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SENATE

TUESDAY, April 14, 2015

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend PAUL PRICE, Pastor of Cornerstone Worship Center, Indiana, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, we call upon You today and we ask for Your wisdom and knowledge to be given to these Senators as they deal with the issues that are presented before them. Grant them Your wisdom, Lord, to deal with these issues on behalf of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and we will give You the glory and the honor for it, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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:

April 14, 2015

Senators AUMENT, GORDNER, MENSCH, YAW, VULAKOVICH, McILHINNEY, STEFANO, RAFFERTY, WHITE and BROOKS presented to the Chair **SB 720**, entitled:

An Act providing for civil immunity for persons that operate agritourism activities under certain circumstances.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 14, 2015.

Senators AUMENT, TEPLITZ, MENSCH, YAW, VULAKOVICH, McILHINNEY, STEFANO, BAKER, SCHWANK, COSTA, WHITE and BROOKS presented to the Chair **SB 721**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in sales and use tax, further providing for definitions and for exclusions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 14, 2015.

Senators ALLOWAY, TEPLITZ, VULAKOVICH, SCAVELLO, DINNIMAN, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, LEACH and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 722**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for a special spay and neuter plate.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 14, 2015.

Senators FARNESE, McGARRIGLE, BREWSTER, FONTANA, BOSCOLA and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 723**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child custody, further providing for consideration of criminal conviction; and providing for consideration of other conduct and child conceived as a result of certain conduct.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 14, 2015.

Senators VOGEL, GREENLEAF, SCARNATI and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 724**, entitled:

An Act providing for the creation of a watershed improvement program, for establishment of a verified TMDL parameter credit program, for the powers and duties of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 14, 2015.

Senators WOZNIAK, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, GORDNER, BREWSTER, TARTAGLIONE, VULAKOVICH, COSTA and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 728**, entitled:

An Act providing for notice of motor vehicle event data recorders and for information retrieval; imposing penalties; and providing for evidentiary rules.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 14, 2015.

Senators WOZNIAK, FONTANA, BREWSTER, COSTA and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 729**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216, No.76), known as The Dental Law, further providing for anesthesia and abrogating a regulation.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 14, 2015.

Senators WOZNAK, ALLOWAY, VOGEL, ARGALL, MENSCH, BAKER, RAFFERTY, HUTCHINSON, FOLMER, YAW, AUMENT, WARD, VULAKOVICH and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 730**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, in public assistance, providing for screening for illegal drug use by certain applicants for assistance.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 14, 2015.

Senator DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 731**, 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 Keystone Exams; and, in State Board of Education, further providing for powers and duties of the board.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 14, 2015.

Senators McILHINNEY, LEACH, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, COSTA, RAFFERTY, BLAKE and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 732**, 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 health services, providing for parent educational information regarding eating disorders.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 14, 2015.

Senators TOMLINSON, GREENLEAF, ARGALL, EICHELBERGER, TEPLITZ, BREWSTER, SCAVELLO, WARD, RAFFERTY, MENSCH, STEFANO, BAKER, COSTA, BROOKS, VULAKOVICH, SCHWANK, WOZNAK, GORDNER, ALLOWAY and HUTCHINSON presented to the Chair **SB 733**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in casualty insurance, providing for joint payment for emergency service organization.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 14, 2015.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 442 (Pr. No. 391)

An Act requiring notification in advertising.

SB 622 (Pr. No. 644)

An Act providing for elimination of certain reporting duties of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

SB 699 (Pr. No. 683)

An Act authorizing the disposition of certain lands situate in Plymouth Township, Luzerne County, subject to Project 70 restrictions.

HB 192 (Pr. No. 1189) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of August 5, 1941 (P.L.752, No.286), known as the Civil Service Act, further providing for powers and duties of director.

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

SB 285 (Pr. No. 163)

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for Veterans' Trust Fund.

HB 157 (Pr. No. 307)

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in professional and occupational licenses, further providing for definitions and for retention and certification.

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

SB 163 (Pr. No. 99)

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations), 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in proceedings prior to petition to adopt, further providing for grounds for involuntary termination; in juvenile matters, further providing for disposition of dependent child; and adding provisions relating to certain arrest protocols.

SB 202 (Pr. No. 169)

An Act amending the act of November 29, 2004 (P.L.1383, No.180), known as the Uniform Crime Reporting Act, in higher education security information, further providing for crime statistics and security policies and procedures; and providing for Pennsylvania safe campuses.

SB 533 (Pr. No. 490)

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.

SB 683 (Pr. No. 672)

An Act amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in DNA data and testing, further providing for policy, for definitions, for powers and duties of State Police, for State DNA Data Base, for State DNA Data Bank, for State Police recommendation of additional offenses, for procedural compatibility with FBI and for DNA sample required upon conviction, delinquency adjudication and certain ARD cases; providing for collection from persons accepted from other jurisdictions; further providing for procedures for withdrawal, collection and transmission of DNA samples, for procedures for conduct, disposition and use of DNA analysis; providing for request for modified DNA search; and further providing for DNA data base exchange, for expungement and for mandatory cost.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Yudichak, and a legislative leave for Senator Leach.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Yudichak, and a legislative leave for Senator Leach. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of February 2, 2015, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of February 2, 2015.

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

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

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

YEA-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
Brewster	Hughes	Smucker	Wozniak
Brooks	Hutchinson	Stefano	Yaw
Browne	Kitchen	Tartaglione	Yudichak
Corman	Leach	Teplitz	
Costa	McGarrigle	Tomlinson	
Dinniman	McIlhinney	Vance	

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR LISA M. BOSCOLA
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I am really proud and honored to recognize the Bethlehem Catholic High School Girls' Volleyball Team as my guests today. The Golden Hawks won the 2014 PIAA State Championship this past fall. And guess who they beat? A team from outside of Erie, Senator Wiley's team. Mr. President, this team captured not only the first State volleyball title for their school, but they also received the first title for any female team in Bethlehem Catholic's history of 85 years. What an outstanding achievement, and we are so very proud of them. In addition to the players, I would like to commend their coaching staff, led by head coach Mr. Paul Abi-Daher, and assistant coaches Ms. Kelly Brown, Mr. Jared Kostic, and Ms. Diane Markovic.

Mr. President, these girls worked very hard throughout their season together as a team and fought all the way to the States, where they beat Fort LeBoeuf High School. I want to extend congratulations to them. They were in my office for a long period of time today. We had much girl talk. I really loved them being in my office, I love that they are here in the Senate today. So, let us give them a warm welcome.

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

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL J. FOLMER
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, it is a real honor that I rise to introduce the Palmyra Area High School Field Hockey Team, who are the PIAA Class AAA co-champions with Senator Smucker's team from Penn Manor in Lancaster County. So, two southcentral Pennsylvania teams. This team had an incredible season and made Lebanon County very proud. Throughout the season they went 23-2, scored 101 goals, and only allowed 10 goals to be scored against them. Goalie Cheyenne Sprecher had five saves against Penn Manor, and Kiley Gallagher scored the goal. This is an amazing group of young athletes. Throughout the season Erin Huffman led the Cougars with 28 goals and 7 assists. Katie Dembrowski, a senior headed to Penn State, ended her career at Palmyra with 39 goals and 51 assists, and with this State championship, which she was able to share the special moment on the field with her sister, Jessica Dembrowski.

The 2014-15 Palmyra Field Hockey Team accomplished a memorable season with only five seniors: Rachel Brettler, Katie Dembrowski, Amanda and Jess Fuschetti, and Chelsea Seidel. These athletes will be extremely missed next season, but I am confident that the remaining team members, with the accomplishments of this past season, will lead the Cougars in being the team to beat in the upcoming season. I would be remiss if I did not mention the Cougars' head coach Kristi Costello, as well as coaches Kent and Kayla Harshman, Amy Kelly, Caroline Leshman, and Lauren McAllister. I am honored that the team was able to be here today, and look forward to bringing them back again next year. Please join me in a warm Senate welcome for the co-State champions, the Palmyra High School "Fighting Cougars" Field Hockey Team.

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

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

**GUEST OF SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, today I have the pleasure of introducing Howard Quaintance, who is visiting the Capitol as part of the American Institute of Architects lobby day. Howard is a constituent of mine and the 2014 president of the AIA board of directors. He has served as project architect and principal-in-charge for numerous transitional and supportive housing projects in the Reading area, including the Reading Housing Authority, Trinity Lutheran Church, and the Muhlenberg School District. Howard's education spanned from our own Penn State University to the Architectural Association School in London, England, as well as the University of Florence in Italy.

Mr. President, I think we know that buildings shape our lives. From the iconic World Trade Towers to the schools and houses that we live in, architects are critical in shaping the aesthetics of our lives. With over 45 years of experience, Howard has helped set the standards of professionalism, practice, and excellence in his field, and I am proud to welcome him as my guest today.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT B. MENSCH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, it is my pleasure today to introduce four individuals who are visiting from the district. These individuals are from the Living Branches. It is a nonprofit corporation formed in 2008 in southeastern Pennsylvania. Let me first tell you who the individuals are, and then I will tell you a little bit about Living Branches.

First is Mr. Edward Brubaker, the president and CEO; we also have Mr. Kenneth Clemmer, a board chair; Mr. Steve Myers, chief financial and technology officer; and the last guest is a lifelong friend of mine, Jim Church, who was recently inducted into the Pennsylvania State Athletic Hall of Fame as a broadcaster.

Living Branches owns and manages Dock Woods, Dock Meadows, and Souderton Mennonite Homes; each provides continuing care retirement facilities and services. In addition, Living Branches owns and manages Dock Manor, a senior HUD apartment facility, as well as Dock Village, a HUD family housing project. Please join me in welcoming my guests today to the Senate.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR PATRICK J. STEFANO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Stefano.

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, today I welcome to the Senate constituents from my district: Larry Hay, David Livengood, and Janice Stoudnour. They are here in the Capitol as members of the Penn State Extension Council. They work

with Penn State Extension to identify program priorities, resources, and emerging agricultural issues, and advocate for continued funding for agriculture extension and research lines. So, I ask my fellow Senators to join me in welcoming them here to the Senate.

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

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, seated in the gallery today is a special guest, Sander Nygaard. He is an exchange student from Norway, studying at Wilson High School in Berks County and shadowing me for the day. I met him in the fall at a Senator for a Day program which I sponsored in Berks County. He is very, very interesting and wise beyond his years. What I found especially interesting is that back home in Norway he serves on an advisory council to his local government, where they actually get to give significant advice on the expenditure of Norwegian tax dollars. This group is known as the Barn Og Ungdomms Kommune Styre. I hope I pronounced that correctly and did not just insult 5 million Norwegians, but loosely translated it would be the Children and Youth Municipality Council. If I may, Mr. President, please encourage the Senate to give a warm welcome to Sander Nygaard.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Argall please rise to be recognized by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR LLOYD K. SMUCKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Smucker.

Senator SMUCKER. Mr. President, the halls are filled with many students from some of our institutions of higher education. I had the opportunity earlier to meet in my office with some students from the Lancaster Campus of HACC. It was great talking to them. They could not be with us here in the gallery.

I also had the pleasure of introducing and meeting earlier with students and their professor from Millersville University; in fact, from Millersville University's Honor College. This is group of really bright students. We discussed a number of issues relative to State government, including the Governor's proposed budget, property tax reform, standardized testing, and a lot of other issues that certainly demonstrated to me that these students undoubtedly will be some of our leaders of tomorrow. As a representative of Millersville's Honors College, Dr. Aaron Porter and his students have proved themselves to be critical thinkers, creative problem solvers, and a reason to be hopeful for our future. They are a glowing testament to the value of education from one of our 14 institutions of the State System of Higher Education.

I would like to welcome today, in addition to the distinguished Dr. Aaron Porter, we have, as I mentioned, students in the gallery: Marthelis Abreu, Bryan R. Diem, Cara Discavage, Corey J. McCarthy, Kelsey M. Miller, Kelsy M. Snavelly,

Brittany A. Tomes, David P. Wuestner, Elizabeth M. Quinn, and Emily M. Yost.

Please join me in giving them a warm Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MARIO M. SCAVELLO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. Further on guests, and I know he is happy today because the Yankees won last night, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monroe, Senator Scavello.

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, the Mets won as well.

The PRESIDENT. You did not have to tell me that.

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, it is absolutely my honor to introduce four school nurses from my district. All of us, at some point or another when we went to school, had to go visit the school nurse and we know the importance of what they do in the schools to keep our children safe and healthy. It is my honor to introduce Alicia Shelkin from Pocono Mountain School District; JoAnn Velas, Easton School District; Cynthia Dougherty, East Stroudsburg School District; and Kathy Verbel, Stroudsburg School District.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Scavello please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome. Thank you for what you do.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN R. GORDNER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I also have some guests who are here today. The State and local government class from Bloomsburg University arrived today with Professor Philip Nicholas. They had the opportunity to visit briefly with you as you made your way through the Senate, so I appreciate that. They attended a meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and were able to see us report out a number of bills, as well as meet some of their host Senators right after that meeting. We were able to discuss the process and go over to the House floor, as well. So it is my pleasure to introduce the State and local government class from Bloomsburg University.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JAY COSTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, in many of our districts across the Commonwealth, we are very fortunate to have our community college system as part of our higher education landscape. As someone who is a graduate - my four brothers and I all

graduated from community colleges in Allegheny County - we are blessed to have not only wonderful institutions, but wonderful and great students who make their way to our community colleges and make their way on to 4-year institutions and beyond. Mr. President, we are represented here today by students from Allegheny County Community College. I am very honored to be a longtime member of the board of trustees of the college, and in the last 6 or 7 years or so I served as treasurer of that college. I am continually impressed by the high degree of skills and intelligence of the students who make their way to our campuses.

Today we have student representatives from all four of the branch campuses of the Community College of Allegheny County in the Chamber with us today. I would like to take a moment to introduce each of them, along with Dr. Quintin Bullock. Dr. Bullock is the president and has been with us for a little more than a year now. He has been doing an outstanding job. His team has been outstanding in terms of implementing new programs and making certain that the resources that we send from Harrisburg, that our share of the resources toward our students is something that is appropriate and being spent properly and wisely.

Mr. President, we are joined by Cassie Gartin and Eric Reiche, who are attending the Allegheny campus; Emily Burks and Hashim Ahmed from Boyce campus; Jennifer Alspaugh and Lianna Coholich from North campus; Megan McMonagle and Melissa Suehr from South campus. Mr. President, they are here today with, as I mentioned, Dr. Quintin Bullock, who has been a strong, strong community advocate for our college, and Nancilee Burzachechi. I thank them for being here.

All of these students will be graduating and all of them are going on to higher education. They are award winners, with respect to the community college system, and each of them are receiving scholarships to attend, in most instances, schools within our State System of Higher Education, the PASSHE system. Most importantly, in speaking with them, one of the issues that allowed that to happen was the work that has been done, the integration between our community colleges and our higher education institutions with respect to the articulation agreements and the like. So the work that has been done here over the course of the past several years has been very helpful to that end and I am very, very proud to introduce them to my colleagues here in the Senate and ask that all of you give these college students a warm Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Costa please rise to be recognized.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Thank you to all of our guests for joining us here at the great Pennsylvania Senate and our great Capitol.

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.

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 a caucus.

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 a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Brooks.

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Blake and Senator Kitchen.

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

Senator Fontana requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Blake and Senator Kitchen.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 43 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

HB 178 (Pr. No. 694) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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; designating a portion of State Route 711 in New Florence Borough through St. Clair Township, Westmoreland County, as the Veterans Highway; 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; and designating the bridge carrying U.S. Route 322 over the east branch of the Brandywine Creek in West Bradford and East Caln Townships, Chester County, as the Robbie and Ryan Miller Memorial Bridge.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

TEPLITZ AMENDMENT A0558

Senator TEPLITZ offered the following amendment No. A0558:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 12, by striking out "AND"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 16, by striking out the period after "BRIDGE" and inserting:

; and designating the bridge located on State Route 34 that connects the banks of the Juniata River in Newport, Perry County, as the Paul Reider bridge

Amend Bill, page 5, by inserting between lines 5 and 6:

Section 6. Paul Reider Bridge.

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

(1) In 1789, Paul Reider purchased a tract of land on the banks of the Juniata River from David English.

(2) Over time, Reider's descendants founded the town of Reider's Ferry at that point on the Juniata River, which was formally established in 1804 as the town of Reidersville.

(3) Today the town of Reidersville is known as Newport.

(4) The Reider's Ferry Bridge Company, founded in 1838, constructed a covered bridge in 1851 spanning the Juniata River connecting Newport to Howe Township.

(5) That bridge was destroyed in an 1889 flood and replaced with another covered bridge.

(6) In 1903, the covered bridge was replaced with an iron bridge.

(7) In 1934, the iron bridge was replaced with a steel bridge, which has remained unnamed.

(8) The Newport Celebrates 175 Steering Committee and the Newport Revitalization and Preservation Society both have voted unanimously that this community founder is deserving of commemorative action.

(b) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 34 that connects the banks of the Juniata River in Newport, Perry County, is hereby designated as the Paul Reider Bridge.

(c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to traffic in both directions on the bridge.

Amend Bill, page 5, line 6, by striking out "6" and inserting:

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On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, it is my understanding this amendment has been agreed to, and I am grateful to my colleagues for that. The amendment names the bridge on State Highway 34 that connects the banks of the Juniata River in Newport, Perry County, as the Paul Reider Bridge. This would be in commemoration of Newport's 175th anniversary. I thought it was fitting to honor the borough's founder by naming a bridge that motorists use every day in Perry County. This has been requested by the Newport Celebrates 175 Steering Committee and the Newport Revitalization and Preservation Society. It is an honor to have Newport in my new district, and I appreciate my colleagues' support of this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration, as amended?

TOMLINSON AMENDMENT A0565

Senator TOMLINSON offered the following amendment No. A0565:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 12, by striking out "AND"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 16, by striking out the period after "BRIDGE" and inserting:
; and designating a portion of State Route 2029 and 2049, also known as Bath Road, in Bristol Township, Bucks County, as the Sergeant George Stuckey Memorial Road.

Amend Bill, page 5, by inserting between lines 5 and 6:
Section 6. Sergeant George Stuckey Memorial Road.

(a) Findings.--

(1) Sergeant George F. Stuckey was born June 29, 1939, in Michigan and came to the Bucks County area when he was a child. He was a graduate of Delhaas High School.

(2) Sergeant Stuckey was a police officer with the Bristol Township Police Department where he served for seven years. He held the rank of detective for five years before becoming acting sergeant in the detective division. He served as the department's photographic expert.

(3) Sergeant Stuckey made the ultimate sacrifice on March 29, 1972, when he was shot and killed in the line of duty while stopping a vehicle involved in a bank robbery along Bath Road in Bristol Township. The shooting occurred only a couple hundred feet from the police headquarters.

(4) Sergeant Stuckey was the first police officer in Bucks County to be killed in the line of duty.

(b) Designation.--The section of State Route 2029, known as Bath Road, that runs between US Route 13 (Segment 10) to Oxford Valley Road (Segment 40) and the section of State Route 2049, also known as Bath Road, that runs between Oxford Valley Road (Segment 10) to State Route 413 (Segment 40) in Bristol Township, Bucks County, are hereby designated as the Sergeant George Stuckey Memorial Road.

(c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to traffic in both directions on the highway.

Amend Bill, page 5, line 6, by striking out "6" and inserting:

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On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, this amendment names a portion of Bath Road in Bristol Township the Sergeant George Stuckey Memorial Road. Sergeant George Stuckey was a sergeant in the Bristol Township Police Department when he made the ultimate sacrifice on March 29, 1972. He was shot and killed while stopping a vehicle involved in a bank robbery. Sergeant Stuckey was the first police officer in Bucks County to be killed in the line of duty. Mr. President, I ask for support of this amendment to honor our local fallen hero.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration, as amended?

DINNIMAN AMENDMENT A0235

Senator DINNIMAN offered the following amendment No. A0235:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 13, by striking out "STATE" and inserting:
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Amend Bill, page 4, line 29, by striking out "STATE" and inserting:
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On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, this is a technical amendment to clear up a simple matter. I would appreciate support. Thank you.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator White. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED****BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 286 (Pr. No. 499) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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," 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.

Considered the third time and agreed to,
And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, very briefly, this bill has passed the Senate twice before by unanimous vote. This bill would do much to enhance the transparency and efficiency of the Delaware River Port Authority, responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of four bridges crossing the Delaware River between Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and the Port Authority PATCO Commuter Rail Line. The DRPA, as we all know, Mr. President, has made headlines, and not for good reasons, in the past several years. Both governors, Governor Christie and Governor Corbett, and I believe Governor Wolf, have made strides to make the operations of the Delaware River Port Authority much more efficient and transparent. This legislation will codify those changes that have been made, and additionally, expands upon them to make sure that the authority lives up to its essential purpose, and that is to care for the bridges and the commuter line.

This bill would require Senate confirmation of the Pennsylvania commissioners who are not ex-officio members, such as the Treasurer and the Auditor General. It clarifies the borrowing authority of the Delaware River Port Authority, getting away from the economic development program that has cost some \$500 million in bond issues to the DRPA. It subjects DRPA to Pennsylvania's Procurement Code and New Jersey's Procurement law. It strengthens any conflict of interest with entities subject to the board, it prohibits undue influence in DRPA decisionmaking, requires the vendors to annually disclose political contributions, caps the salary level of employees of the commission, subjects DRPA to the open records law in Pennsylvania or New Jersey, and authorizes the Attorney General from Pennsylvania and the Attorney General from the State of New Jersey to enforce these provisions.

Mr. President, I ask for an affirmative vote so we can get this to the House of Representatives to get their concurrence, then get it to Governor Wolf. Additionally, we are working with our colleagues in New Jersey to have them pass identical language. Our Federal legislators, we have been working with Senator Casey and Senator Toomey on this piece of legislation to make sure that the Delaware River Port Authority continues to advance its original intent, and to make sure that it operates in an effective manner, and codifies, once again, those changes that they have made to make sure that there is no return to the old days.

Mr. President, if I may, I want to thank all of my colleagues for their continued support, and Senator Kitchen from Philadelphia, who has been an outspoken proponent for this piece of legislation, and I want to thank her as well.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for his much needed work in this area.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Alloway	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
Brewster	Hughes	Smucker	Wozniak
Brooks	Hutchinson	Stefano	Yaw
Browne	Kitchen	Tartaglione	Yudichak
Corman	Leach	Teplitz	
Costa	McGarrigle	Tomlinson	
Dinniman	McIlhinney	Vance	

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.

SB 287 (Pr. No. 165) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, this is a companion bill to Senate Bill No. 286, which we just passed by unanimous vote. This is part and parcel with it. The Senate of Pennsylvania passed it twice before. What this bill does--and this bill only needs Senate approval, House approval, and the Governor's signature--is give the Governor of Pennsylvania the same authority that the Governor of New Jersey has enjoyed all this time under the DRPA charter, and that is a veto authority over the minutes from the Pennsylvania caucus. We have seen Governor Christie, to his credit, use it effectively to initiate some of the changes to the DRPA guidelines and operations. This will now give our Governor, the Pennsylvania Governor, the same authority to use it wisely and in making sure that enforcement of the changes and continued openness of the DRPA continues. I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

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Alloway	Eichelberger	Mensch	Vogel
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Costa	McGarrigle	Tomlinson	
Dinniman	McIlhinney	Vance	

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.

SB 333 (Pr. No. 568) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preemptions, providing for leave and compensation mandates.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

HUGHES AMENDMENT A0579 OFFERED

Senator HUGHES offered the following amendment No. A0579:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by inserting after "mandates":
; and providing for paid sick leave
Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by striking out "A" and inserting:
Except as provided in subsection (a.1), a
Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 16 and 17:
(a.1) Paid sick leave.--A municipality may enact an ordinance requiring an employer to provide paid sick leave to an employee if the ordinance meets the requirements of Chapter 92 (relating to paid sick leave ordinances).

Amend Bill, page 2, line 2, by striking out "JANUARY" and inserting:

May

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

May

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 25 and 26, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 2. Title 53 is amended by adding a chapter to read:

CHAPTER 92
PAID SICK LEAVE ORDINANCES

Sec.
9201. Scope.
9202. Definitions.
9203. Paid sick leave ordinance.

9204. Construction.

§ 9201. Scope.

This chapter relates to promoting healthy families and workplaces by establishing parameters on employee paid sick leave ordinances adopted by municipalities.

§ 9202. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Employee." As defined in section 3 of the Minimum Wage Act. The term does not include an employee covered by a collective bargaining agreement if the agreement expressly provides for:

(1) The wages, hours of work and working conditions of employees.

(2) Paid sick leave or a paid leave or paid time off policy that permits the use of sick leave for employees.

(3) Final and binding arbitration of disputes concerning the application of the paid sick leave provisions of the collective bargaining agreement.

"Employer." As defined in section 3 of the Minimum Wage Act.

"Family member." Any of the following:

(1) A child, stepchild or legal ward or a child to whom the employee stands in loco parentis, notwithstanding the age or dependency status of the child.

(2) A biological, adoptive or foster parent, stepparent or legal guardian of an employee or the employee's spouse or a person who stood in loco parentis when the employee was a minor.

(3) A spouse or domestic partner.

(4) A grandparent.

(5) A grandchild.

(6) A sibling.

"Minimum Wage Act." The act of January 17, 1968 (P.L.11, No.5), known as The Minimum Wage Act of 1968.

"Municipality." A city, borough, incorporated town or township. The term includes a municipality operating under Part III Subpt. E (relating to home rule and optional plan government).

"Paid sick leave." Time that is compensated at the rate provided under section 9203(b)(3) (relating to paid sick leave ordinance) and is provided by an employer to an employee under this chapter.

"Secretary." The Secretary of Labor and Industry of the Commonwealth.

§ 9203. Paid sick leave ordinance.

(a) Authorization.--The governing body of a municipality may enact a paid sick leave ordinance applicable to all employers within the territorial limits of the municipality in accordance with this chapter.

(b) Content.--An ordinance adopted pursuant to this chapter shall:

(1) Require an employer to provide paid sick leave to an employee for the following purposes:

(i) Diagnosis, care or treatment of an existing health condition of, or preventive care for, an employee or employee's family member.

(ii) Diagnosis, treatment, care, counseling or other assistance for a physical, mental or emotional injury suffered by the employee or the employee's family member due to an act of abuse as defined in 23 Pa.C.S. § 6102(a) (relating to definitions) or sexual violence as defined in 42 Pa.C.S. § 62A03 (relating to definitions).

(iii) A public health or public safety emergency involving the employee or the employee's family member.

(2) Not require an employer to provide paid sick leave to an employee until the day after the date the employee has worked for the employer for at least 30 days within a year from the commencement of employment.

(3) Permit an employee to accrue paid sick leave at the rate of one hour per every 30 hours worked, beginning at the commencement of employment. An employee who is exempt from overtime requirements of section 5 of the Minimum Wage Act as an administrative, executive or professional employee shall be deemed to work 40 hours per workweek for the purposes of this paragraph, unless the employee's normal workweek is less than 40 hours, in which case the employee shall accrue paid sick leave based upon the normal workweek.

(4) Limit an employee's use of paid sick leave to 56 hours or seven days in each year of employment.

(5) Prohibit an employee from using accrued paid sick leave prior to 91 days of employment unless otherwise approved by the employer, after which day the employee may use paid sick leave as the

paid sick leave is accrued.

(6) Provide that accrued paid sick leave shall carry over to the following year of employment, except that an employer may limit an employee's total accrual of paid sick leave to 80 hours or 10 days annually.

(7) Authorize an employer to, at the employer's discretion:

(i) Provide the full amount of paid sick leave to the employee at the beginning of each year.

(ii) Lend paid sick leave to an employee in advance of accrual with proper documentation.

(8) Provide that an employee:

(i) May determine the amount of paid sick leave the employee needs to use, except that an employer may set a reasonable minimum increment, not to exceed two hours, for the use of paid sick leave.

(ii) Must provide reasonable advance written or verbal notification to the employer if the need to use paid sick leave is foreseeable. If the need to use paid sick leave is unforeseeable, the employee must provide written or verbal notice of the need for the leave to the employer as soon as practicable.

(9) Provide that an employer:

(i) May not require, as a condition of using paid sick leave, an employee to search for or find a replacement worker to cover the hours or days during which the employee uses paid sick leave.

(ii) May require an employee to provide documentation from the individual providing treatment or care under paragraph (1) if the employee is absent for three or more consecutive days.

(iii) Shall not be required to provide additional paid sick leave under this section if the following conditions are met:

(A) On the effective date of this section the employer has a paid leave policy or paid time off policy.

(B) The employer makes available an amount of leave that may be used for the same purposes and under the same conditions as specified in this section.

(C) The policy does either of the following:

(I) Satisfies the accrual, carryover and use requirements of this section.

(II) At the beginning of each calendar year, provides an employee with no less than 56 hours or seven days of paid sick leave, or equivalent paid leave or paid time off. An employer may prorate the amount of paid sick leave or equivalent paid leave or paid time off provided to an employee in the employee's first year of employment based on the employee's date of hire.

(iv) Must provide each employee with written notice that sets forth the amount of paid sick leave available or paid time off leave an employer provides in lieu of sick leave in the manner prescribed under this chapter. The municipality may impose penalties on the employer for failure to provide notice in accordance with this subsection.

(v) Must display a poster, developed by the municipality, in a conspicuous place within each workplace of the employer, that states all of the following:

(A) An employee is entitled to accrue, request and use paid sick leave.

(B) The amount of sick leave provided for by the ordinance.

(C) The terms of use of paid sick leave.

(D) That retaliation or discrimination against an employee who requests paid sick leave or uses paid sick leave, or both, is prohibited and that an employee has the right under law to file a complaint with the municipality against an employer who retaliates or discriminates against the employee.

(10) Establish that the rate of pay for paid sick leave shall be the greater of the minimum wage as set forth in section 4 of the Minimum Wage Act or the employee's hourly wage. If the employee in the 90 days of employment before using accrued sick leave had different hourly pay rates, was paid by commission or piece rate or was a nonexempt salaried employee, the rate of pay shall be calculated by dividing the employee's total wages, not including overtime premium pay, by the employee's total hours worked in the full pay periods of the prior 90 days of employment.

(11) Provide that an employer must provide payment for sick leave used by an employee no later than the payday for the next regular payroll period after the sick leave was used.

(12) Provide that an employer is not required to provide compensation to an employee for accrued, unused paid sick leave upon termination, resignation, retirement or other separation from employ-

ment, except that, if an employee separates from an employer and is rehired by the employer within one year from the date of separation, previously accrued and unused paid sick leave must be reinstated. The employee may use previously accrued and unused paid sick leave and shall accrue additional paid sick leave upon being rehired.

(13) Provide that an employer may not:

(i) Deny an employee the right to use accrued sick leave.

(ii) Discharge, threaten to discharge, demote, suspend, reduce the wages of or in any manner discriminate against an employee for doing any of the following:

(A) Using accrued sick leave or attempting to exercise the right to use accrued sick leave.

(B) Filing a complaint or alleging a violation of the ordinance.

(C) Cooperating in an investigation or prosecution of an alleged violation of the ordinance.

(D) Opposing a policy or practice that is prohibited under the ordinance.

(14) Establish a complaint procedure where an employee may file with a designated agency or department of the municipality a complaint against an employer for an alleged violation of the ordinance. The designated agency or department shall establish a process for investigating and resolving a complaint.

(15) Prescribe penalties for an employer who willfully violates the posting provisions of paragraph (9)(v) not to exceed \$250 for each offense, to be imposed by the municipality.

(16) Provide that the municipality may order an employer who is found to be in violation of this section to do all of the following:

(i) Reinstatement of the employee with or without back pay.

(ii) Pay the employee the amount of sick leave unlawfully withheld.

(iii) Pay the employee an additional sum in the form of an administrative penalty. If paid sick leave was unlawfully withheld, the administrative penalty shall be an amount equal to the dollar amount of paid sick leave unlawfully withheld multiplied by three, or \$250, whichever is greater, not to exceed \$5,000. If the violation of this section resulted in additional harm to an employee, such as discharge from employment, or otherwise results in a violation of the rights of the employee, the administrative penalty shall include an additional sum of \$500 for each day or portion of a day that the violation occurred or continued, not to exceed \$10,000.

(iv) Comply with any other additional relief deemed appropriate.

(17) Authorize the employee to bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction against the employer or other person violating this section and, upon prevailing, shall be entitled to collect legal or equitable relief as may be appropriate to remedy the violation, including:

(i) Reinstatement of the employee, with or without back pay.

(ii) Payment of sick leave unlawfully withheld.

(iii) The payment of an additional sum, not to exceed an aggregate penalty of \$5,000, as liquidated damages in the amount of \$50 to each employee or person whose rights under this section were violated for each day or portion of a day that the violation occurred or continued. In addition, if the employer has unlawfully withheld paid sick days to an employee, the employer must pay the dollar amount of paid sick days withheld from the employee multiplied by three or \$250, whichever amount is greater.

(iv) Injunctive relief.

(v) Reasonable attorney fees and costs.

(18) Provide that an employer may not be assessed a penalty or liquidated damages due to an isolated and unintentional payroll error or written notice error that is a clerical or an inadvertent mistake regarding the accrual or available use of paid sick leave. In a review under this subsection, consideration may be given to whether the employer, prior to an alleged violation, has adopted and is in compliance with a set of policies, procedures and practices that fully comply with the ordinance.

(19) Provide that an employer or employee may appeal an adverse decision under the ordinance to the court of common pleas of the county in which the municipality is located.

§ 9204. Construction.

This chapter:

(1) May not be construed to invalidate an ordinance or other mandate enacted by a municipality prior to the effective date of this section.

(2) May not be construed to discourage or prohibit an employer from the adoption or retention of a paid sick leave policy more generous than that contained in any ordinance adopted by a municipality.

(3) Shall not preempt or otherwise apply to an ordinance or mandate enacted by a municipality affecting vacation or other forms of leave offered by employers within the municipality.

(4) Shall not be construed to mandate a municipality to adopt an ordinance applicable to employers within the municipality relating to compensation, vacation or other forms of leave from employment.

(5) Shall not limit or affect any Federal, State or local law guaranteeing privacy of health information or information related to domestic violence or sexual assault, regarding an employee or employee's family member. The information must be treated as confidential and may not be disclosed to a person except the affected employee or as required by law.

(6) Shall not relieve or lessen the obligation of an employer to comply with an existing contract, collective bargaining agreement, employment benefit plan or other agreement providing more generous paid sick leave to an employee than that required by an ordinance adopted by a municipality.

(7) Shall not be construed to remove the subject matter of this chapter from the scope of collective bargaining under the act of June 1, 1937 (P.L.1168, No.294), known as the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Act, the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, or the act of July 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the Public Employee Relations Act, or any other act related to collective bargaining.

(8) Shall not preempt, limit or affect the applicability of any other law, regulation, requirement, policy or standard that provides for greater accrual or use of paid or unpaid sick leave or that extends other protections to an employee.

(9) Shall be in addition to and independent of any other right, remedy or procedure available under any other law and shall not diminish, alter or negate any other legal right, remedy or procedure available to an aggrieved person.

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

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I appreciate your recognition on something that I think is extremely important. Most Members may not be aware, but this country ranks as one of the worst countries in the world that is industrialized and has a relatively modern workforce and employment system with respect to the amount of time that their workers can take off for being sick. Consequently, there are many folks in this nation and in this State who come to work ill-prepared and ill in the basic sense. They are just sick. They come to work sick. Their productivity goes down, the environment in which they are working with other workers are put in jeopardy. It is a hazard for them to contract some kind of illness or disease. So, consequently, there has been an attempt, because of the failure of the Federal government, and in this case, because of the failure of State government, for local municipalities around the State and around the nation to adopt some form of paid sick leave to give some reprieve to workers who are working 8, 9, 10 hours a day, who are doing some very laborious work, some very intensive work, some work that is strenuous, to give them an opportunity that when they get sick, they get an opportunity to heal, to get well, to get better, to recover from their illness and not have to report to work ill and potentially getting other workers in their work environment sick.

Recently, the city of Philadelphia, after a couple of years' worth of work, literally passed an earned sick days bill that takes effect on May 13, 2015, in the city of Philadelphia. The law allows Philadelphia workers in many businesses to earn 1 hour of sick time for every 40 hours worked. So, if you work 40 hours, you earn 1 hour of sick time. So, if you work a full week, 40 hours, you earn 1 hour of sick time, and those workers can use up to 40 hours, or 5 days, of paid sick time each year if they are working at businesses with 10 or more employees. In other words, Mr. President, the city of Philadelphia's ordinance that was passed after a significant amount of work and a significant amount of analysis, in fact, if I remember correctly, a commission was put together by the mayor of the city of Philadelphia to analyze this concept of paid sick leave, came up with this proposal passed by council and signed into law. This proposal in the city of Philadelphia does not impact mom-and-pop businesses. In other words, Mr. President, a business that has nine workers or less is exempt from providing paid time, but their workers can take unpaid time to recover from illness, and workers can start using their earned sick time after 90 days on the job.

Now some of us, Mr. President, would think that even the ordinance that was passed in the city of Philadelphia was kind of punitive, was not our best selves in terms of providing for working people, especially low-income working people. I know in a place where I worked at in 1980, when I made all of \$9,000 a year, Mr. President, I was high up on the salary range in 1980 making \$9,000 a year, but I got paid sick time, and within 6 months I could start accruing that sick time and that sick time could accrue over a year to over 10 days. That was 1980, Mr. President. So now, we are having a conversation about paid sick leave, which in many respects seems a bit regressive, and that we are turning the clock back to provide something for folks that they should have had a long time ago. In many respects, many of them did have a long time ago. So, the city of Philadelphia passed this ordinance. It takes effect on May 13, 2015. But again, here rises the wisdom, or lack thereof, of this great body, this august body, who wants to go back into the city of Philadelphia and overturn an ordinance that was passed unanimously by city council and signed into law by the mayor, after a review by a commission of business and working people put together by the mayor with the offering of these suggestions.

So now we have Senate Bill No. 333, which wants to overturn that measure that we in the city of Philadelphia decided on our own to put into place for the 1.5 million people who work, live, and thrive in the city of Philadelphia. We decided on our own to have our own legislation to govern our own city. It seems that other people say, no, Philadelphia, you cannot have that. You should not have that. You should not govern yourself. This august body, who says time and time again that it should be about local government taking charge of their own responsibilities, now they want to come into the city of Philadelphia and say, no, you cannot do what is best for your own workers. Maybe because they do not have the guts to do the same thing for their own workers and stand up for their own workers. Now they want to come into the city and say, no, you cannot have that in the city of Philadelphia. Agreed-to legislation, unanimously supported by council, and signed off by the mayor. It was not done all at one time, Mr. President, as you well know. Mr. President, there was a lot of back and forth on this matter over several years' time.

Our good friend, Councilman Greenlee, was the prime sponsor of this legislation. There was a lot of back and forth on this matter. The mayor was not necessarily agreeable to it, but he took the time in the city of Philadelphia, over a significant amount of time, and figured it out. Now this august body wants to pre-empt the city of Philadelphia and say, no, you cannot have that. The city of Philadelphia cannot govern itself when it comes to providing for a safe, thoughtful, and compassionate working environment for its employees.

So, Mr. President, what we have offered in this amendment is an opportunity to say, leave Philadelphia alone. Let its own ordinance stand. Let its own ordinance rule the city of Philadelphia, but provide a context for every community in the State of Pennsylvania to negotiate their own paid sick leave responsibility and rules. So, if a municipality in any county wanted to rise up and say, look, we want paid sick leave, it has to be done with some level of uniformity. It has to be done with some level of consistency across the State of Pennsylvania. For lack of a better term, Mr. President, we are saying it has to be, essentially, a floor from which those local municipalities can negotiate and put together their own program. That floor would consist of, Mr. President, as evidenced in this amendment, that those employees must earn at the rate of 1 hour for every 40 hours worked, starting at the beginning of employment.

That sick time would cover the following circumstances: the diagnosis, care or treatment of any existing health condition. That sick time would be utilized for preventive care for an employee or their family members. That sick time would be utilized for the diagnosis, treatment, care, counseling, or other care for physical, mental, or emotional injury. That sick time would be utilized for a public health or public safety emergency involving the employee or the employee's family. That paid sick time will be paid at the employee's hourly rate. That paid sick time could only be utilized after that individual is employed for 90 days. That paid sick time would be limited to 7 days in each year of employment. That employers may not require employees to search for or find a replacement worker to cover hours missed due to paid sick leave. That employers can require employees to provide documentation if an employee is absent for more than 3 days. That employers must provide employees with written notice explaining the earned sick leave policy, and this does not affect collective bargaining agreements over the right to bargain over the issue.

In other words, what we are doing, Mr. President, with this amendment, is creating a floor or a context for other municipalities around the State of Pennsylvania to negotiate their own programs. It returns local control with some consistency from community to community based on the parameters that I just laid out and that exist in this particular amendment.

Mr. President, either we are going to come into the 21st century of nations, or we are not. Either we are going to create an environment where workers are treated as human beings and valued as significant investments in the business that they work to make successful, or we are not. Either we are going to realize the fact that these individuals, especially these individuals who are working in this income category, who are just as important and just as equal and matter just as much, if not more so, than the top CEO and the top level management, who have, by nature of their position, the opportunity to take off anytime that they need to take off, for any reason that they so desire, can come in at any

time that they so desire, leave at any time that they so desire, and have their way with respect to their workforce. If they do not feel well, they can call in sick and not be penalized for it.

Why is it the case for someone making \$8 an hour, or someone making \$7.50 an hour, or someone making \$9 an hour, working below the Federal poverty level, that they cannot be treated just as equally as those who are at the top rung of the economic ladder? Why is that? Because the truth of the matter is those individuals who are working at the low-income spectrum, they are the ones making all of the money for the ones working at the top. They should be treated just as equally as anyone else. They should be afforded what we call in the legal field a de minimis program, Mr. President; a program that is minimal in terms of what it provides. They should be given that opportunity.

And why should a local municipality not be given the opportunity to create its own program for its own people in its own municipality? If we have a consistent floor so there is a level of equality across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that makes sense, but they should be given the opportunity to negotiate their own. It is only fair, it is only right, it is only just, it is only appropriate if we, as a State, want to say that we live and work and operate in a 21st century business environment.

I am tired, Mr. President, of seeing, on a daily basis, folks go to work, work long hours, 10 hours, 12 hours, 13-hour days, not necessarily be available to get overtime, sick as a dog, and still not be treated with the appropriate respect that they deserve to have. That is not the best of us, Mr. President. In fact, in many respects, that is the worst of us. We ask for passage of this amendment, which only, Mr. President, allows for a program of uniformity to exist as a floor on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and gives local municipalities, local governments the control that they deserve to have in creating a 21st century working environment for their workers. Most of those workers, again, Mr. President, working at the low-income level of the economic bracket.

Thank you, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

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

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

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

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, this amendment, and there are several that are being offered, would permit this practice that was done in Philadelphia to continue across the Commonwealth. We have over 2,500 municipalities in this State. It would be unacceptable for any business to work in an environment where municipality by municipality they would dictate to private businesses what their leave policy would be for private sector employees. It is an unreasonable way for local government to conduct themselves.

I know that we have had conversations with the people in Philadelphia. I know that the mayor of Philadelphia has vetoed this same legislation twice before, it was passed the third time, and stated very good reasons why it would put Philadelphia at an

uncompetitive edge in attracting business into the great city of the southeastern part of this State. So, I ask my colleagues to not support this amendment and understand that this would be a detrimental law to be permitted to continue in Pennsylvania if we allowed it to exist across the Commonwealth, and we cannot permit one municipality to do it unfairly and treat the others differently in this State. It is a uniformity issue as well. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator HUGHES, for the second time.

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, so what the gentleman is basically saying, or what a "no" vote would basically say, is that workers in Pennsylvania are not deserving of accumulating any paid sick leave. What the amendment does is create a floor of consistency and continuity for every municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It creates a basic policy that local municipalities can work off of in terms of what they want to create in their local municipality. That is what the amendment does.

So a vote against this amendment basically says that businesses should not be obligated to provide some de minimis amount of paid sick time for their workers. Let us be clear, we are only talking about accumulating 7 days of paid sick time over the course of a year. We are not talking about accumulating 7 weeks of sick time, we are talking about accumulating 7 days of sick time. So if a person works over, I will say 280 days during the course of a year, out of 280 days of work, they would accumulate 7 days of paid sick time.

Now, I have walked around this Chamber today and yesterday and I have Members and staff sneezing and coughing and hacking and all kinds of stuff. If it were not for their commitment to this legislative body, they would probably be home taking some time off to get themselves better. We can accumulate it, staff here can accumulate it, the highest paid ranking CEOs in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and their executive vice presidents, and their district managers, and their store operators, and all of their private sector leadership types, they can accumulate sick time, but what you are saying is that low-income working individuals who bust their behind on a daily basis, they cannot accumulate sick time.

Go out here when you are on your way home. Stop at the local restaurant when you have a fine dinner this evening. Say to that waiter or waitress who is serving your food, I voted against you today, you cannot accumulate any sick time. When you go to the dry cleaner tomorrow morning to pick up your shirts so you can look fine and dandy, or your dresses or suits so you can look fine and dandy when you come on the floor of the Senate, say to the person who serviced you, who worked those 15 hours to provide for your clothing, that I voted against you today. You cannot have your own sick time. When you stop at the 7-Eleven or the Sheetz to get a cup of coffee, or the Wawa or Dunkin' Donuts, say to the workers who are serving you that you cannot get a few days off if you are sick. Say to them, I want you to come to the Dunkin' Donuts today and I want to you sneeze and cough and hack over these doughnuts that I am getting ready to buy from you. Is that healthy for me? Is it healthy for the rest of the people who shop there? That is what you are saying.

So let us be clear about this, Mr. President, a vote against this amendment, a vote in support of Senate Bill No. 333, basically is furthering the concept of a two-class working environment in the State of Pennsylvania. There is one set of standards for those

who have, and for those who do not have, there is something else for everybody else but you cannot achieve it. You cannot have it. What these Members who are voting against this concept are saying is unequivocally, that they believe in two different standards. That is what they are saying. Let us be clear about it. Unequivocally, that is the bottom line for what we have in front of us right now.

Mr. President, I ask for support, you can hear it all over the room right now, for the concept of providing 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 40 hours that a person works. I ask for support, Mr. President, for providing for 7 days of paid sick leave for over 280 days worked in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I ask for support for a concept that has been adopted in essentially 3 States, 16 municipalities, and adopted in the largest economic engine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the city of Philadelphia. I ask for support for the working people of this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania so that they can do what it is they need to do without having to worry about whether their family or themselves will get sick, stay sick, and not make the income necessary for their families to survive.

Thank you, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

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

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

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

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

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

YEA-18

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Boscola	Fontana	Schwank	Williams
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Brooks	McGarrigle	Stefano	Wozniak
Browne	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	Yaw
Corman	Mensch	Vance	

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 third consideration?

HUGHES AMENDMENT A0557 OFFERED

Senator HUGHES offered the following amendment No. A0557:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 2, by striking out "JANUARY 1, 2015." and inserting:

the effective date of this section.

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 4 and 5, by striking out "JANUARY 1, 2015" and inserting:

The Effective Date of This Section

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 25 and 26, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 2, line 27, 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 Philadelphia, Senator Hughes.

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, this amendment No. A0557 is even simpler than the previous one. This amendment amends Senate Bill No. 333 and just simply says, if you are going to have Senate Bill No. 333, leave the city of Philadelphia out of it. Let the city of Philadelphia have its own ordinance and have its own program. The city of Philadelphia voted for its own program. It was voted unanimously by members of city council and was signed off by the mayor. The mayor had a commission of business and working people put together, leaders of the city of Philadelphia to analyze the issue, they came up with a fair program, and enacted their own program. They had a full discussion over several months, over a year, on the issue. A number of votes, some of them were somewhat controversial, as the President will remember, but they had their say. They agreed upon the concept that they wanted to have adopted in the city of Philadelphia. They went through their process. They were allowed to let the local government of the city of Philadelphia govern itself accordingly and make its own decision.

There are a lot of people in this body who believe in returning the power to local government, that big government needs to stay out of it and let it just be handled at the local level. What Senate Bill No. 333 does is recognize that concept and allows Philadelphia to be treated equally as all other communities across the Commonwealth. The city of Philadelphia made its own decision and made its own policy, a very minimal policy, but they made their own policy to invest in their own workers, and to invest in the businesses in the city of Philadelphia.

The program is very simple: the earned sick days bill goes into effect May 13, 2015. The law allows Philadelphia workers in many businesses to earn 1 hour of sick time for every 40 hours worked. Workers can use up to 40 hours or 5 days of paid sick time each year if they work at businesses with 10 or more employees. Mom-and-pop businesses, which are those defined as nine workers or less, are exempt from providing paid time, but

their workers can take unpaid time to recover from illness. Workers can start using earned sick days after 90 days on the job.

It is a very simple policy. It is a minimal policy compared to others that have been put in place around the country and in various workplaces. It allows the city of Philadelphia to govern itself, to do the right thing, and the thing appropriate to invest in its own employees and its own workforces, so those workforces will be attractive for other businesses to come into the city.

Too many times, Mr. President, I see too many of our colleagues come into the city of Philadelphia and basically pimp the city. I said it. I said it, and I will say it again - to utilize the city to draw resources from the city. They come to the city and they say, Senator, I have a sick grandchild, can you get my grandchild into Children's Hospital of Philadelphia? And to my colleagues, I suggest they pay close attention to this track I am going down. I suggest that my colleagues pay close attention, Mr. President, to where I am going. They ask for help, Mr. President. Senator, can you get my child into the university? Can you get tickets for my kid to go to a football game or hockey game or the U.S. Open, or something along that line? Can we get access? Senator Hughes, can you help me out? They always want to draw from the city. They come to the city and they raise millions of dollars for their campaigns. Usually that money is utilized to work against the interests of the people in Philadelphia.

So they basically pimp off of the city, Mr. President. I said it, and I do not walk away from that statement. But when the city decides to make its own investment in itself, when it decides to invest in its own employees, they say, no, no, no.

POINT OF ORDER

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Hughes, would you yield for one moment.

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I will be glad to yield.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I certainly respect and understand the Senator's passion for the issue; however, I think he is going down a road which disparages other Members here in the Chamber and I think that would violate the operating rules that we agreed to here in the Senate. So I ask the Senator to refrain from disparaging other Members here in the Senate. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Corman. Senator Hughes, I know you would not intend to disparage other Members. If you would be conscious of that to the best of your ability, the Chair would appreciate it.

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I have no intention of disparaging other Members. If other Members feel that they have been disparaged, I apologize for that. I just say, though, Mr. President, that too many times, too many colleagues come to the city to draw resources from the city, come to the city to access resources from the city, come to the city for special help and special benefits and special protection, and when the city collectively makes a decision to invest in itself, it denies the city the opportunity to do that investment.

You cannot keep drawing from the flower and still continue to expect the flower to provide the honey, the nectar. You cannot keep drawing from that flower and not invest in that flower to allow that city to continue to provide the nectar that you want to

take from. So when the mayor, the president of city council, the members of city council, members of a broad coalition of business folks and working groups sit together and come up with their own policy to govern the city of Philadelphia, not waiting for the rest of the State to have their own policy, that should be respected, that should be acknowledged, that should not be ignored, and that should be allowed to flourish. Allow us in the city to do what it is that we have to do so that the city can grow, so that businesses and workers in the city can flourish, because that is surely what will happen when we have a program like this in the city of Philadelphia, where we have a level of compassion for our workers to give them a few hours off in the course of a year so that they could tend to their own illnesses, should they get sick.

So, Mr. President, I rise and ask for support for this amendment which does simply this: the city of Philadelphia passed its own ordinance. If you want to have this concept for rest of the State of Pennsylvania, you can have it. But for the city, which already passed its own ordinance after going through months and years of deliberation on it, allow it to stand so it can move on and at least allow the city to move into the 21st century in terms of being a fair and appropriate place to grow and thrive.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks my fellow Philadelphian.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Blair, Senator Eichelberger.

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues again for a negative vote on this amendment. This amendment would change the date of the effectiveness of the bill and allow Philadelphia to do something that nobody else in this State would be permitted to do if this bill passed, so that would not be fair to other municipalities. I ask people to look at it, again, uniformly across the Commonwealth and make sure that we are doing what is fair and just for the citizens of Pennsylvania. Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Ward. Without objection, the leave is granted.

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

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

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Brewster	Haywood	Smith	Yudichak
Costa	Hughes	Tartaglione	
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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 third consideration?

HAYWOOD AMENDMENT A0365 OFFERED

Senator HAYWOOD offered the following amendment No. A0365:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 10 through 13, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

(d) Relief.--A person adversely affected by the prohibition under subsection (a) may seek declaratory or injunctive relief and actual damages in an appropriate court. A court shall award reasonable expenses to a person adversely affected in an action under this subsection.

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 24 and 25:

"Person adversely affected." Any of the following:

(1) A resident of this Commonwealth.

(2) A person who otherwise has standing under the laws of this Commonwealth to bring an action under subsection (d).

(3) A membership organization in which a member is a person described under paragraph (1) or (2).

"Reasonable expenses." The term includes, but is not limited to, attorney fees, expert witness fees, court costs and compensation for loss of income.

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

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, it appears that the Senate is committed to punishing everyday people. My amendment would provide for a civil cause of action that would allow for any person or membership organization representing a person who was aggrieved by this statute access to the courts and be awarded damages. Senator Hughes has already clarified why the underlying legislation is a mistake, but my legislation merely gives those workers who have been denied access for what we know each person should have, gives those workers, whom the Senate is determined to punish, access to the courts. I ask for its passage.

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

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, I rise again to ask for a negative vote on this amendment. This issue was addressed in the fall by this body. New law was passed and signed into law by the Governor, and I do not see a need to revisit it with this. It is a different subject matter visited with this bill today. So I ask for a negative vote from my colleagues. Thank you.

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 amendment?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Haywood, for the second time.

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, I believe the response was not responsive to the actual amendment that has been proposed, which has not been addressed in the past. Would it be helpful for me to go over it again?

The PRESIDENT. I would leave that in your hands, Senator.

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, as I mentioned earlier, this is an amendment to provide for a civil cause of action that would allow for any person or membership organization representing a person who is aggrieved by this statute access to the courts and awarded damages. This would give those workers who have been denied the benefits access to the courts, and I ask for passage.

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I rise in support of the gentleman's amendment. All this amendment does is talk about uniformity, like one of the prior speakers did. It is giving an aggrieved party under the statute, the new amendment, the ability to go into court and get standing. It is language that was passed last October almost verbatim, Mr. President. Many of us here remember that, when we conferred standing on an organization. I certainly did not agree with that, I certainly voted against it, but here we are again because the Majority believed that that was the appropriate way to go.

So, all that the Senator did was just insert the language that we passed back in October into this particular legislation giving the definition of aggrieved party, which we did last October to include one organization. Now it is a different group of people that will be aggrieved. We recognized an aggrieved party status in October. This is now an opportunity to recognize those folks -- actually, Mr. President, it should be noted that it is a very limited number of folks and a very narrow presentation of what they could actually be aggrieved under. So, only folks who are aggrieved by a specific ordinance within the city of Philadelphia, only those particular folks who had sick leave as of today within the city of Philadelphia who are getting it taken away would be aggrieved. This would not be a statewide application.

So, just to sum up, it is basically a copy of language that was approved by this body back in October, just applying now to a different set of aggrieved parties, but actually a very limited and a very narrow set, and I rise to support the gentleman's amendment. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Eichelberger appreciated Senator Haywood's description of his amendment for the second time and would like to respond to that.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Blair, Senator Eichelberger, for the second time.

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, the amendments, and there were several, I had them confused and I thought this was a separate amendment, Senator, and I apologize for that.

On speaking to this amendment, I again ask for a negative vote and would be very concerned about the legal implications of anybody who would be adversely affected by this, which I would view in a much broader scope than my friend from Philadelphia would. So I think it would open up a tremendous area of litigation in the city, and I think it would be harmful to all of the parties involved. Again, I ask for a negative vote on this.

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I rise to agree with my colleague. I think it does set a very bad precedent to begin to identify those parties, which are, quote, aggrieved within statute and taking that away from the court. So, I rise and support the comments that were made by the previous speaker.

Thank you, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Browne and Senator Yaw.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Browne and Senator Yaw. Without objection, the leaves are granted.

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

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

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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 third consideration?
It was agreed to.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, just so we can be clear, what Senate Bill No. 333 does is deny the city of Philadelphia its given right that it utilized through unanimous support from the city council, through agreement from its mayor, from agreement and advice and counsel from a commission of business and community leaders put together by the mayor, it denies the city of Philadelphia the opportunity to govern itself in the context of setting a policy which the city has set. After a couple of years of deliberation, after a couple of affirmative votes and vetoes by the mayor, what this is doing is denying the city of Philadelphia an opportunity to have a paid sick leave policy so that it can invest in its workforce and create a better working environment for everyone in the city of Philadelphia.

What this amendment does, Mr. President, is it allows for a two-class system in our Commonwealth, for those individuals of means, those individuals of might, those individuals of power, they set the rules for themselves, have their own paid sick leave policy. Should they get sick, they can take their time off and get better. But if you are a low-income working individual in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, you do not have that luxury. You do not have that policy. There is no vehicle for you to have a few hours off, not during the course of a day, not a few hours off during the course of the week, but a few hours off during the course of a year, to get well so that you can return to your job and remain a contributor to the largess of that business that you work for.

It says for those who have, they can have some more. It says for those who do not have, you cannot have any more. That is what Senate Bill No. 333 does today. It was evidenced clearly in the amendments that were drawn, offered, and voted against. Senate Bill No. 333 is a policy for those of the privileged. Senate Bill No. 333 is a policy that does not represent the best interests of the rest of the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. That is what Senate Bill No. 333 is. The city of Philadelphia chose to have its own paid sick leave program, Mr. President. This body is saying, no, you cannot. You cannot have your own sick leave. You cannot have a standard that all other communities must operate by. You cannot just leave the city alone and does not offer a paid leave policy for everyone to consider, for everyone to have. It says none are available.

So this policy, this bill, Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 333, let us mark the day, let us mark the moment, 4:25 p.m. on April 14, 2015, where this body stood, once again, to represent the needs and the issues of those who are privileged and not the needs and the issues of the masses of the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the folks who work so hard to try to make this State go. That is what Senate Bill No. 333 does, Mr. President. It is not in the best interest of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and it flies in the face of every Member who stands on the floor and says that they believe in local government. It denies the largest city in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania the opportunity to govern themselves, even though they went through a very deliberative process to achieve an end that everyone in the end agreed to.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I will be supporting this bill, but I want to put my concerns on the record. If they do not make any difference today, perhaps there will be an opportunity in the future that we can address some of these issues. I agree with my friend and colleague from Blair County, Senator Eichelberger, that we need to have uniformity and consistency in policies across communities. That makes sense. We understand that has been a problem in Pennsylvania with so many municipalities doing so many different things. I also understand the urgency that the city of Philadelphia and their leaders had when they tried to address this issue over a number of different sessions for them and conversations and votes, because they recognize that this is a problem and, perhaps even more importantly, they recognize that probably we will not do anything here to address the issue. That is what really concerns me.

I do want to see us address this issue. I would dare say for everyone in this august body that all of us at some point have had to make the decision about staying home for a sick child, or for our own illness, and trying to make the decision as to whether we should do that or not. Maybe it would not sit well with the boss, or maybe you might lose some pay as a result of doing that. It is time for Pennsylvania to develop a fair sick leave policy. Frankly, I would like to see it on the national level, but I do not hold much hope for that either. I do hold hope, however, that we could get something done here. I ask that my colleagues continue to think about this issue so that we can begin to address a consistent statewide sick leave policy.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, I share the concern of my colleague, Senator Schwank, that we should be looking for uniformity and consistency across the State. The concern that I have with this bill is the same concern that I had on the bill that was alluded to that we dealt with last fall, and that is in imposing that uniformity, we are not taking into account previous actions that had been taken at the local level. I am concerned about a trend that we seem to be adopting of invalidating local actions retroactively. I think that is a dangerous road to go down. Certainly, if there is notice to local governments that we have set a statewide rule that they need to follow, we should expect them to follow it, but to continue to keep moving the goalposts is not fair to those entities that have acted in the absence of action at this level.

So, although I agree with the principle and the sentiment behind the bill, I am going to vote "no" for that principle of, again, not retroactively invalidating ordinances. In this case, I understand that there needs to be a date certain on this bill for its effective date, but I think that more effort could have been made in order to accommodate the local concerns.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, again, this is a bill that would affect the municipalities of Pennsylvania. Over 2,500 of them are concerned about uniformity and about being competitive in this State to attract businesses here and allow the businesses that we have to grow and prosper. I know that there have been some specific names of businesses cited earlier today on the floor and I can assure you that many of them have leave policies for their employees, convenience stores often do, and others.

This is affecting most severely the smaller businesses, people who are operating on a very short margin who have flexibility sometimes in their staffing, allowing people to change shifts, do things like that to accommodate time that they would need to take, but that would eliminate that.

We cannot have municipal governments taking on issues that should be left to the authority of the State government, or the Federal government, and acting on those issues with an ordinance done on a municipality-by-municipality basis across this great State. The business organizations, every one that I have spoken with that is active in this building, have supported this legislation today because they know that having one business and one municipality operate under one set of rules, and another business in another municipality operating under a different set of rules would be extremely problematic for them in their human resources department and across the board in attracting good employees when one is treated differently than another. It is a fairness issue, and that is what we are trying to get at. We are trying to be fair and we are trying to make sure that everybody is the same. The fact that Philadelphia went ahead and pushed this through while we were working on it is a mistake on their part and should not be allowed to continue to have that ordinance on the books when the rest of the Commonwealth will have to subscribe to the law of the State of Pennsylvania.

So, I ask my colleagues to support this legislation and vote "yes" on it and move forward so that we can work on many other things in a bipartisan fashion. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator HUGHES, for the second time.

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, not to belabor the point but to be accurate, the city of Philadelphia began work on this issue several years ago. Not waiting for the legislature to even start to have the conversation, the city of Philadelphia began their process several years ago, had votes in council, and had issues with disagreements between council and the mayor on the issue. So, the city's process did not jump in front of the State of Pennsylvania. What is happening is the State of Pennsylvania realized, at least the Senate in this case, that they were late to the conversation. The truth of the matter is, when the issue was presented to a number of Senators about having a statewide policy, the folks who alleged that they were interested in having a statewide policy chose not to have any conversation or negotiation on having a statewide policy.

So, the city started this process several years ago and worked in a rather somewhat rough-and-tumble way, Mr. President. As a resident of the city of Philadelphia, you watched, as I did, the conversations in our own council and the issues of disagreement that existed. But they worked through in a deliberative process, somewhat rough and tumble, but deliberative, cooperative, and collaborative to reach their end. But we were not late. The city was not late in terms of dealing with this issue. The fact of the matter is the city was early in dealing with this issue and it is just now that the State, or at least this body, wants to jump into the game and deny the city of Philadelphia the right and opportunity to govern itself.

Thank you, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-37

Alloway	Corman	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Argall	Eichelberger	Scarnati	Wagner
Aument	Folmer	Scavello	Ward
Baker	Gordner	Schwank	White
Bartolotta	Greenleaf	Smith	Wozniak
Blake	Hutchinson	Smucker	Yaw
Boscola	McGarrigle	Stefano	Yudichak
Brewster	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	
Brooks	Mensch	Vance	
Browne	Pileggi	Vogel	

NAY-12

Costa	Fontana	Kitchen	Teplitz
Dinniman	Haywood	Leach	Wiley
Farnese	Hughes	Tartaglione	Williams

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 152 (Pr. No. 1181) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1976 (P.L.424, No.101), referred to as the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act, further providing for the payment of death benefits and for definitions.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 159 and **HB 221** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

SB 385 (Pr. No. 500) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

Senator PILEGGI offered the following amendment No. A0489:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 30, by inserting a bracket before "generally"

Amend Bill, page 3, line 1, by inserting a bracket after "and"

Amend Bill, page 6, lines 1 and 2, by striking out "be awarded on a 25% matching basis" and inserting:

require a match of 25%

Amend Bill, page 11, by inserting between lines 23 and 24:

(v) Real estate taxes.

Amend Bill, page 12, lines 16 through 19, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Development shall approve two applications within six months of the effective date of this section and may approve additional applications thereafter.

Amend Bill, page 19, lines 16 through 18, by striking out all of lines 16 and 17 and "(c)" in line 18 and inserting:

(b)

Amend Bill, page 20, line 2, by striking out "(d)" and inserting:

(c)

Amend Bill, page 22, line 5, by striking out "By December 31, 2016, the" and inserting:

The

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, this is a technical amendment. I believe the amendment is agreed to. I ask for an affirmative vote.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

Without objection, the bill, as amended will go over in its order.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 485 (Pr. No. 425) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in falsification and intimidation, further providing for the offense of impersonating a notary public or a holder of a professional or occupational license.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 487, SB 494 and SB 501 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 514 (Pr. No. 509) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

BILL REREFERRED

SB 525 (Pr. No. 472) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

Upon motion of Senator CORMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill 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 APPALACHIAN STATES LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

April 10, 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 December 15, 2014, for the appointment of Bryan Troop (Voting Member), 155 Foxchase Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice The Honorable E. Christopher Aburzzo [*sic*], Hershey, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

April 10, 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 December 15, 2014, for the appointment of Bryan Troop, 155 Foxchase Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as Secretary of Environmental Protection, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable E. Christopher Aburzzo [*sic*], Hershey, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

April 10, 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 December 15, 2014, for the appointment of Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as Judge, Philadelphia Municipal Court, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Joseph C. Waters, Jr., resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
YORK COUNTY

April 10, 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 December 15, 2014, for the appointment of Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, York County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Sheryl Ann Dorney, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

April 10, 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 February 5, 2015, for the appointment of Kenneth G. Gormley, 228 Glasgow Road, Pittsburgh 15221, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, as Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, to serve until January 4, 2016, vice The Honorable Seamus P. McCaffery, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

April 10, 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 December 15, 2014, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve until October 16, 2015, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Barbara Butcher, Wellsboro, 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 OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

April 10, 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 December 15, 2014, for the appointment of Jon Anzur, 71 Kelly Drive, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve until October 15, 2016, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Maria DeMario, Media, 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 PODIATRY

April 10, 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 December 15, 2014, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore (Public Member), 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Podiatry, 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 Barbara Wiggin, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF STATE REGISTRATION BOARD
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND
SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS

April 10, 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 December 15, 2014, for the appointment of Jon Anzur (Public Member), 71 Kelly Drive, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve until March 31, 2015, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joseph Mackey, Mount Bethel, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF STATE REGISTRATION BOARD
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND
SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS

April 10, 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 December 2, 2014, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore (Public Member), 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists, to serve until March 31, 2015, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Earnest E. Long, Jr., Gettysburg, 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
CERTIFIED REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

April 10, 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 December 15, 2014, for the appointment of Jon Anzur, 71 Kelly Drive, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, [data missing] Paul Kaufman, Wexford, 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 STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

April 10, 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 December 15, 2014, for the appointment of Jon Anzur, 71 Kelly Drive, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve until October 1, 2016, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John Hickey, Mechanicsburg, 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 TRUSTEES
OF WHITE HAVEN CENTER

April 10, 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 December 2, 2014, for the appointment of Bryan Throop [sic], 155 Foxchase Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of White Haven Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Louise Powell McLafferty, Clarks Summit, 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 TRUSTEES
OF WHITE HAVEN CENTER

April 10, 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 December 15, 2014, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17036 [sic], Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of White Haven Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2015, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Donald Karpowich, Drums, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 10, 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 December 2, 2014, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of York, Magisterial District 19-1-02, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice the Honorable Richard E. Martin, II, resigned.

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.

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES
AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

Senator ALLOWAY, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following nomination made by His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which was 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 conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Richard Steigerwald, 628 Quincy Lane, Wexford 15090, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment 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.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

NOMINATION LAID ON THE TABLE

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

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

EXECUTIVE NOMINATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator ALLOWAY,
That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering a certain nomination made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I call from the table a certain nomination and ask for its consideration.

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

MEMBER OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

January 13, 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, Richard Steigerwald, 628 Quincy Lane, Wexford 15090, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment 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.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

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

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

YEA-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
Brewster	Hughes	Smucker	Wozniak
Brooks	Hutchinson	Stefano	Yaw
Browne	Kitchen	Tartaglione	Yudichak
Corman	Leach	Teplitz	
Costa	McGarrigle	Tomlinson	
Dinniman	McIlhinney	Vance	

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator CORMAN, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following bill:

SB 562 (Pr. No. 731) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, further providing for definitions, for proposed regulations and procedures for review, for final-form regulations and final-omitted regulations and procedures for review and for procedures for subsequent review of disapproved final-form or final-omitted regulations by the commission.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators COSTA, KITCHEN, HAYWOOD, BLAKE, WOZNIAK, SCAVELLO, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, DINNIMAN, RAFFERTY, AUMENT, GREENLEAF, BAKER, ALLOWAY, SMITH and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 68**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of April 19 through 25, 2015, as "Pennsylvania Family Center Network Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. I think I know someone who will like this resolution, Senator, and that is your mother.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, you are correct. I am honored today to take a few moments to recognize "Pennsylvania Family Center Network Week" in Pennsylvania. Family centers make up an important network of programs and support for families and children all across Pennsylvania. A crucial part of the social service network, family centers focus on improving outcomes for families, specifically in the areas of health and education as they move toward self-sufficiency. Each day, Mr. President, staff of family centers go to work and focus on educating and empowering the families that they serve. More importantly, Mr. President, family centers focus on supporting families right in the very community in which they reside.

While many of us have heard of family centers, not all folks recognize the breadth and depth of the work that they do. So let me take a brief moment and shed some light on this for everyone here in the Senate and those watching. Family centers provide service to more than 60 percent of Pennsylvania families in 28 counties; 65 percent of those families are considered high risk due to their financial or educational circumstances. Recognized by the Federal government for their work, all family centers use parents as teachers and evidence-based programs to work with families to provide the information, the support, and encouragement needed to be successful. In just that program alone, nearly 6,800 children are served.

Last week, Mr. President, I had the privilege of joining my colleague, Senator Fontana, and Congressman Mike Doyle and a number of my House colleagues, led by Representative Wheatley, and together we visited a number of the afterschool programs in what was called the Allegheny Afterschool Crawl,

which was reflected in the work of the people of the city of Pittsburgh and the programs provided there as it relates to family centers. The idea behind the crawl was to let us experience firsthand the crucial needs that centers fill in the community and meet the wonderful families who visit them. The highlight of the afternoon was spending time with the kids enrolled in the afterschool programs. For just a few hours that day, we had the chance to see the work and the world through the lives of the kids being given access to individuals who wanted nothing more than to help them succeed. Mr. President, it was a great afternoon and one that I can say made a lasting impact upon me and, I believe, on my colleagues who joined us. I could not be more proud to visit these programs and, once again, thank the staff for their commitment and their dedication to Pennsylvania families, the staff who are paid and also the number of volunteers with whom we met, and specifically the kids who participate in those programs. I hope, Mr. President, we can all agree that Pennsylvania is stronger because of support provided across this Commonwealth by a network of family centers in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Costa for standing up for families and for the good work of the Pennsylvania Family Center Network.

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

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

Senator TOMLINSON, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 69**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2015 as "Pennsylvania 8-1-1 Safe Digging Month."

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, "Pennsylvania 8-1-1 Safe Digging Month" recognizes Pennsylvania's One Call System. It allows one call notification of construction and excavation projects. Using this system protects workers and our underground utility lines and infrastructure. The resolution encourages all Pennsylvania residents to make this vital important call before digging in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, I ask for unanimous support of this resolution.

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

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

Senator HUTCHINSON, AUMENT, ALLOWAY, COSTA, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, SCAVELLO, SMITH, VOGEL, VULAKOVICH, WHITE, YAW and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 70**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing April 14, 2015, as "Forest and Paper Products Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Venango, Senator Hutchinson.

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, it is an honor to offer this resolution recognizing today, Tuesday, April 14, 2015, as "Forest and Paper Products Day" here in Pennsylvania. We are truly blessed to live in a State with an abundance of natural resources. Pennsylvania has more than 17 million acres of hardwood forests, making up almost 60 percent of the Commonwealth. Our woodlands are also home to a multibillion dollar forest product industry that employs more than 60,000 people. That represents more than 10 percent of the Commonwealth's manufacturing workforce. In fact, the forest products industry is made up of 2,100 separate businesses with a presence in every single county in Pennsylvania. Overall sales from the Pennsylvania wood industry in 2012 were estimated to be \$11.5 billion, with total economic impact to Pennsylvania's industry estimated at about \$19 billion.

Mr. President, forest products encompass an incredibly wide range of products with nearly limitless everyday uses, from facilitating education, communications, hygiene, food storage, and product protection to provide shelters and homes. As a member of the Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development Council, I have great respect and appreciation for the men and women whose efforts make the wood and paper products industry such a vibrant part of our State's economy. Therefore, Mr. President, I offer this resolution recognizing Forest and Paper Products Day as a way to remind the citizens of the Commonwealth of the unique contributions that the forest products industry has made to the history, texture, and quality of the life in Pennsylvania. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair points out that the Governor is also a big supporter of the industry and commends him on the resolution.

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

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

Senator RAFFERTY, HAYWOOD, GREENLEAF, SCAVELLO, EICHELBERGER, FONTANA, YAW, KITCHEN, BREWSTER, PILEGGI, COSTA, SCHWANK, BLAKE, SMITH, AUMENT, VULAKOVICH, FARNESE, BAKER and ALLOWAY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 71**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing April 14, 2015, as "Architects' Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, my friend and colleague from Allegheny County, Senator Smith, and I were talking about this earlier today. It is an important day to recognize architects here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to remind all of the residents of the Commonwealth of the unique contributions

architects have made to our history, our texture, and our quality of life in Pennsylvania. The American Institute of Architects Pennsylvania was founded in 1909 as a statewide component of the American Institute of Architects. The AIA-PA has a statewide membership of more than 2,700 members. Architects are very important for our way of life here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designing, restoring, and keeping the history alive in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I ask for an affirmative vote, Mr. President, and I 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.

Senator SMITH, ALLOWAY, BLAKE, BAKER, HAYWOOD, EICHELBERGER, WOZNIAK, TEPLITZ, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, WARD, FONTANA, SCARNATI, AUMENT, BOSCOLA, BROOKS, BREWSTER, VOGEL, COSTA, ARGALL, KITCHEN, GORDNER, SMUCKER, LEACH, HUGHES, WILEY, YAW, YUDICHAK, SCHWANK, FARNESE, SCAVELLO, RAFFERTY, HUTCHINSON, BARTOLOTTA, McILHINNEY, VANCE, McGARRIGLE, PILEGGI, BROWNE and VULAKOVICH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 72**, entitled:

A Resolution celebrating April 14, 2015, as the 67th anniversary of the United States Air Force Reserve, which was founded in 1948.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SMITH. Mr. President, I am joined as a prime sponsor of the resolution by my good friends, Senator Alloway and Senator Blake, who are the Senate's commission members on the Military Community Enhancement Commission. As was said, I rise today celebrating April 14, 2015, as the 67th anniversary of the United States Air Force Reserve. In 1948, the Army Air Corps Reserve was officially transferred to the Air Force to become the Air Force Reserve. Evolving from a standby force in emergencies to a significant command of the active duty Air Force, the Air Force Reserve we know today and its reservists have aided in every conflict from the Korean War to Operation Enduring Freedom. Even before April 14, 1948, reservists played an important role in our military defense and regional security. There has not been a conflict where reservists were not there playing an active role.

Aviation pioneer Jackie Cochran joined the U.S. Air Force Reserve in 1948, where she rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel and earned a Distinguished Flying Cross and Legion of Merit. By that time, she had already invested and established a legacy as a civilian and military aviator helping to found and direct the Women Airforce Service Pilots. Hers is just one story of the countless citizen airmen and women throughout history who have played such an integral role in the Air Force Reserves. The Air Force Reserves is an integral part of our nation's military and a key to the Air Force mission to provide combat-ready forces to aid in our national defense.

Closer to home, I am truly honored and humbled to represent the 911th Airlift Wing in the Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2013. The 911th Airlift Wing is currently assigned to the Air Force Reserve Command's 22nd Air Force, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia. Commanded by Colonel Jeffrey A. Van Dootingh, the base is the only U.S. Air Force Reserve Base located within the Commonwealth. It is also an important asset to our regional and national military security and plays a vital and integral role as an economic development tool for our region.

Citizen airmen and women in the Air Force Reserve total 71,500, with roughly 5,000 reservists active and serving on any given day throughout the world. Locally, approximately 1,200 reserve members and 450 civilians and contractors serve the 911th Airlift Wing. These men and women serve their country but also serve and are members of their communities. I am honored to take this moment to recognize their contributions and sacrifices to our region, our Commonwealth, and our great nation. I respectfully ask the entire Senate to unanimously support this resolution celebrating the 67th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the Senator and has no doubt that support for the Air Force will be unanimous.

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

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

Senator SCAVELLO, TOMLINSON, ALLOWAY, HAYWOOD, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, PILEGGI, AUMENT, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, SMITH, COSTA, VULAKOVICH and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 73**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 8, 2015, as "Cushing's Syndrome Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monroe, Senator Scavello.

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, this disease affects 10 million to 15 million people, most commonly between the ages of 20 and 50. Cushing's Syndrome is an endocrine disorder that is caused by an over-exposure of the body's tissues to the hormone cortisol. Some of the symptoms include upper body obesity, rounded face, increased fat around neck, thinning arms and legs, fatigue, weakness, high blood pressure, and mood disorders. Cushing's Syndrome, sometimes called hypercortisolism, is relatively rare and delayed treatment of the disease significantly reduces treatment options. Therefore, it is important to educate the public about the symptoms of this disease in an effort to increase the rate of successful treatment.

Thank you for joining me in recognizing April 8, 2015, as "Cushing's Syndrome Awareness Day."

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

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

Senator FARNESE, BOSCOLA, HAYWOOD, EICHELBERGER, SCAVELLO, FONTANA, KITCHEN, BREWSTER, MENSCH, BARTOLOTTA, DINNIMAN, PILEGGI, COSTA, RAFFERTY, WHITE, BLAKE, SMITH, AUMENT, VULAKOVICH, ALLOWAY, WOZNIAC and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 74**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2015 as "Pennsylvania Donate Life Month."

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, today I rise with my good friend and colleague, Senator Boscola, to once again offer this resolution designating the month of April as "Pennsylvania Donate Life Month" for 2015. I get up every year to speak about organ and tissue donation because it really is one of the ways we can save a life or enhance the quality of life for one of our fellow human beings. It is one of the ways that we can confer our humanity to help others live longer, better lives after we pass on. More than 8,600 men, women, and children are in need of life-saving organ transplants in Pennsylvania, with more than 121,000 people needing those transplants in the United States. For every person who donates organs and tissues, more than 50 lives can be saved or enhanced and 8 people can be taken off the waiting list. The grim reality is that every day in Pennsylvania someone passes away awaiting an organ transplant. This resolution is one way we can shine a light on the needs of those on the organ donation waiting list and educate the public on why it is crucially important to be a donor.

Senator Boscola and I urge the people of Pennsylvania to become organ donors, if they are not already one. They can do this by selecting it as an option when obtaining or renewing your driver's license or I.D. card, or by registering online, Mr. President, at www.donatelifepa-pa.org.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the Senator for his good work on this important issue.

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

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

Senator VANCE, AUMENT, BAKER, MENSCH, HUTCHINSON, KITCHEN, DINNIMAN, HAYWOOD, SCHWANK, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, GREENLEAF, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, SCAVELLO, VULAKOVICH, WHITE, YAW, BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, SMITH, TARTAGLIONE, WOZNIAC and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 75**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring BAYADA Home Health Care on 40 years of providing in-home care.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator VANCE. Mr. President, this resolution honors BAYADA Home Health Care, who has provided in-home care for the past 40 years. BAYADA Home Health Care was founded in January 1975 in Philadelphia by Mark Bayada. It provides nursing, rehabilitation, therapeutic, hospice, and assistive care services so that people can live in their homes in comfort, dignity, and independence. There are more than 26,000 people in 64 counties who are served by more than 10,800 BAYADA employees in the Commonwealth. Most importantly, BAYADA is the largest provider of pediatric home healthcare for medically fragile children in Pennsylvania. Please join me in a positive affirmation of this resolution.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Vance for standing up for BAYADA. We believe in the great work that they do.

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

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

Senator COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 76**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 2015 as "Pennsylvania Community College Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I offer this resolution recognizing April 2015 as "Pennsylvania Community College Month" here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As I mentioned earlier in my remarks when I introduced students from my hometown college, Allegheny County Community College, I am a proud graduate of the college and am happy to serve for a number of years as its treasurer. I can tell you that community colleges across Pennsylvania have provided affordable and accessible higher education, as well as workforce programs and workforce training, for many Pennsylvanians across this great Commonwealth. In fact, within the current year, the colleges collectively serve more than 365,000 students in 37 of our State's counties, with students from just about every single county attending those schools. Community colleges provide not only regular higher education but also dual enrollment programs to more than 11,000 high school students, representing half of the Commonwealth's school districts. Mr. President, to me, the colleges represent something that provides, as I mentioned earlier, an affordable and accessible education for so many students who otherwise may not have had the opportunity to attend college. That is why we are asking today that this resolution be adopted, designating April 2015 as Community College Month in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks you, Senator Costa. It is a very important resolution and very important issue.

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. and Mrs. David W. Greenwald by Senators Baker and Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jonathan Balog, Donna Shriver and to William Kohler by Senator Bartolotta.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Malea Lyon, Holly Stine and to Jessica Peru by Senator Brooks.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dorothy Wask and to John Joseph Wask by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Commercial Real Estate Women-Lehigh Valley by Senators Browne, Boscola, and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Mario A. Spoto and to Sharon Hegney by Senators Dinniman and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Randy L. Finkey and to Rausa Roscinski by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ariel J. Hannum by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Karl Wundschock and to New Hope-Solebury High School Boys' Golf Team by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jared W. Franz, Garrett J. Fitzgerald, Zachary M. Smith and to Ryan MacNeal by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Welsh by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pardo and to Howard Quaintance by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Aubrey Deon and to Holy Ghost Preparatory School Ice Hockey Team by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Shane Wortherley, Kelly Jekot, Courtney Oppel, Hunter W. McNair, Aaron James Barnes, Anna Rogers, Dustin Stoner and to Cumberland Valley High School Girls' Basketball Team by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brody Knight by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. David Brown, Sr., by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the O'Connor family and to Dominick L. DeNaples by Senator Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Monsignor Joseph Kelly by Senators Yudichak and Baker.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late James A. Nystrom by Senator Brooks.

POSTHUMOUS CITATION

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

A posthumous citation honoring the late Betty M. Squire was extended to the family by Senator Brooks.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 163, SB 202, SB 285, SB 442, SB 533, SB 562, SB 622, SB 683, SB 699, HB 157 and HB 192.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015

9:30 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider Senate Bills No. 330, 482, 486 and 566)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:00 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 386, 580 and 623)	Room 8E-A East Wing
10:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 22 and 305)	Room 461 Main Capitol
1:30 P.M.	FINANCE (public hearing on pension plan design proposals)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2015

12:30 P.M.	JUDICIARY and MAJORITY POLICY COMMITTEE (joint public hearing on the State Pet Protection Law)	Gettysburg Rec. Ctr. Charlie Sterner Bldg.
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MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015

10:00 A.M.	BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING COMMISSION (basic education funding issues)	Assembly Rm. Univ. of Pitt.
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The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.
The Senate recessed at 5:11 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.