA presented to the Chair SB 500, entitled:
A Joint Resolution proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, prohibiting the Executive Department and school districts from making payroll collections of dues, fees and political contributions.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, on February 20, 2015.

Senators EICHELBERGER, SCARNATI, BARTOLOTTA, YAW, AUMENT, CORMAN, FOLMER, WHITE, SMUCKER, HUTCHINSON, STEFANO, ALLOWAY, VULAKOVICH, GORDNER, MENSCH and WAGNER presented to the Chair SB 501, entitled:
An Act providing for protection of paychecks of certain workers, for the collection of membership dues and political contributions; and repealing certain provisions of The Administrative Code of 1929 and the Public Employee Fair Share Fee Law.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 20, 2015.

Senators COSTA, BLAKE, FARNESE, SCHWANK, FONTANA, BREWSTER, TARTAGLIONE, VULAKOVICH, HUGHES and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair SB 509, entitled:
An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, providing for the Commonwealth Technology Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, February 20, 2015.

Senators PILEGGI, BAKER, COSTA, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, GORDNER, VULAKOVICH, HUGHES, SCHWANK and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair SB 518, entitled:
An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fiduciary access to digital...
assets, providing for access by personal representative to digital assets of decedent, for access by conservator to digital assets of protected person, for access by agent to digital assets of principal, for access by trustee to digital assets, for fiduciary authority, for compliance, for custodian immunity, for uniformity of application and construction and for applicability.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 20, 2015.

Senators GREENLEAF, VULAKOVICH, ALLOWAY, FOLMER, LEACH and BROWNE presented to the Chair SB 521, entitled:
A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for qualifications of certain judges.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 20, 2015.

Senators GREENLEAF, VULAKOVICH and ALLOWAY presented to the Chair SB 523, entitled:
A Joint Resolution proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for retention election of justices of the peace.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 20, 2015.

Senators GORDNER, SCAVELLO, SCARNATI, WARD, ALLOWAY, BAKER, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK and MENSCHE presented to the Chair SB 526, entitled:
An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in auditors and accountants, further providing for completion, filing and publication of annual township report and financial statement.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 20, 2015.

Senators FARNSENE, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, BREWSTER, BOSCOLA, WARD, HUGHES, COSTA, RAFFERTY and LEACH presented to the Chair SB 527, entitled:
An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in falsification and intimidation, providing for the offenses of failure to comply with animal abuse registration requirements and of illegal use of animal abuse registry information; in sentencing, providing for animal abuse registry; and establishing the Animal Abuse Registry Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 20, 2015.

Senators FARNSENE, FONTANA, BLAKE, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, ALLOWAY and WARD presented to the Chair SB 529, entitled:
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 and in school health services, repealing provisions relating to CPR instruction and to cardiopulmonary resuscitation; providing for medical emergency instruction and procedures and for required instruction for CPR and first aid.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 20, 2015.

Senators FARNSENE, COSTA, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair SB 530, entitled:
An Act amending the act of April 16, 1992 (P.L.155, No.28), known as the Assessors Certification Act, further providing for nonapplicability; and providing for assessors in counties of the first class.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 20, 2015.

Senators FARNSENE, FONTANA, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, WILLIAMS and KITCHEN presented to the Chair SB 531, entitled:
An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, reenacted and amended June 29, 1987 (P.L.32, No.14), in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for applicants to provide State tax identification numbers and statement of State tax status and waiver of confidentiality of information in the possession of the Department of Revenue and other departments and review of State tax status.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, February 20, 2015.

Senators EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, SCAVELLO, BREWSTER, WHITE, HUTCHINSON, WARD, ALLOWAY, WOZNIAK, RAFFERTY and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair SB 532, 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; and providing for specific powers and duties with regard to opioid addiction treatment.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 20, 2015.

Senators EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, FOLMER, VULAKOVICH and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair SB 533, entitled:
An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in other criminal provisions, further providing for supervisory relationship to offenders.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 20, 2015.

Senators EICHELBERGER, ALLOWAY, WOZNIAK and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair SB 534, entitled:
An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further providing for purposes and powers.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 20, 2015.

Senators VULAKOVICH, ALLOWAY, AUMENT, BLAKE, BAKER, BREWSTER, BROWNE, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, FONTANA, HAYWOOD, MENSCH, PILEGGI, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, SMITH, SMUCKER, STEFANO, TEPLITZ, WHITE, YUDICHAK and KITCHEN presented to the Chair SB 535, entitled:
An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 20, 2015.

February 23, 2015

Senators FOLMER, VogEL, eichelberger, ward, hutchinson, vulakovich, Bartolotta, browne, GORDNER, ALLOWAY, AUMENT, STEFANO, WHITE, SCARNATI, RAFFERTY and ARGALL presented to the Chair SR 28, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education), 71 (State Government) and 72 (Taxation and Fiscal Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in retirement for school employees as to membership, contributions and benefits, further providing for actuarial cost method; in administration and miscellaneous provisions, further providing for administrative duties of board; in retirement for State employees and officers as to contributions, further providing for actuarial cost method; in administration, funds, accounts, general provisions, further providing for administrative duties of board; providing for taxpayer protection; and repealing certain provisions of the Fiscal Code.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 23, 2015.

Senators Bartolotta, eichelberger, alloway, ARGALL, FOLMER, Vulakovich, Scarnati, GORDNER, VogEL, AUMENT, ward, RAFFERTY, Hutchinston, STEFANO, Mensch, White, wagner, Brooks, browne and Smucker presented to the Chair SB 70, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in taxation and finance, providing for spending limitations.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 23, 2015.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

February 20, 2015

Senators KITCHEN, FARNese, VANCE, YUDICHAK, Greenleaf, Brewster, Haywood, RAFFERTY, Hughes, Boscola and Dinniman presented to the Chair SR 27, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Advisory Committee on Public Health Law of the Joint State Government Commission to study the issue of youth vaccinations and immunizations to determine whether any amendments should be made to the Commonwealth's public health law.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, February 20, 2015.

February 23, 2015

Senators scavello, tomlinson, ALLOWay, costa, ARGALL, TEPLITZ, VogEL, RAFFERTY, wiley, YUDICHAK, VULAKovich, ward, Boscola and BAKER presented to the Chair SR 28, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution establishing the Joint Select Committee on Institutions of Purely Public Charity.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 23, 2015.

HOUSE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bill for concurrence, which was referred to the committee indicated:

February 19, 2015

HB 221 -- Committee on Judiciary.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

REPORT OF THE REMEDIATION OF USED TIRE PILES

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
P.O. Box 2063
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

February 13, 2015

Ms. Megan Totino Consedine
Secretary-Parliamentarian of the Senate
Senate Post Office Box 203053
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

Dear Ms. Consedine:

As required by the amendments to the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 24 of 2010), the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is pleased to provide to you its annual report regarding the Used Tire Pile Remediation Restricted Account and the Remediation of Used Tire Piles.

The report summarizes DEP's efforts conducted for calendar year 2014 and lists the priority remediation projects that are planned for the coming year.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Legislative Affairs by telephone at 717.783.8303.

Sincerely,

JOHN QUIGLEY
Acting Secretary

The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the Library.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the President pro tempore has made the following appointment:
LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Tomlinson and Senator White.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests legislative leaves for Senator Tomlinson and Senator White. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, February 23, 2015

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article H, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, March 2, 2015, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article I, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, March 2, 2015, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The yeas and nays were required by Senator COR/IAN and were as follows, viz:

YEA-49

Alloway  Eichetberger  Mensch  Vogel
Argall    Farnese     Pileggi   Vulakovich
Aument    Foller      Rafferty  Wagner
Baker     Fontana     Scarnati  Ward
Bartolotta  Gordner  Scavello  White
Blake    Greenleaf   Schwank  Wiley
Boscola  Haywood     Smith  Williams
Brewster  Hughes    Smucker  Wozniak
Brooks  Hatchinson  Stefano  Yaw
Browne  Kitchen  Tartaglione  Yudichak
Corman  Leach    Teplitz
Costa  McGarrigle  Tomlinson
Costa  McHinney  Vance

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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR PATRICIA H. VANCE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. For introduction of some guests, and for purposes of the Senators' information, I want you to know these are very important guests of Senator Vance. They are State champions. Senator Vance has not threatened me, but let us say she has used strong language on her desire to have the Senators' attention. So, please give the gentlewoman your full attention on the introduction of her guests.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Cumberland, Senator Vance.

Senator VANCE. Mr. President, I am sure most of the Members of the Senate know this, but for the new Senate Members, when a team wins a State championship the first time, they sit in the gallery. When they win the second time, they sit in the gallery, according to Senate tradition. I am very proud to present the Cumberland Valley cheerleaders, who are the third-time State champions. They captured the 2015 PIAA Competitive Spirit Championship in the large varsity division in January. The team of 33 defeated six other teams in the finals with a score of 251.20. The second-place team was almost 9 points behind. As I said, this is the third consecutive State title for the squad. They are also the District III large varsity division champions this year.

The team is coached by Kristi Shaffner and assisted by Bethany Mullin. They are led by seniors Kelsey Baker, Tessa Bishop, Alyssa Dively, Ali Gray, Lauren Hendrickson, Jessica Jones, Sofia Kaldes, Arianna Moyer, Lily Panekiewicz, and Kendra Reed. The team and coaches are on the floor. Please give them a very warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Vance please rise so that we may cheer for you.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR CHARLES McILHINNEY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator McIlhinney.

Senator McILHINNEY. Mr. President, I want to extend my thanks to my constituent, Rabbi Shemtov of the Lubavitch of Bucks County, for being here today and acting as our guest Chaplain. I ask all of the Senators to give him a warm Senate welcome.

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

(Applause.)

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, to be followed by a meeting of the Committee on State Government to be held in the Rules room, to be followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.
Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the two meetings referenced by the Majority Leader, 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 a meeting of the Committee on State Government, to be followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator White.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator White.

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 166 (Pr. No. 102) – The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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 Eichelberger Mensch Vogel
Argall Farnese Pileggi Vulakovich
Aument Folmer Rafferty Wagner
Baker Gordan Scarnati Ward
Bartolotta Greenleaf Scavello White
Blake Haywood Schwank Wiley
Boscola Smith Williams

NAY-0

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 293 (Pr. No. 304) – The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act regulating navigators and assisters in the education and promotion of health insurance exchanges.

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-30

Alloway Eichelberger Pileggi Vogel
Argall Folmer Rafferty Vulakovich
Aument Gordan Scarnati Wagner
Baker Greenleaf Scavello Ward
Bartolotta Hutchinson Smucker White
Brooks Mcllhinney Tomlinson Yaw
Corman Mensch Yudichak

NAY-19

Blake Farnese Leach Williams
Boscola Fontana Schwank Woźniak
Brewster Haywood Smith Yudichak
Costa Hughes Tartaglione
Dinniman Kitchen Teplitz
SB 316 (Pr. No. 206) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, providing for public access to procurement records; and, in source selection and contract formation, further providing for sole source procurement and for emergency procurement.

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:

YEAS-49
Alloway          Eichelberger          Mensch          Vogel
Argall           Farnese              Pileggi          Vulakovich
Aument           Folmer               Rafferty         Wagner
Baker            Fontana              Scarnati         Ward
Bartolotta       Gordner              Scavello         White
Blake            Greenleaf            Schwank          Wiley
Boscola          Haywood              Smith            Williams
Brexter          Hughes               Smucker          Wozniak
Brooks           Hutchinson           Stefano          Yaw
Brown            Kitchen              Tartaglione      Yudichak
Corman           Leach                Teplitz          
Costa            McGarrigle          Tomlinson
Dinniman         McIlhinney          Vance

NAYS-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.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 61 (Pr. No. 40) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in operation of vehicles, further providing for drivers of emergency vehicles.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL REREFERRED

SB 82 (Pr. No. 58) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, further providing for powers and duties of county boards of election.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 89, HB 90 and SB 130 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS REREFERRED

HB 152 (Pr. No. 566) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:


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

HB 159 (Pr. No. 145) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for medical professional liability reciprocal exchange-to-stock conversion and for adoption of plan of conversion; imposing duties on Insurance Commissioner; providing for contents of plan of conversion, for alternative plan of conversion, for effective date of plan, for rights of subscribers whose policies are issued after adoption of plan and before effective date, for corporate existence, for conflict of interest, for failure to give notice, for limitation on actions, for reciprocal insurer insolvent or in hazardous financial condition, for rules and regulations, for laws applicable to stock company, for licensing of stock company and commencement of business as an insurance company, for amendment of policies and for prohibition on acquisitions of control.

Upon motion of Senator CORMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.
An Act designating the interchange of State Route 43 at the Mon-Fayette Expressway Interchange with State Route 88, known as Exit 28, in Washington County as the Marine Cpl. Thomas R. Matty Memorial Interchange; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1013, known as Knupp Road, over the Hypocrite Creek, Fairfield Township, Westmoreland County, as the PFC LeRoy D. "Whitey" Schaller Bridge; and designating a portion of State Route 711 in New Florence Borough through St. Clair Township, Westmoreland County, as the Veterans Highway.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?
Senator RAFFERTY offered the following amendment No. A0150:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by striking out "AND"
Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by striking out the period after "HIGHWAY" and inserting:
and designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 88 over Muddy Creek, Cumberland Township, Greene County, as the Army Corporal Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 8 and 9:
Section 4. Army Corporal Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

(a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., was born on March 31, 1973, in Waynesburg.

(2) Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., enlisted in the United States Army and completed basic training in June 1992.

(3) Corporal Kowalewski was later assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

(4) As part of a United Nations peace keeping operation, Corporal Kowalewski was deployed to Somalia in August 1993.

(5) On October 3, 1993, Corporal Kowalewski, along with 17 other men, were killed in the Battle of Mogadishu. During the battle, a group of Somalis, armed with automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades, ambushed Corporal Kowalewski's convoy while in route to rescue downed pilots of a Black Hawk helicopter.

(6) The encounter has been described as one of our country's most violent firefight since Vietnam. The battle was later depicted in the famous novel and movie "Black Hawk Down."

(7) For his heroic actions during battle, Corporal Kowalewski was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor and the Purple Heart.

(b) Designation.--The Bridge located on State Route 88 in Cumberland Township, Greene County, Section Q10, Segment 0300/0000, Structure Number S-31843, over Muddy Creek is hereby designated the Army Corporal Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

(c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs which shall display the name of the bridge designated in subsection (b).

Amend Bill, page 3, line 9, by striking out "4" and inserting:
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On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Rafferty.
mission all the powers of the Delaware River Bridge Joint Commission; and making an appropriation," further providing for the Delaware River Joint Commission, for composition, for employees, for financing and for executive sessions; providing for majority approval and contract procedures; further providing for report; providing for conflicts of interest, for master plan and creating the Port Authority Transit Corporation Commuter’s Council; further providing for definitions; authorizing the Governor to apply for approval; prohibiting the entrance into a compact until passage of a similar act; and making editorial changes.

SB 287 (Pr. No. 165) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 12, 1931 (P.L.575, No.200), entitled "An act providing for joint action by Pennsylvania and New Jersey in the development of the ports on the lower Delaware River, and the improvement of the facilities for transportation across the river; authorizing the Governor, for these purposes, to enter into an agreement with New Jersey; creating The Delaware River Joint Commission and specifying the powers and duties thereof, including the power to finance projects by the issuance of revenue bonds; transferring to the new commission all the powers of the Delaware River Bridge Joint Commission; and making an appropriation," providing for gubernatorial veto.

SB 385 (Pr. No. 500) (Amended) (Rereported)

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS RESOLUTION REREFERRED

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Resolution No. 27, which is currently in the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, be rereferred to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?
A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

The PRESIDENT. Senate Resolution No. 27 is rereferred to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 9 (Pr. No. 241) – The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act requiring identification of lawful presence in the United States as a prerequisite to the receipt of public benefits.

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 266 (Pr. No. 146)

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, to grant and convey to the Bear Valley Franklin County Pennsylvania Joint Authority, or its assigns, two permanent utility and access easements from lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the Fort Loudon Historical Site situate in Peters Township, Franklin County, for purpose of groundwater withdrawal.

SB 500 (Pr. No. 496)

A Joint Resolution proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, prohibiting the Executive Department and school districts from making payroll collections of dues, fees and political contributions.

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators VOGEL, WAGNER, BROOKS, TEPLITZ, DINNIMAN, ARGALL, HAYWOOD, WARD, SCARNATI, YAW, GREENLEAF, BAKER, EICHELBERGER, KITCHEN, WHITE, SCHWANK, VANCE, PILEGGI, GORDNER, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, MENSCH, FOLMER, SMITH, HUGHES, VULAKOVICH and BOSCOLA, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 29, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of February 21 through 28, 2015, as “FFA Week” in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver, Senator Vogel.

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, today I rise to introduce a resolution for “FFA Week” in Pennsylvania. The FFA officer team is here in Harrisburg today. The FFA of the 21st century welcomes young men and women with diverse backgrounds. FFA membership has reached a 28-year high, with more than 624,000 members in 50 States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; 27 percent of the membership lives in rural areas, and females comprise 37 percent of the total membership and nearly 50 percent of all of the officer teams. These young people across the Commonwealth continue to wear the traditional blue corduroy jackets. I want to personally thank the State FFA for honoring me last fall at their national convention in Louisville, Kentucky, with an honorary American FFA degree. It was a great honor and greatly appreciated.

In closing, I believe the FFA creed expresses our belief in the future of agriculture, and I quote: “With a faith born not of words but of deeds." So I would like to designate the week of February 21 to 28, 2015, as FFA Week in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.
The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Berks, Senator Schwank.

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I merely rise to support Senator Vogel’s resolution regarding FFA Week. Each year we do this and each year all of us have seen those familiar blue jackets wandering the Capitol here in Harrisburg. There is no better youth leadership organization, particularly for youth in agricultural fields, than the Future Farmers of America, or FFA. As a former FFA advisor, Mr. President, I truly do understand how important this organization is and how needed it is in today’s agricultural field that we have young people who are ready to lead, not only in terms of the agricultural occupations, but in terms of the Commonwealth and this nation. The training they get prepares them for it.

I am always delighted to see those young people. This week, the State leadership or officers are touring the Capitol. I hope all of my colleagues will welcome them in. They are delightful young people. You will leave being encouraged by these young folks.

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 the Rotary Club of Pottsville by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Raught, Mr. and Mrs. John Smurkoski, Anthony G. Kubasek and to Sylvania Lodge No. 354, Free and Accepted Masons by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert S. Lepre, Jr., by Senator Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Robert D. Robbins and to the Honorable Richard R. Stevenson by Senator Brooks.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Harry Lewis, Jr., by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra by Senator Farnese.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Point State Park by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Troop 3 of the Boy Scouts of America by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ron Keeney, John Cooper and to Butler County Community College by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Austin Lincoln Eaton by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. James Seibert, Marjorie E. Zipin, Lyle L. Rosenberger and to the Dow Chemical Company by Senator Mensch and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mary L. Culbreath, Ruth G. Valley and to Gordon R. Fetter by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Spring-Ford Youth Athletic League 8-and-Under Baseball Team by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dolores Eastman by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kenny Brightbill, Donnie Kreitz, Jr., Reading Race Reunion and Car Show and to the Gospel Jubilee choir by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Calvin Douglas Keene by Senator Smucker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dale Rohm, Tractor Supply Company and to the Perry County Association of Township Officials by Senator Teplitz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Colonel Kraig A. Artz by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ryan Andrew Farbacher and to Frazer No. 2 Volunteer Fire Company by Senator Vulakovich.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following resolutions, which were read, considered, and adopted by voice vote: Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Irene Zaleskas and to the family of the late Jean M. Foley by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Paul M. Platukis by Senator Yudichak.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator RAFFERTY. 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 266 and SB 500.

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

BILL REREFERRED

Upon motion of Senator CORMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the following bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations:

SB 500.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE MEETINGS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015

9:30 A.M. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Bills No. 214, 289 and 307)
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, this red tie today may have a different significance. Today we celebrate the 70th anniversary of a monumental feat of a decisive battle in World War II. This is the day that the flag was raised on Iwo Jima by five Marines and one Navy corpsman. We have all seen the photo in the magazines and in our history books. It was a momentous occasion because it showed the turning of the tide for the battle for that important, strategic island during World War II, the battle of the Pacific, and stamped the approval for the battle plans of both Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz and Army General Douglas MacArthur to bring victory in the southeast.

We want to remember, specifically, Mr. President, the many Marines who gave their lives fighting for that piece of real estate in the southeast Pacific, that very important island for us to go forward with the defeat of the Japanese Empire during World War II. I want to take this occasion to thank those survivors, one who, by the way, Mr. President, used to serve in this hall, Senator Dick Tilghman was a Marine on Iwo Jima during that battle. I think that we need to take the time once in a while to sit back and remember the sacrifices those brave men made for us in that horrific and horrible war we know as World War II.

So, I salute the members of the United States Marine Corps, for all of the Navy corpsmen and all of those who worked to free Iwo Jima from Japanese control and worked for the decisive victory in the southeast and in the Pacific Ocean.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator WOZNIAK. Mr. President, I rise to reiterate the kind words from Senator Rafferty. It was a long time ago on an island down in southeast Asia, the battle of Iwo Jima, and most poignant, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, more tightly, Franklin Borough, just outside the city of Johnstown, Sergeant Michael Strank was one of the soldiers who actually is in that statue. He was one of the soldiers who raised that flag over Iwo Jima. Unfortunately, he never came home from that battle. They just did a documentary and it was aired at the War Memorial this Saturday, so sometime in the future it will be on television or available.

But I want everybody to remember now that many of those Second World War veterans are well into their 90s, their history is beginning to wane, but it is incumbent upon us, whose fathers and grandfathers served in that war, to always remember. So on this anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima, let us never forget.