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SENATE

MONDAY, March 2, 2015

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend ELAINE DENT, Pastor of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Cumberland, offered the following prayer:

A psalmist writes, O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known His deeds among the people. Seek the Lord, and his strength; seek God's presence continually.

Let us pray.

Creator God, on this winter day, we give thanks for the beauty of Pennsylvania, for eagles nesting along the rivers, for orchards on snowy hills, for rich farmland waiting to be plowed, for the expectation of snow geese arriving at Middle Creek, for the deer and the hibernating bear, for the snow on the mountains that will melt into our streams, for our communities and neighborhoods. We humbly thank You for such beauty and goodness.

God of wisdom, You have given to this governing body challenging work to carry out for the sake of others. Grant wisdom this day, wisdom to listen carefully in order to understand fully. Grant courage this day, courage to speak the truth clearly and respectfully, even when unpopular. Grant compassion this day, compassion to notice and care for those in our Commonwealth who have great needs but little voice and few resources. Grant creative imagination so that with differing views working together, better legislation can be created for all. Grant humility on this day to know that no one of us has all of the right answers. Grant vision to plan decisions that care for future generations, and grant laughter to enjoy working beside one another.

God of strength, though given great responsibility, we are only human and have our own needs. Strengthen those in this room who this day are dealing with health issues, personal struggles, those who are away from their families this week, and those who are weary from long work hours. Bring healing, peace, hope, joy at our homecomings, and refreshment to our bodies and souls so that we may faithfully continue in the work You have called us to do. We humbly ask these things in Your name, trusting Your presence to be with us in this place. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Dent, who is the guest today of Senator Vance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

**CORRECTIONS TO CORRECTIONS TO
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:

SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

February 25, 2015

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

Please note the nomination dated February 4 and the letter dated February 13 should read:

Please note that the letter dated February 4, 2015 for the nomination of John Quigley, 153 N 17th Street, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Environmental Protection, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable *[sic]* Dana Aunkst, Mount Holly Springs, resigned, should be corrected to read:

John Quigley, 153 N 17th Street, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Environmental Protection, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable E. Christopher Abruzzo, Hershey, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

PHYSICIAN GENERAL

February 25, 2015

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

Please note that the nomination dated February 4 and the letter dated February 13 should read:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Rachel Levine, 118 Autumnwood Drive, Middletown 17057, Dauphin County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Physician General, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Carrie Delone, Camp Hill, resigned.

Rachel Levine, 118 Autumnwood Drive, Middletown 17057, Dauphin County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Physi-

cian General, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Carrie Delone, Camp Hill, resigned.

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:

March 2, 2015

Senators McILHINNEY, YAW, GREENLEAF, MENSCH, ALLOWAY, FOLMER, AUMENT and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 570**, entitled:

An Act providing for authorization of development and operation of facilities to improve cost-efficiency in agricultural production or support agricultural marketing or agritourism enterprises on farms and for the establishment of minimum standards for land development and for construction of buildings that support agricultural cost-improvement activities and are used in agricultural marketing and agritourism enterprises; establishing the Farm Enterprise Standards Board and providing for its powers and duties; imposing limitations in local governmental authority; providing for State preemption; and making inconsistent repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 2, 2015.

Senators McILHINNEY, ALLOWAY, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, SCHWANK, COSTA, RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, BOSCOLA, HUGHES and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 571**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1984 (P.L.206, No.43), known as the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act, further providing for definitions; providing for applications and requests for approval for facilities and activities in critical zone, for wellhead protection, for surface water intake protection, for civil and criminal penalties and for other enforcement; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 2, 2015.

Senators McILHINNEY and GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 572**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, in appeals to court, further providing for intervention.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 2, 2015.

Senators McILHINNEY, TEPLITZ, MENSCH, ALLOWAY, RAFFERTY, HUTCHINSON, YUDICHAK, SMITH, WARD, TARTAGLIONE, WILEY, BOSCOLA and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 573**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in judicial computer system, further providing for deposits into account.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 2, 2015.

Senators McILHINNEY, BREWSTER, GREENLEAF, McGARRIGLE, FONTANA, ALLOWAY, WHITE, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, SMITH, COSTA, VULAKOVICH, BOSCOLA, WOZNAK and LEACH presented to the Chair **SB 574**, 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.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 2, 2015.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, FARNESE, ALLOWAY, BREWSTER, TARTAGLIONE, TEPLITZ, RAFFERTY and WILEY presented to the Chair **SB 575**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Municipal Firefighter Education and Training Program; providing for the powers and duties of the State Fire Commissioner; and prescribing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 2, 2015.

Senators BOSCOLA, MENSCH, WOZNAK and GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 576**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in the State System of Higher Education, further providing for project contracts.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 2, 2015.

Senators GREENLEAF, GORDNER, BOSCOLA, VULAKOVICH, ALLOWAY and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 577**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in officers serving process and enforcing orders, providing for municipal police.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 2, 2015.

Senators GREENLEAF, FARNESE, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, BOSCOLA, HUGHES and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 578**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting certain acts in restraint of trade or commerce; prescribing the powers and duties of Attorney General; establishing certain civil cause of action; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 2, 2015.

Senators GREENLEAF, BLAKE, SCHWANK, BOSCOLA, WILLIAMS, VULAKOVICH, BROWNE, RAFFERTY and PILEGGI presented to the Chair **SB 579**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 2, 2015.

Senators EICHELBERGER, WHITE, SCARNATI, ALLOWAY, BAKER, FOLMER, VULAKOVICH and AUMENT presented to the Chair **SB 584**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in professional employees, further providing for payment of salaries in cases of sickness, injury or death, for alternative payment plan, for persons entitled to leaves of absence, for salary while on leave and for Distinguished Educators Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 2, 2015.

Senators EICHELBERGER, SCAVELLO, MENSCH, WHITE, SCARNATI, ALLOWAY, FOLMER, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH and AUMENT presented to the Chair **SB 585**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in district superintendents and assistant district superintendents, further providing for manner of election or approval and for term and salary of assistants.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 2, 2015.

Senators EICHELBERGER, WAGNER, MENSCH, WHITE, SCARNATI, SMUCKER, ALLOWAY, FOLMER, RAFFERTY, YAW, VULAKOVICH and AUMENT presented to the Chair **SB 586**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in professional employes, further providing for causes for suspension and persons to be suspended.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 2, 2015.

Senators KITCHEN, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, WILLIAMS, COSTA, HUGHES, BLAKE and TEPLITZ presented to the Chair **SB 588**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in licenses and regulations, liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for unlawful acts relative to liquor, alcohol and liquor licensees.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, March 2, 2015.

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:

February 27, 2015

- HB 14** -- Committee on State Government.
- HB 59** -- Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

- HB 60** -- Committee on Banking and Insurance.
- HB 75** and **209** -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.
- HB 93** -- Committee on Labor and Industry.
- HB 141** and **158** -- Committee on Education.
- HB 229** -- Committee on Judiciary.
- HB 251** -- Committee on Finance.
- HB 466** -- Committee on Law and Justice.

March 2, 2015

HB 147 -- Committee on Finance.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP)

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Insurance Department
1326 Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA 17120

February 27, 2015

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

The General Assembly
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Children's Health Insurance Program Annual Report

Dear Governor Wolf and Members:

Pursuant to Section 2311(g)(4) of The Insurance Department Act of May 17, 1921, as amended, 40 P.S. §§991.2311(g)(4), the Department is pleased to present the Annual Report of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for the period of January 2014 through December 2014.

Should any questions arise regarding this report, please feel free to contact me, Executive Deputy Commissioner Randy Rohrbaugh or our Legislative Director, Kristen Erway at (717) 783-2005.

Sincerely,

TERESA D. MILLER
Acting Insurance Commissioner

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

AUDITOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

February 28, 2015

The Honorable Joseph Scarnati
President Pro Tempore
Senate of Pennsylvania
292 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati:

In accordance with the provisions of Article VIII of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act (Act 1 of 1999, as amended), the Auditor General is required on or before each March 1 and September 1 to make certifications to the Governor and the General Assembly of:

- The average annual tax revenues deposited in all funds in the five preceding fiscal years;
• The amount of outstanding net debt as of the end of the preceding fiscal year;
• The amount of net debt as of the certification date;
• The difference between the limitation upon all net debt outstanding as provided in Section 7(a)(4) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and the amount of net debt as of the certification date;
• The amount of such debt scheduled to be repaid during the remainder of the fiscal year in which the certificates are being issued;
• The amount of debt authorized by law to be issued, but not yet incurred;
• And the amount of outstanding obligations excluded from outstanding debt as self-sustaining pursuant to Section 7(c)(1), (2) and (3) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

A duplicate original of my certificate is enclosed.

Sincerely,

EUGENE A. DePASQUALE
Auditor General

AUDITOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE
Pursuant to
ARTICLE VIII, Section 7(a)(4)
of the
CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA
and
Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act

To the Governor and The General Assembly:

I, Eugene A. DePasquale, Auditor General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 7(a)(4) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act (Act 1 of 1999, as amended) certify as follows:

The average annual tax revenues deposited in all funds in the five fiscal years ended preceding the date of February 28, 2015 \$35,048,322,844

- (i) The amount of outstanding net debt as of the end of the preceding fiscal year \$10,132,659,496
(ii) The amount of such net debt as of February 28, 2015 \$10,646,460,000
(iii) The difference between the limitation upon all net debt outstanding as provided in Article VIII, Section 7(a)(4) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the amount of such net debt as of the date of February 28, 2015 \$50,688,104,976

- (iv) The amount of such debt scheduled to be repaid during the remainder of the current fiscal year \$ 170,575,000
(v) The amount of debt authorized by law to be issued, but not yet incurred \$96,306,088,968
(vi) The amount of outstanding obligations excluded from outstanding debt as self sustaining pursuant to Article VIII, Section 7(c)(1), (2) and (3) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania \$ 9,977,657,921

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Auditor General, this 28th day of February 2015.

EUGENE A. DePASQUALE
Auditor General

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, March 2, 2015

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, April 13, 2015, 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, March 30, 2015, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses the week of March 30, 2015, it reconvene on Monday, April 13, 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 CORMAN and were as follows, viz:

YEA-48

Table with 4 columns listing names: Alloway, Argall, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Blake, Boscola, Brewster, Brooks, Browne, Corman, Costa, Dinniman, Eichelberger, Farnese, Folmer, Fontana, Gordner, Greenleaf, Haywood, Hughes, Hutchinson, Kitchen, Leach, McGarrigle, McIlhinney, Mensch, Pileggi, Rafferty, Scarnati, Scavello, Schwank, Smith, Smucker, Stefano, Tartaglione, Teplitz, Tomlinson, Vogel, Vulakovich, Wagner, Ward, White, Wiley, Williams, Wozniak, Yaw, Yudichak

NAY-0

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

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN EICHELBERGER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, it is my pleasure today to introduce an outstanding group of young men and their coaches from my senatorial district. They represent one-half of the Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School Football Team here at the Capitol today for recognition as the 2014 PIAA State Class A Champions. Through personal sacrifice and faith in each other, the Marauders capped off a remarkable undefeated season by winning the first football title in the school's 92-year history. They defeated Clairton High School on December 12 at Hersheypark Stadium in a hard-fought battle that came down to the wire by a score of 19 to 18.

The players in the gallery are led by assistant coaches Mark Baughman, Joe Thomas, and Larry Hagg. Head coach Justin Wheeler, along with the other half of the team, are currently being recognized in the House of Representatives at the request of my colleagues, Representative McGinnis and Representative Ward. Representative McGinnis, Representative Ward, and I hosted the team for lunch today and we appreciated the fine quality of this group of young men.

I ask my colleagues today in this Chamber to join me in congratulating Bishop Guilfoyle High School, the Marauders, for not only their historic championship but also their sportsmanship, integrity, and dedication to excellence.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Eichelberger 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 Rules and Executive Nominations 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 meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for caucus as well.

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

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator Stefano.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Teplitz, and a legislative leave for Senator Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator Stefano.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Teplitz, and a legislative leave for Senator Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 42 and **SB 61** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 130 (Pr. No. 77) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for sentence of community service.

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-48

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 178, SB 405, SB 427 and SB 489 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 43, HB 89 and HB 90 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 129 (Pr. No. 511) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 201 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 266 (Pr. No. 146) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 286, SB 287, SB 289, SB 307, SB 375 and SB 385 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL OVER IN ORDER TEMPORARILY

SB 501 (Pr. No. 497) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

MOTION TO REREFER BILL

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, before we begin consideration of Senate Bill No. 501, I would like to make a motion that this bill be referred to the Committee on Appropriations, consistent with Rule 12(p)(ii) from the Rules of the Senate. Mr. President, that rule states, "No bill which may require an expenditure of Commonwealth funds or funds of any political subdivision or cause a loss of revenue to the Commonwealth or any political subdivision shall be given third consideration on the Calendar until it has been referred to the Appropriations Committee and a fiscal note attached thereto."

Mr. President, discussion of this particular piece of legislation in previous form and in other Sessions clearly relates to resources that this Commonwealth is expending, but also, more importantly, our local subdivisions as well, and for those reasons we believe that it necessitates a fiscal note that must be approved in a process through the Committee on Appropriations. I ask that this matter be moved to the Committee on Appropriations, specifically, Senate Bill No. 501 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations. I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, the rule that the gentleman is citing says "cause a loss" of revenue to the Commonwealth. We believe this bill does not cause any loss of revenue to the

Commonwealth. In fact, it will save revenue for the Commonwealth and save revenue for the local subdivisions so they do not have to process some of these issues that we are talking about in this piece of legislation. So I ask for a negative vote on the gentleman's motion.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I think it would be important if the gentleman would read the beginning part of that, "which may require an expenditure" of that specific rule. It certainly says "cause a loss." But this particular piece of legislation, whether it be through computer programming, or the impact that it may have on local subdivisions, clearly requires that there be an expenditure on the part of the Commonwealth and on the subdivisions--not necessarily a loss of revenue or a savings of revenue, but the fact of the matter is this is something that needs to go through the Committee on Appropriations.

Now, these are the types of things that when we start to try to skirt our own rules, that is where we lose confidence and the public loses confidence in what we do. Clearly, this is a measure that needs to go through the Committee on Appropriations, and rightfully so, because of the expenditure of public dollars at the State level as well as the local subdivision level. We believe that it needs to go through the Committee on Appropriations, and I ask for an affirmative vote.

The PRESIDENT. Clearly, the Senator's right to make the motion is in order, and Senator Costa moves that Senate Bill No. 501 be rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YEA-19

Blake	Farnese	Leach	Wiley
Boscola	Fontana	Schwank	Williams
Brewster	Haywood	Smith	Wozniak
Costa	Hughes	Tartaglione	Yudichak
Dinniman	Kitchen	Teplitz	

NAY-29

Alloway	Eichelberger	Pileggi	Vulakovich
Argall	Folmer	Rafferty	Wagner
Aument	Gordner	Scarnati	Ward
Baker	Greenleaf	Scavello	White
Bartolotta	Hutchinson	Smucker	Yaw
Brooks	McGarrigle	Stefano	
Browne	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	
Corman	Mensch	Vogel	

Less than a majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Brooks has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

Senator EICHELBERGER offered the following amendment No. A0300:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 1, by striking out the comma after "workers" and inserting:
and

Amend Bill, page 1, line 2, by striking out "membership dues and"
Amend Bill, page 1, lines 3 through 5, by striking out "; and repealing certain provisions of The" in line 3, all of line 4 and "Share Fee Law" in line 5

Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by inserting after "Act":
or Mary's Law

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 4 through 27, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 14 through 19, by striking out ". The term does not include an elected official," in line 14 and all of lines 15 through 19 and inserting:

, including a public school employee under the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 20, by inserting after "Commonwealth, ":
a political subdivision,

Amend Bill, page 3, line 25, by striking out "3" and inserting:

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Amend Bill, page 3, lines 27 through 30; page 4, line 1; by striking out "including, without" in line 27, all of lines 28 through 30 on page 3 and "dues, " in line 1 on page 4 and inserting:

money or funds to be used for political contributions

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 4 and 5, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

this section. No individual or organization shall seek to have a political contribution deducted from the wages of a public employee. A collective bargaining

Amend Bill, page 4, line 9, by inserting a period after "contributions"

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 9 through 30; page 5, line 1; by striking out ", fair share fees or membership dues deductions" in line 9, all of lines 10 through 30 on page 4 and all of line 1 on page 5 and inserting:

(b) Applicability.--Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude a public employer from:

(1) deducting a designated amount for a charitable contribution expressly authorized by an employee; or

(2) if required to do so by a collective bargaining agreement entered into with a representative of its employees, deducting from the wages of an employee organization member an amount equal to, but not greater than, a "fair share fee" as defined in section 2215(a) of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, and section 2 of the act of June 2, 1993 (P.L.45, No.15), known as the Public Employee Fair Share Fee Law.

Amend Bill, page 5, line 4, by striking out "3" and inserting:

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

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

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, this amendment, after much discussion and a lot of work on this bill over the last couple of years, we think we have a new approach that I want to thank a number of Members for working diligently on over the past week, particularly Senator McIlhinney, where we have re-phrased this bill almost entirely. This amendment would take out the real heart of the bill as it stands and replace it with language that is very clear and very simple. It simply says that a government entity in Pennsylvania would no longer be permitted to collect money through the payroll deduction system that would be used for political purposes. It is very clear, straightforward language in this bill. It also clarifies that fair-share money that goes to the unions today would be permissible, since that is

not supposed to be used for political purposes by the union. It also clarifies that charitable donations that are approved by an employee would not be interfered with in any way through the payroll deduction system.

This is a matter of ethics, a matter of morality. It is something that I know is a subject of union boss intimidation, as we see people behind my back today in the gallery who are here trying to put the thumb on people in this Chamber--

POINT OF ORDER

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, point of order.

The PRESIDENT. The gentleman will yield.

The gentleman will state his point.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I think the rhetoric with respect to union bosses and intimidation and folks standing or sitting up in the gallery I do not think has any place in this particular debate and dialogue as we move forward. I ask the gentleman to refrain from making reference to union leaders and the like in a derogatory manner and ask that we discuss the merits of the amendment at this point in time.

The PRESIDENT. The gentleman thanks Senator Costa.

Further, Senator Eichelberger.

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, the integrity issue in this bill is important to me. I think that the Members in this body who I know well, sometimes I may disagree with, but I think they have the best interests of the citizens of this State at heart. This is done now. It has been redone. It does not mention any specific group in this bill. This is not an attack on anyone. This is a matter of making sure that we clean up and we reform a law in Pennsylvania that we have seen Members, in our own Chamber and across the Commonwealth, from the executive branch to the legislative branch, get in trouble, some for criminal violations that--

POINT OF ORDER

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, point of order.

The PRESIDENT. The gentleman will yield for one moment.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, putting together this particular amendment and alleging that it is in some way, shape, or form unlawful or improper or tying it together with past acts of Members of this General Assembly, with the executive branch, is wholly inappropriate. I do not believe that that is what is at stake here. The practice that is involved here is a negotiated, bargained-for practice between the Commonwealth and the respective bargaining units. It is permissible. It is lawful. I can appreciate wanting to change the law along those lines, and that is what the gentleman has been advocating, and I applaud him for his advocacy there. He has been a longtime person who is doing that, but to say that it ties directly into or to put a color of illegality or bad ethics involved with this I think is wholly inappropriate. I ask the gentleman to refrain from making those comments, tying elected officials who have been involved in instances where they are no longer here or are no longer serving as a part of this conversation it is not appropriate, and I ask him to refrain from those comments.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Costa for his remarks. As to the point of order, Senator Eichelberger, I think you can grasp how your remarks may be received. The Senator

is an intelligent man and a good Senator. I ask you to keep that in mind as you deliver your remarks.

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, I appreciate that, but I disagree on this point. Where I was headed with that before I was interrupted is that we cannot mix official resources with political activity, and that is all this amendment does. We want to make sure that we reform the current laws of Pennsylvania to make sure that we are not using official resources, government resources, and taxpayer-funded resources to collect money that is used for political activity. It is pure. It is clean. It is simple. I think it is something that the people of Pennsylvania expect from their leaders in Harrisburg.

I ask people to support this amendment today in its new version, that I think is the best version that we have come up with to date. I know there is a lot of debate about language and where we should go with this and how direct we should be, and we should clarify many things, but in the purest form we are addressing this issue today to make sure that official resources are not used for political activity and through the payroll deduction system. That is where we are. So I ask for a positive vote on this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, let me first state--and I recognize where the gentleman is heading and coming from with respect to not only this amendment but also Senate Bill No. 501 and his past work in this area. He and I come at it from different angles and I do not necessarily agree with the statement that it is not designed to harm anyone. I think it is very clearly and very specifically designed to create harm and create hardship with respect in particular to our labor groups. That is what this is about, and I think we would be kidding ourselves if we do not buy into that or believe that. That is my view and I think that is a view shared by a number of folks. At the end of the day, that is what this is trying to encourage. It will weaken and lessen the ability of our labor groups to be able to be informative and provide educational materials with respect to their members who are part of a collective bargaining unit.

Again, let me repeat, the practice that we have today is a lawful, negotiated, bargained-for practice between an employer and a bargaining unit, and I think that is what we have to recognize. As it relates to going forward, we are only dealing with the amendment today. I suspect next week, or probably Wednesday, we will be voting on final passage. We will continue to have this dialogue, but for purposes of today, I am asking for a negative vote on this particular amendment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I will speak very briefly. Before I offer my comments, I want to say that I have come to know Senator Eichelberger since he has come into this Chamber. There is probably not a person more passionate about his beliefs than Senator Eichelberger. He follows through with them and he is a man of integrity and I understand what he is trying to do here and what his beliefs are in this amendment.

Why I will be casting a "no" vote, Mr. President, is simple. The professional firefighters and the law enforcement community, police officers, are included in this. Now, they are two orga-

nizations that most people, not only in this Chamber and the General Assembly, I believe, seek their support. Anytime they get involved politically, it is always positive, about an individual to whom they may want to lend their support. They are different, Mr. President, than any other organization that may be affected by this. They are different in that when they go to work each day and they put on their uniform, they do not know if they are coming home or not. We are here on account of them. I am standing with the F.O.P., which has come out actively in opposition to this amendment, and the professional firefighters, and I will be voting "no."

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I want to applaud the maker of the amendment and what he has brought forth here today. We have been fighting since probably mid-2004, 2005, 2006, somewhere around that area, to figure out ways to make sure that we draw clear lines between public and political work. It has been a challenge. People have done it legally in the past, but we decided that maybe that is not how we should be doing things. We ought to try things differently, try to make that line very clear, very bright so that there would not be mixing of the two. I know there has been a lot of discussion around here over the last probably almost decade as we have worked on this issue and continue to find different areas.

The amendment of the Senator from Blair County is very clear, very simple: either you believe that government should not be collecting money from people for political purposes, or you do not. That is really all this is about. Do we think government resources, whether negotiated or not, it does not really matter, is it the proper role for government to collect dues for political purposes? Not dues for general purposes, that is fine, that is negotiated. That is something that the unions work with the employer. That is fine, but whether this is negotiated or not does not mean it is right. The question again, should government be involved in collecting political dues used for political purposes? In my mind, that question is very clear. So I support the amendment of the Senator from Blair County, and I ask for an affirmative vote.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

(During the calling of the roll, the following occurred:)

The PRESIDENT. The "ayes" are 24; "nays," 24. The Chair exercises his prerogative and votes in the negative.

The following vote was recorded:

YEA-24

Alloway	Browne	McIlhinney	Vogel
Argall	Corman	Mensch	Vulakovich
Aument	Eichelberger	Scarnati	Wagner
Baker	Folmer	Scavello	Ward
Bartolotta	Gordner	Smucker	White
Brooks	Hutchinson	Stefano	Yaw

NAY-25

Blake	Greenleaf	Rafferty	Williams
Boscola	Haywood	Schwank	Wozniak
Brewster	Hughes	Smith	Yudichak
Costa	Kitchen	Tartaglione	
Dinniman	Leach	Teplitz	
Farnese	McGarrigle	Tomlinson	
Fontana	Pileggi	Wiley	

The President exercised his constitutional prerogative to vote "nay."

Less than a majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

RECONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT A0300

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the vote by which amendment No. A0300 was defeated be reconsidered.

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I again ask for a negative vote on the amendment that we just discussed. We know that the amendment just failed a few moments ago. I am not quite sure why so quickly we are looking to revote this amendment. To me, I think there is one reason and one reason only, to get Members to change their votes. Certainly, I am disappointed that that would be the case if that is the outcome.

I implore and encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to exercise a negative vote on reconsideration of this amendment. The amendment is not what we need to be talking about in this General Assembly. More importantly, this amendment and the legislation itself should rightfully be going through the Committee on Appropriations. It is not. So, it is not going through the Committee on Appropriations, now we voted "no" on the amendment, and now we are going to reconsider the amendment. I think that is wholly inappropriate, Mr. President, and I continue to ask for a negative vote from all of the folks who voted "no" the previous time. Thank you.

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I will not be changing my vote on this amendment; however, I will be working with the Majority Leader, Senator Corman, and will be offering an affirmative vote on the motion. But my vote will still be "no" on this amendment when the time comes.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The motion for reconsideration, under the rules, is in order; however, on the issue, debate is permissible and in order, if the Senator from Allegheny wishes to do so.

Senator COSTA. No, Mr. President. I just ask for a negative vote on the motion to reconsider the previous vote.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YEA-29

Alloway	Eichelberger	Pileggi	Vulakovich
Argall	Folmer	Rafferty	Wagner
Aument	Gordner	Scarnati	Ward
Baker	Greenleaf	Scavello	White
Bartolotta	Hutchinson	Smucker	Yaw
Brooks	McGarrigle	Stefano	
Browne	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	
Corman	Mensch	Vogel	

NAY-19

Blake	Farnese	Leach	Wiley
Boscola	Fontana	Schwank	Williams
Brewster	Haywood	Smith	Wozniak
Costa	Hughes	Tartaglione	Yudichak
Dinniman	Kitchen	Teplitz	

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

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request that Senate Bill No. 501 go over in its order temporarily.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the bill will go over in its order temporarily.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 514 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

RESOLUTION REREFERRED

Senator CORMAN, without objection, called up from page 5 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 28**, entitled:

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

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

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

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

January 13, 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 my nomination dated December 2, 2014, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 155 Foxchase Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Athletic Commission, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Andrew A. DePaolo, Pittsburgh, deceased.

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

TOM CORBETT
Governor

COMMONWEALTH TRUSTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF PITTSBURGH OF THE COMMONWEALTH
SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

January 22, 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 January 6, 2015, for the reappointment of Morgan O'Brien, 151 Fort Pitt Boulevard, [data missing] 15222, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, as Commonwealth Trustee of the University of Pittsburgh of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 5, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

January 22, 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 January 6, 2015, for the appointment of Heather D. Martin, 1535 North Jefferson Court, Lancaster 17602, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, to serve until October 3, 2018 or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, vice Randy Feathers, Altoona, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

January 22, 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 January 14, 2015, for the appointment of Andrew M. Paris, 524 W. Siddonsburg Road, Dillsburg 17019, York County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, to serve until October 1, 2019, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, vice Lloyd White, Harrisburg, deceased.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

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

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

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

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator ALLOWAY,

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

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I call from the table communications from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, recalling the following nominations.

The Clerk read the communications as follows:

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

January 22, 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 January 16, 2015, for the appointment of Rob Ritson, 58 Timber Trail Drive, Greensburg 15601, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, as a member of the Council of Trustees of California University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until June 3, 2019 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice R. Tyler Courtney, Greensburg, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 22, 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 January 14, 2015, for the appointment of Mary Ann Eisenreich, 9997 Parkland Drive, Wexford 15090, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2020, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Wendy Beetlestone, Wynnwood, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

January 22, 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 January 14, 2015, for the reappointment of Jane M. Earll, 1509 Pasadena Drive, Erie 16505, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2018, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

January 22, 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 January 9, 2015, for the reappointment of Christopher H. Franklin, 1642 Knobb Hill Lane, Paoli 19301, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

January 22, 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 January 13, 2015, for the reappointment of Ronald G. Henry, 711 Pennstone Road, Bryn Mawr 19010, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

January 22, 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 January 14, 2015, for the reappointment of Robert S. Taylor, 760 Tower View Circle, New Hope 18938, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

January 22, 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 January 15, 2015, for the appointment of Kathleen Duffy Bruder (Public Member), 351 North 29th Street, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Rabbi Solomon Isaacson, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT COMMISSION

January 22, 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 January 6, 2015, for the reappointment of John J. Egan, 309 Whitmarsh Valley Road, Fort Washington 19034, Montgomery County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Public Em-

ployee Retirement Commission, to serve until October 27, 2020 and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

January 22, 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 January 14, 2015, for the reappointment of Jay H. Shah, 330 Gypsy Lane, Wynnewood 19066, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple University of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 14, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ronald Donatucci, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

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

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

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

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

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

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
BUCKS COUNTY

January 15, 2015

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Brian T. McGuffin, Esquire, 70 Barley Court, Langhorne 19047, Bucks County, Sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Bucks County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Clyde W. Waite, mandatory retirement.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
BUCKS COUNTY

January 15, 2015

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, Raymond F. McHugh, 1496 Nancy Drive, Southampton 18966, Bucks County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Bucks County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Susan D. Scott, mandatory retirement.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

On the question,
Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations?

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

YEA-46

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

NAY-2

Hutchinson Wagner

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Senators PILEGGI, AUMENT, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, COSTA, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HAYWOOD, HUGHES, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, SCARNATI, SMITH, WHITE and WOZNIAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 34**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of March 2 through 8, 2015, as "Sleep Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators WARD, WILEY, HAYWOOD, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, TEPLITZ, SCAVELLO, ARGALL, EICHELBERGER, MENSCH, GORDNER, SCHWANK, YUDICHAK, AUMENT, SMITH, VULAKOVICH, COSTA, ALLOWAY, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA and BLAKE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 35**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2015 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and observing the month of March 2015 as "National Problem Gambling Awareness Month."

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator WARD. Mr. President, Senator Wiley and I are offering this resolution by unanimous consent which designates the month of March 2015 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania, and observes "National Problem Gambling Awareness Month." The purpose of the resolution is to acknowledge that while many people can and do responsibly enjoy gaming as a legitimate form of entertainment, there are a small number of individuals who will suffer from the very real issue of problem gambling. It is our sincere hope that this resolution will help make people aware of the public health issue of problem gambling, both in terms of prevention and treatment. While the Pennsylvania gaming industry has been quite successful in terms of job creation, revenue generation, and economic development, the Commonwealth must insure that it addresses any accompanying social issues in a responsible and effective manner. Thank you.

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

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

Senators WILEY, COSTA, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HAYWOOD, KITCHEN, WOZNIAK, ARGALL, SCHWANK, ALLOWAY, SMITH, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, MENSCH and AUMENT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 36**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 15 through 21, 2015, as "Poison Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator WILEY. Mr. President, today I rise to ask for unanimous support for this resolution designating the week of March 15, 2015, as "Poison Prevention Week" in the Commonwealth. I offer this resolution to not only help raise awareness of the staggering frequency of accidental poisonings, but also to recognize the important work of poison control centers across the Commonwealth. Ninety-four percent of poisoning accidents occur in the home, with the majority of exposures being unintentional.

tional. Half of the nearly 2 million calls to poison control centers each year are for exposure and ingestion by children under 6 of medication, cosmetics, personal care products, household cleaning substances, pesticides, and plants. According to Safe Kids Worldwide, a global organization dedicated to preventing injuries to children, each dollar spent by a poison control center saves approximately \$7 to \$15 in unnecessary healthcare expenses. The greater Erie community is fortunate to be served by Safe Kids Erie, which plays an important role in poison prevention. Under the direction of the longtime coordinator, Patty Puline, Safe Kids Erie and its over 200-member agencies have worked with parents and families to raise awareness of injury prevention since 1991. I am proud and honored to be a founding member of Safe Kids Erie and continue to support its great work to protect children and families across the 49th Senatorial District.

Mr. President, accidental poisoning can be prevented with a few simple steps. I ask that my colleagues not only join me in supporting this resolution but also further support organizations and movements like Safe Kids in their own districts.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for his important work.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators TEPLITZ, LEACH, HAYWOOD, DINNIMAN, SCHWANK, SMITH, GREENLEAF, HUTCHINSON, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, AUMENT, WOZNIAK, COSTA, HUGHES and BOSCOLA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 37**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the 70th anniversary of The Silver Academy and honoring the great works of Rabbi David L. Silver and the school's faculty, staff, students and alumni.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, this resolution, as you heard, honors the 70th anniversary of The Silver Academy. The school was started 70 years ago by Rabbi David L. Silver, at the time, and until recently it was called The Yeshiva Academy, "Yeshiva" being the term for Hebrew day school. It has served as a very successful model for Jewish education and overall education, and really a cornerstone in our community here in the Harrisburg area. The 70th anniversary is a very proud achievement for this school. It has undergone many challenges, but it has survived decade after decade. I have gone to that school, my children have gone to that school, and my sister teaches at that school. This is a very personal resolution to me. I am honored to be able to be in a position to recognize the celebration of the anniversary of this great institution. I ask that my colleagues join me in passing the 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.

Senators GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, WOZNIAK, HAYWOOD, BAKER, TEPLITZ, EICHELBERGER, KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, FARNESE, ALLOWAY, PILEGGI, BREWSTER, HUTCHINSON, COSTA, YAW, SMITH, SCHWANK, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, MENSCH and VULAKOVICH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 38**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2015 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, over 3.3 million Americans sustain an acquired brain injury annually, and they are caused by stroke, other trauma, motor vehicle accidents, bicycle accidents, recreational accidents, gunshot wounds, assaults, all types of reasons, but a large number of people are suffering from this injury. The symptoms and the signs are very subtle and mild, and brain trauma is not easily diagnosed, and actually sometimes it is underdiagnosed and misdiagnosed on many occasions. Over 250,000 Pennsylvanians are living with a long-term disability resulting from traumatic brain injury; 90,000 Pennsylvanians are treated and released from emergency rooms for traumatic brain injury annually, and the signature injury of those military personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan is brain injury.

So, the best approach for the silent epidemic of brain injury is to promote awareness, prevention, and treatment of brain injuries. That is why today I am rising to present this resolution to make Pennsylvanians aware of it so that they can protect themselves, get treatment, and hopefully prevent the injury from happening to future individuals in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, Senator Greenleaf and I have the privilege of working with a number of brain injured citizens of this Commonwealth as part of a caucus with the House as we try to make sure that programs are in place to assist these individuals.

Senator Greenleaf is quite correct that the key lies in prevention, but despite every effort at prevention, thousands of Pennsylvanians suffer the results of brain trauma and head injury trauma. We also want to recognize those rehabilitation hospitals in our Commonwealth that specialize in bringing people with head injuries back into and fully functioning within our society. One of those hospitals is in my district, Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital, which has a national, indeed an international, reputation in the area of assisting people with traumatic head injuries.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators BAKER, SCAVELLO, GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, HAYWOOD, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, VULAKOVICH, DINNIMAN, YAW, BOSCOLA, BARTOLOTTA, SCHWANK, WOZNIAK, ALLOWAY, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, SMITH, HUGHES, COSTA and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 39**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 8 through 14, 2015, as "Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, FARNESE, DINNIMAN, HAYWOOD, KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE, GREENLEAF, HUTCHINSON, PILEGGI, SMITH, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, AUMENT and SCHWANK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 40**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 2015 as "Eye Donor Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I rise today to reintroduce my resolution for a cause that touches many lives yet does not always receive attention - eye donation. Since 1961, the Eye Bank Association of America and its member banks have restored sight to over 1 million individuals. While most people support the idea of eye donation, we still need concerned citizens who themselves are willing to be selected to be donors after deaths. We need people who after death would volunteer their eye tissue. It is my hope that bringing awareness to this important cause today will inspire more people to consider it.

Eye donation follows the same process as organ donation. Eye tissue transplants allow for vision to be restored to people with problems resulting from injury, disease, or infection. Sometimes rare emergency instances require tissue to be readily available on demand. Transplant procedures can restore vision for men, women, and children ranging in age from just weeks old to over 100 years old. Transplants have a success rate of 95 percent thanks to technological advances in the field, and they can certainly be life-changing. Mr. President, there is no other substitute for this type of tissue, and the transplant process is entirely dependent on donations.

Additionally, anyone can be a donor. The great thing about corneal tissue is that everyone is a universal donor. It does not matter how old you are, how your eyesight is, or even what blood type you are. While the eye surgery field continues to advance, one thing never changes, and that is the need for donations. The demand for tissue is simply never satisfied.

I am also very proud to point out that eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and the Delaware region is the most giving

area in this country for organ donations. It is great that Pennsylvania is part of the most giving area nationwide. I know that in my district, the people of the Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank continue to champion the cause. With over 55 years of service, the Lions Eye Bank has provided more than 30,000 corneas for transplant, and it is the fifth largest eye bank by volume in the United States.

Therefore, Mr. President, to honor all of the people who made the decision to make this priceless gift of sight, as well as all of the patients waiting for their opportunity to have a transplant, I offer this resolution recognizing March 2015 as "Eye Donor Month" in this Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators DINNIMAN, TEPLITZ, HAYWOOD, FONTANA, PILEGGI, GREENLEAF, ALLOWAY, SMITH, WHITE, RAFFERTY, COSTA, MENSCH, VULAKOVICH, VOGEL, AUMENT, WOZNIAK, YUDICHAK and BOSCOLA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 41**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 25, 2015, as "National Medal of Honor Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, those who have received the Medal of Honor are those who have shown great bravery in the defense of this nation. March 25, 152 years ago, was when the first Medal of Honor recipients received their awards. Over the years, almost 3,500 people have done this nation proud by standing up for freedom and standing up for our national purpose. What some of you might not be aware of is that the oldest monument to those who have received the Medal of Honor is right here in Pennsylvania. It is a 52-acre site in Schuylkill Township, Chester County, in my district. It was established in 1960 by President Eisenhower and General Omar Bradley. That grove, the Medal of Honor Grove, for each State there is a monument modeled after the Washington Monument, and the names of all who were born in that State who received the Medal of Honor is put on that monument. Trees are also planted on that acre, each State has an acre of land, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. There also were those, especially in the Civil War, who received the Medal of Honor who were not born in the United States, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians has established a special monument that lists the names of all of those who received this medal but were not born here as citizens. There is also a special place that recognizes the chaplains who have received this medal, one of whom is on his way to sainthood in the Catholic Church.

What I am trying to say is that we here in Pennsylvania have a very precious, hallowed ground in which we honor those who have received this medal. So it is appropriate that this body rec-

ognize March 25 as "National Medal of Honor Day." I urge those Members who are here and those who are watching us to come to Schuylkill Township, right near Valley Forge Park, and adjacent to the Freedom Foundation is this 52-acre site. This site was threatened 5 or 6 years ago by development. The good citizens of Chester County stood up, saved the site, cleaned it up, and an organization called The Friends of the Medal of Honor Grove was founded, and I can assure you today that that grove will remain in perpetuity as we honor those who have made a sacrifice, who have shown great heroism for this nation.

So, Mr. President, I call upon this body to approve this resolution to mark in this Commonwealth March 25, 2015, as Medal of Honor Day in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair commits to try to get to the grove very soon in Schuylkill Township.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, we would be delighted to have you come to the grove and show you around the grove. It is a place in Pennsylvania that we are proud that we have here and we are going to continue to do our best to preserve in perpetuity.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the Senator for his great work.

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 James Sumner and to Etha McDowell by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rebecca Altman by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Andrew Edward Kennedy by Senators Rafferty and Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dirk Randolph Hasenbein by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Donna Gorirossi by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Helen Pearson by Senator White.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

8:30 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY and LOCAL GOVERNMENT (a joint public hearing on the "Benefits of the Impact Fee")	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
Off the Floor	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 485 and 525; and House Bill No. 221)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015

10:00 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bill No. 333)	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider Senate Bills No. 330, 486 and 566)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015

10:00 A.M.	BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING COMMISSION (public hearing on basic education funding issues)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Governor's Office/Governor's Budget Office/Executive Offices)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Independent Fiscal Office - Economic Outlook & Revenue Overview)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of General Services)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Attorney General)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Treasury Department)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Auditor General)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Judiciary)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - State Police/Homeland Security)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Drug & Alcohol Programs)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Gaming Control Board)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:30 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PA State System of Higher Education)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Community Colleges)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Public Utility Commission)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - SERS/PSERS)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Health)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Insurance)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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11:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - State Related Universities)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Aging)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015</u>		
9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Environmental Protection)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Corrections/Office of Probation and Parole)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PA Liquor Control Board)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015</u>		
9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Human Services)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Community & Economic Development)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of State)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015</u>		
9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Education)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Labor & Industry)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Banking & Securities)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015</u>		
9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Revenue/Lottery)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
11:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Historical & Museum Commission)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Transportation)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Agriculture)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015</u>		
9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PA Emergency Management Agency)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
11:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Military and Veteran Affairs)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED
SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

SB 501 CALLED UP

SB 501 (Pr. No. 497) -- Without objection, the bill, which previously went over in its order temporarily, was called up, from page 5 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator GORDNER.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 501 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, I just call to the attention of the Senate that last week we passed a bill that certainly received a lot of attention, but was very important to what we do in our society in helping people to reenter our society after a criminal conviction. One of the things that stands in the way of a person entering into society is their past record. We are talking about misdemeanors and primarily nonviolent offenders. So, last week we passed legislation to provide for the expungement of certain misdemeanors when a person remains free of arrest or prosecution for a number of years. It is about time that we allow people who have little or no likelihood of recidivism to return to the population and be individuals who provide a productive life so they can reenter into the workforce and so Pennsylvania can be a stronger State for that purpose.

I congratulate the Senate for the passage of that legislation, and it will go a long way in saving people's lives. Many of them are 18-year-olds or 19-year-olds who committed a minor offense, and as a result, years later when they try to get jobs, they cannot get jobs, even though they are crime-free and they have never committed a crime before or afterwards. There is no way in which they can start their life anew without some process after a number of years where they have been crime-free. That legislation accomplished that.

The other bill, I might have mentioned, is the consolidation of the lodging and housing industry statute. That is not what is important. What is important is that the Senate has been proceeding to consolidate their statutes. Pennsylvania is the only State that has not consolidated their statutes, and as a result it is very difficult and cumbersome to find all of the provisions that deal with any particular area of law. The consolidation process would do that. So we have been methodically doing it now for a number of years, we have been taking sections of the legislative body of work and putting them in subject matters that they are all in one subject matter. This will make it easier for the public to access their laws and to professionals as well and make sure they are meeting all of the laws in that particular subject matter. That was another step in that direction, and we will have more coming as we proceed through this process.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman from Montgomery County and congratulates him on his progress.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa, a great Leader.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, thank you very much for those kind words.

Mr. President, I rise today to offer some brief thoughts about the recent loss of two distinguished individuals from the Pittsburgh and Allegheny County area: Forest Hills Mayor Marty O'Malley, and political activist and civil rights leader Evelyn Richardson.

Mr. President, I had the good fortune of knowing Mayor O'Malley for more than a generation, even long before he became mayor of our community. Marty was dedicated, effective, and was a significant figure who impacted the community in a very significant way and always helped those in need. Simply put, Mayor O'Malley was Forest Hills. Everyone knew him, he had a presence about himself, and when he walked into the room, oftentimes he seemed larger than life. One of the most remarkable things about Mayor O'Malley was that every time he would come into a room he had the uncanny ability, regardless of the issue and regardless of what was taking place, to make people feel welcome and happy.

Mayor O'Malley was a Navy Vietnam War veteran, and he was dedicated to veteran causes throughout our area in Allegheny County, and he was an impassioned member of the Vietnam Veterans for Peace. We had the pleasure of celebrating his service at one of our more recent annual veterans luncheons we do in November. Mayor O'Malley was proudly wearing his hat indicating his devotion to military service, complete with a number of pins on his hat and on his chest to tell the story about himself and many of the causes that he advocated for.

Marty's tenure in the community and as a public service member is both long and distinguished. He began his career as the co-chair of our civic association and also as a part of our Community Day in the Forest Hills Borough. He then went to serve on borough council from 2005 to 2010, and in 2010 he was elected to serve as our mayor, a position he held through the rest of his life. Mayor O'Malley was proud of Forest Hills and we remain proud of him and all he has helped do throughout our community and what our community has accomplished. When Marty was not attending public events as our mayor or helping a veteran in need, he could be found standing up for any number of progressive causes that were taking place around the world. From the Iraqi War to billionaire bailouts and the BP oil spill, Mayor Marty O'Malley always made sure that people around him knew where he stood, and to help raise awareness to those causes.

Much like Mayor O'Malley, Mrs. Evelyn Richardson was a well-known and highly respected member of our Pittsburgh community. We lost her last week at the age of 93. In those 93 years, she devoted passion and activism to everyone she could. Mr. President, Evelyn Richardson's name was synonymous with politics. A longtime Democratic National Committee Delegate, she was active and she was engaged. She had a long tenure as a Democratic National Committeewoman, first elected in 1970 and continued to serve for many, many years thereafter. Her commitment and dedication to her Democratic Party was unwavering. And while Evelyn was known for her politics, many of us and many folks in our community know that she was also known for her passion for equality. She was a New Deal Democrat who

never, ever shied away from a debate over civil rights. She fought for the rights of the most vulnerable, and was focused on insuring that everyone was treated fairly. Mr. President, for those qualities alone, Evelyn Richardson should be recognized in the highest regard. She was someone to look up to and someone you could always count on.

My thoughts and my prayers are with both the families of Mayor Marty O'Malley and Mrs. Evelyn Richardson, and the community, as we mourn the loss of these amazing individuals who touched and transformed lives wherever they went.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair notes that I had the opportunity to meet Mayor O'Malley and thought he was a very special guy. So, we mourn the loss of two outstanding Pennsylvanians.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 11 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 6:01 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.