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SENATE

TUESDAY, June 9, 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 JOHN BEDNARIK, Pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi, Harrisburg, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness but aware that we gather in Your name. Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts. Give us light and strength to know Your will, to make it our own, and to live it in our lives. Guide us by Your wisdom and support us by Your power, for You are God. Sharing the glory of Father and Son, You desire justice for all. Enable us to uphold the rights of others. Do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favor. Unite us to Yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true. As we gather in Your name, may we temper justice with love so that all of our decisions may be pleasing to You and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants who live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Bednarik, who is the guest today of Senator Teplitz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

June 9, 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, Jacob Maldonado, 133 State Street, #2, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve until October 15, 2015, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Mary Louise Doyle, Pottstown, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 9, 2015

Senators WARD, TOMLINSON, VOGEL, SCARNATI, BARTOLOTTA and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 900**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensees, further providing for additional Category 1 slot machine license requirements, for Category 3 slot machine licenses and providing for casino liquor licenses and for slot machines at nonprimary or ancillary locations; and providing for Internet gaming.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, June 9, 2015.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator TOMLINSON, from the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported the following bills:

SB 772 (Pr. No. 825)

An Act amending the act of March 23, 1972 (P.L.136, No.52), known as the Professional Psychologists Practice Act, further providing for definitions and for temporary license; allowing applicants to take test sooner; defining board's powers; making editorial changes; and making a repeal.

HB 57 (Pr. No. 49)

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rates, further providing for sliding scale of rates and adjustments; and, in natural gas competition, further providing for duties of natural gas distribution companies.

HB 182 (Pr. No. 1071)

An Act amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, further providing for the authority to administer injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations.

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

SB 6 (Pr. No. 1026) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for the establishment of the Achievement School District and for its powers and duties.

SB 880 (Pr. No. 1024)

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.

Senator BAKER, from the Committee on Labor and Industry, reported the following bill:

HB 400 (Pr. No. 1747) (Amended)

An Act providing for the Work Experience for High School Students with Disabilities Act; and imposing duties on the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of April 15, 2015, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of April 15, 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 PATRICIA H. VANCE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator VANCE. Mr. President, today I have the distinct pleasure of introducing a PIAA Track and Field gold medalist from my district. Andrew Snyder is a junior from Camp Hill High School. He won the Class AA Boys' 200- and 400-meter dashes on May 23, 2015. His time in the 200-meter dash was 21.5 seconds, which set a new PIAA Class AA State record. He won the same two races at the District III championships earlier in May. He is coached by Mike Barndt. Andrew, his family, and coach are seated in the gallery. Please give them our usual warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Vance please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, today I rise to introduce a guest who is joining us today in the gallery. Ashton Harper is here in Harrisburg today from Pittsburgh as my job shadow. Ashton is the daughter of Amy and Troy Harper. They are originally from my district in Brookville, Jefferson County. She will be a senior this year at Chartiers Valley High School. She enjoys swimming, golf, and would like to pursue law school in the future. I would love my colleagues to welcome these wonderful guests.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Scarnati please rise so that we may give you a warm Senate welcome.

(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR ELDER A. VOGEL
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, I would like to recognize a constituent of mine, Anna Benzio, who is seated in the gallery today. Anna is from Industry, PA, and is a 2014-15 State Junior Grange Princess and is currently vice president of her Grange, as well as a 4-H member. Anna just finished her sophomore year in PA Cyber Charter School and is active in her community. I ask the Senate to recognize Anna and provide her with our usual warm welcome.

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

GUESTS 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, I would like to recognize two constituents, Isaac Mengel and Lindsay Schroeder. Isaac is a Grange Outstanding Youth and Junior Grange Prince, Lindsay is the Grange Female Youth Ambassador; both are from the 29th Senatorial District in Berks County.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Argall please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. (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, today I rise to introduce two constituents, Robert and Jennifer Beamon, who were chosen as the Pennsylvania State Grange Outstanding Young Couple in July of 2014. Robert and Jennifer were married on September 21, 2013, and are the proud parents of little Savannah, born in March of this year. Robert and Jennifer are members of the Hamburg Grange No. 2103 and the Berks County Pomona Grange No. 43. Jennifer is currently the State Ceres, the Pomona Secretary and Hamburg Lecturer. Robert is currently serving as the Pomona Steward and the Berks County Youth Chairperson. Jennifer and Robert are constituents of Lebanon and live in the city, where I do, and both work at Bayer HealthCare, located in Myerstown, also in the 48th Senatorial District. I am very happy Jennifer and Robert were able to visit with us today. Please join me in a warm Senate welcome for Jennifer and Robert Beamon.

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBER

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, as a special order of business, I ask that the Senate proceed to receive the returns of election for the special election held in the 5th Senatorial District on the 19th day of May and that the oath of office be administered to Senator-elect John P. Sabatina, Jr.

The PRESIDENT. At the request of Senator Corman, and without objection, as a special order of business, the Senate will now proceed to receive the official election returns for the special election held in the 5th Senatorial District, an excellent district, and administer the oath of office to Senator-elect John P. Sabatina, Jr.

ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The SERGEANT-AT-ARMS. Mr. President, I have the honor to present the Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, Marian Schneider.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, Marian Schneider.

Deputy Secretary SCHNEIDER. Mr. President, I have the privilege and honor of presenting the returns and the certification of campaign expense compliance for the special election held May 19, 2015, in the 5th Senatorial District.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Deputy Secretary Schneider.

The Chair lays before the Senate the following communications from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, which the Clerk will read.

The Clerk read the election returns as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the Special Election for Senator in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania held in the Fifth Senatorial District, as the same has been certified to and filed with my office by the Philadelphia County Board of Elections. John Sabatina, Jr., having received the highest number of votes in the Special Election, and having complied with the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code pertaining to Primary and Election Expenses, was duly elected a Senator in the General Assembly.

(SEAL)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at the city of Harrisburg, this fourth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

PEDRO C. CORTES
Secretary of the Commonwealth

OFFICIAL RETURNS
SPECIAL ELECTION
SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
5th Senatorial District

May 19, 2015

		<u>VOTES</u>
DEMOCRATIC	- John Sabatina, Jr.	15,342
REPUBLICAN	- Timothy Dailey	5,021

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. For the record, the Secretary of the Commonwealth has also certified that Senator-elect Sabatina has filed the accounts and affidavits as required by the election laws of this Commonwealth.

GUESTS OF SENATOR-ELECT JOHN SABATINA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. Before proceeding to the administration of the oath of office, the Chair would like to introduce some special guests, members of the Senator-elect's family here with us: Eileen and Caroline Sabatina, the Senator's wife and daughter, lovely to have you; John P. Sabatina, Sr., the proud father; Mark and Blaise Sabatina, the Senator's brothers; how could I forget, the lovely Lisa Sabatina, John Sabatina, Sr.'s wife, and the Senator's mom; Anne Scarborough, the Senator's grandmother; Claire Scarborough, the Senator's aunt; Chuck Scarborough, the Senator's uncle; Kathleen Weil, the Senator's mother-in-law, always very important; Marie Taggart, the Senator's aunt; James Callahan, the Senator's brother-in-law; Kim Callahan, the Senator's sister-in-law; the Callahan children, Mathew, Alyssia, and Olivia; Representative Paul Costa, the Senator's cousin.

(Laughter.)

Kathleen Abbott, the Senator's aunt; and Ronald Abbott, the Senator's uncle.

(Applause.)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. The Chair would now take this opportunity to announce that permission has been granted for a photographer from the Democratic Communications Office to take still photographs on the floor of the Senate during today's swearing-in ceremony. For our guests, however, I would like to politely advise you that taking still pictures or videotaping in the Senate Chamber is not permitted. So, I ask that during the administration of the oath of office, no pictures be taken or video be taped. At the end of today's ceremony, however, the Senate will go briefly into recess so that you will be able to take countless, endless photographs and torture the Senator.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

The PRESIDENT. It is an honor and privilege for us to have here today in the Senate the Honorable Robert S. Blasi, who was also my mother, Judge Stack's office-suite mate. They had a lot of great parties together. Judge Blasi is a judge of Municipal Court and he has kindly consented to be with us today to administer the oath of office to Senator-elect Sabatina in accordance with Article VI, Section 3, of the Pennsylvania Constitution.

Will the Senator-elect—I get nervous saying Senator-elect, seeing you in that great seat that you are in, Senator—will the Senator-elect please present himself at the bar of the Senate.

Members and guests will please rise.

Judge Blasi will now administer the oath.

Judge BLASI. Please place your left hand on the Bible and raise your right hand and repeat after me:

I, John Sabatina, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

Congratulations.

(Applause.)

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. On behalf of all of the Senate, the Chair would like to thank Judge Blasi for presiding at today's ceremony and congratulates Senator Sabatina.

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 an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held in the Rules room, to be followed by an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Transportation, to be followed by a Republican caucus in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the two Senate committee meetings, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for caucus.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of off-the-floor meetings of the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Transportation, 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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

CALENDAR

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 293 (Pr. No. 988) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 293?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 293.

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

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 157 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

HB 188 (Pr. No. 1559) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law, further providing for definitions and for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator WARD offered the following amendment No. A1754:

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 26 through 30; page 4, lines 1 through 5; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

(E) The wind power generation company conducts an assessment or survey to determine the presence of endangered or threatened species and the species' critical habitats in the area likely to be affected by the installation and use of the wind power generation system. The study shall further determine whether the installation will adversely affect a threatened or endangered species or a threatened or endangered species' habitat. If there is a determination that the installation or use of the wind power generation system will adversely affect a threatened or endangered species or a threatened or endangered species' habitat, measures shall be implemented to avoid, minimize or mitigate the adverse effects.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 329 (Pr. No. 220) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, establishing the Ready to Succeed Scholarship Program; and conferring powers and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency and the Department of Education.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator WARD. Mr. President, I rise to ask my colleagues to please join me in supporting Senate Bill No. 329, Ready to Succeed Scholarship Program. It is a bill that helps middle-income students whose families presently make too much money for grants to be able to get some kind of help. Yes, these grants are somewhere between \$500 and \$2,000, but as last year proved, for over 60 percent of these students, this was the only help they were able to receive. So I would appreciate support here today. Thank you.

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

HB 341 (Pr. No. 363) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in seller disclosures, further providing for disclosure form.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Alloway	Eichelberger	Pileggi	Vogel
Argall	Farnese	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Aument	Folmer	Sabatina	Wagner
Baker	Fontana	Scarnati	Ward
Bartolotta	Gordner	Scavello	White
Blake	Haywood	Schwank	Wiley
Boscola	Hughes	Smith	Williams
Brewster	Hutchinson	Smucker	Wozniak
Brooks	Kitchen	Stefano	Yaw
Browne	Leach	Tartaglione	Yudichak
Corman	McGarrigle	Teplitz	
Costa	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	
Dinniman	Mensch	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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 352 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 396 (Pr. No. 311) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act reenacting and amending the act of July 8, 1986 (P.L.408, No.89), known as the Health Care Cost Containment Act, further providing for sunset; and making editorial changes.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Alloway	Eichelberger	Pileggi	Vogel
Argall	Farnese	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Aument	Folmer	Sabatina	Wagner
Baker	Fontana	Scarnati	Ward
Bartolotta	Gordner	Scavello	White
Blake	Haywood	Schwank	Wiley
Boscola	Hughes	Smith	Williams
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Corman	McGarrigle	Teplitz	
Costa	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	
Dinniman	Mensch	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 438 (Pr. No. 389) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 982 over the Loyalhanna Creek, Westmoreland County, as the Lance Corporal Joseph E. Roble Memorial Bridge.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Alloway	Eichelberger	Pileggi	Vogel
Argall	Farnese	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Aument	Folmer	Sabatina	Wagner
Baker	Fontana	Scarnati	Ward
Bartolotta	Gordner	Scavello	White
Blake	Haywood	Schwank	Wiley
Boscola	Hughes	Smith	Williams
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Browne	Leach	Tartaglione	Yudichak
Corman	McGarrigle	Teplitz	
Costa	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	
Dinniman	Mensch	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 486 (Pr. No. 987) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 8, 1982 (P.L.310, No.87), referred to as the Recorder of Deeds Fee Law, authorizing an additional fee to be imposed and used for demolition; and making an editorial change.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Alloway	Eichelberger	Pileggi	Vogel
Argall	Farnese	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Aument	Folmer	Sabatina	Wagner
Baker	Fontana	Scarnati	Ward
Bartolotta	Gordner	Scavello	White
Blake	Haywood	Schwank	Wiley
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Corman	McGarrigle	Teplitz	
Costa	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	
Dinniman	Mensch	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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 513 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 538 (Pr. No. 989) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L.345, No.48), entitled "An act empowering the General Counsel or his designee to issue subpoenas for certain licensing board activities; providing for hearing examiners in the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs; providing additional powers to the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs; and further providing for civil penalties and license suspension," providing for reporting of sanctions and criminal proceedings and for temporary and automatic suspension.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Alloway	Eichelberger	Pileggi	Vogel
Argall	Farnese	Rafferty	Vulakovich
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Corman	McGarrigle	Teplitz	
Costa	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	
Dinniman	Mensch	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.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 643 (Pr. No. 652) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in open meetings, further providing for executive sessions.

Upon motion of Senator CORMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was laid on the table.

SB 643 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 643, Printer's No. 652, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 687 (Pr. No. 673) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions for planned communities, further providing for applicability of local ordinances, regulations and building codes.

Upon motion of Senator CORMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was laid on the table.

SB 687 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 687, Printer's No. 673, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 688 (Pr. No. 674) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions for condominiums, further providing for applicability of local ordinances, regulations and building codes.

Upon motion of Senator CORMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was laid on the table.

SB 688 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 688, Printer's No. 674, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 89, HB 90, SB 95, HB 131 and HB 140 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 179 (Pr. No. 173) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of S.R. 88 over Muddy Creek, Cumberland Township, Greene County, as the Army Corporal Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

Upon motion of Senator CORMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was laid on the table.

HB 221 (Pr. No. 464) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in selection and retention of judicial officers, further providing for continuing education requirement; and, in municipal police education and training, further providing for powers and duties of Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission.

Upon motion of Senator CORMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was laid on the table.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 282 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS REREFERRED

SB 299 (Pr. No. 994) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 370 (Pr. No. 995) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in grants to fire companies and volunteer services, further providing for award of grants to eligible fire companies and volunteer ambulance services.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 388 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 430 (Pr. No. 993) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in State intermediate punishment, further providing for definitions, for referral to State intermediate punishment program, for drug offender treatment program and for written guidelines and regulations; imposing duty on Department of Corrections; and further providing for reports and for construction.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 479 (Pr. No. 437) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Resource Management Center, located in Conyngham Township, Columbia County, as the Edward W. Helfrick Resource Management Center.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 501 and SB 590 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 620 (Pr. No. 617) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the release of Project 70 restrictions on certain land owned by the Borough of Carlisle, Cumberland County, in return for the development of park and open-space lands within the Borough of Carlisle, Cumberland County.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 640 and **SB 652** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 691 (Pr. No. 677) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in cigarette sales and licensing, further providing for definitions, for retention of records and for violations and penalties and providing for preemption.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 694, SB 747, SB 751, HB 753, SB 756, HB 762, SB 798 and **SB 861** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 862 (Pr. No. 981) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, further providing for criminal history of employees and prospective employees and conviction of certain offenses.

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

**STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
PROPERTY REQUEST No. 1 of 2015,
RESOLUTION A, ADOPTED**

Senator CORMAN, without objection, called up from page 8 of the Calendar, **State System of Higher Education Property Request No. 1 of 2015, Resolution A**, entitled:

Resolved, That State System of Higher Education Property Request No. 1 of 2015, transmitted by the State System of Higher Education under the Public School Code of 1949 to the General Assembly under date of May 5, 2015, which is incorporated herein by reference, be approved.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate adopt State System of Higher Education Property Request No. 1 of 2015, Resolution A.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the motion to adopt State System of Higher Education Property Request No. 1 of 2015, Resolution A?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

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

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

PHYSICIAN GENERAL

February 4, 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, Rachel Levine, 118 Autumnwood Drive, Middletown 17057, Dauphin County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Physician General, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Carrie Delone, Camp Hill, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

SECRETARY OF REVENUE

February 4, 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, Eileen McNulty, 602 Park Avenue,

New Cumberland 17070, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Revenue, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Dan Meuser, Shavertown, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

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

YEA-49

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

Senator RAFFERTY, from the Committee on Transportation, reported the following bills:

HB 363 (Pr. No. 1196)

An Act designating a portion of Davisville Road in Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County, from State Route 611, also known as York Road, to Terwood Road as the PFC Robert S. Alexander Memorial Highway.

HB 475 (Pr. No. 1197)

An Act designating a portion of State Route 22/322 in Juniata County as the Honorable Daniel F. Clark Memorial Highway.

HB 863 (Pr. No. 1047)

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 3006 over Spring Creek, Bellefonte Borough, Centre County, as the Bellefonte Veterans Bridge.

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

SB 356 (Pr. No. 887) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, in consolidated collection of local income taxes, providing for the definition of "farming" and further providing for declaration and payment of income taxes and for withholding and remittance.

SB 398 (Pr. No. 312) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in express anatomical gifts, further providing for use of driver's license or identification card to indicate organ or tissue donation.

SB 663 (Pr. No. 1028) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in proceedings prior to petition to adopt, further providing for grounds for involuntary termination and for hearing; in support matters generally, further providing for liability for support; and, in child custody, further providing for consideration of criminal conviction.

SB 683 (Pr. No. 672) (Rereported)

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.

HB 911 (Pr. No. 1769) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for emergency telephone service; and establishing the 911 Fund.

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senator YAW, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 146**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of June 6 through 14, 2015, as "All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

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 Wesley Reid Smith and to Suzanne Crider by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Eric M. Lewis, Rudolph M. Erb, Ruth R. Nissley, Dylan LaRoy

Getz, Ralph E. Ebersole, Warren H. Greenawalt, Jr., and to Cameron Parker Thompson by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Schmid by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lindsey, Ed Hoffman, Joe Gutowski, Dave Harris, Charles F. Hoyt II, Linda Kotch, Jeff Grzyski, Kendall Mosley, Mikayla Mosley, Michael Radjavitch, James Darvell, Zack Montone, Kevin Tarpachak, Joseph Minzola and to Colby Bognar by Senators Baker and Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Gin Mill and Grille and to the Portuguese-American community of Bethlehem by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mildred Melissa Rosenberg Drake by Senator Brooks.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William D. Winters, Jr., by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable John J. Perfetti by Senator McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Quinn McElwee, Zachary Kravitz, Robert M. Sachs and to Norman A. Keyes III by Senator McGarrigle and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church of Morrisville by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jordan R. Jacks by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Atlas Pressed Metals, MacDonald and Owen Lumber Company, Laughing Owl Press Company and to Miller Welding and Machine Company by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Monsignor John A. Bergamo and to Brodhead Creek Regional Authority by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Maxwell Woodson Ernest by Senator Smith.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Quinn Allen Crossley and to the members and coaches of the West Shore United Girls' Rugby Club by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James Hunter Condon and to Michael J. Othites by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Erie County Baseball Umpires, Inc., and to expERIENCE Children's Museum by Senator Wiley.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Flora Alice Luke by Senator Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brett Robert Clark by Senator Yaw.

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 the Honorable Thomas F. Lamb by Senator Costa.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator HAYWOOD. 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 6, SB 772, SB 880, HB 57, HB 182, HB 363, HB 400, HB 475 and HB 863.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015

9:00 A.M.	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (public hearing to consider PA Casino Gaming Industry: gaming, internet gaming and related issues and Title 4 (Amusements) legislation (i.e., Senate Bill No. 700, 900, etc.))	Room 8E-B East Wing
10:00 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 775, 792, 793, 871, 872 and 873)	Room 461 Main Capitol
2:00 P.M.	FINANCE (public hearing on proposals to increase the sales/use tax and the personal income tax)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015

11:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing to consider issues directly affecting Pennsylvania's anthracite coal industry and coal-refuse fired alternative energy plants)	City Cncl. Chambers Pottsville
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015

9:00 A.M.	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (public hearing to consider PA Gaming and Control Board and Dept. of Drug & Alcohol Programs: gaming, internet gaming and related issues and Title 4 (Amusements) legislation (i.e., Senate Bill No. 700, etc.))	Room 8E-B East Wing
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, when this Session began, I gave several remonstrances concerning these exams and the graduation requirement. I explained why I felt this graduation requirement was unfair to the students of this Commonwealth. I am happy today that thanks to the good work of Senator Smucker, Majority chair of the Committee on Education, and I was able to join him as Minority chair, that we voted out of the Senate Committee on Education today a bill that will end the

graduation requirement for the next 2 years. We put it on hold for 2 years so that we can come up with a better means of assessing whether a student is prepared for graduation. Hopefully, the bill that passed will come before the Senate in the next week or so and then go over to the House.

The issue is, that a student had to pass three high-stakes tests to graduate, and if they did not pass the test, they had to do a project assessment. The way these project assessments were structured, it was impossible, structurally and financially, for these project assessments to be done. So, I think the Committee on Education has made a very wise decision, and I thank Senator Smucker for his leadership on that. It was a pleasure to work with him on this issue. When we work together, we can do good things in this Senate when both parties and all of us come together. I think that the 2-year delay in this bill will give us a chance to reassess our whole approach to assessment. Everyone wants high standards in education and everyone understands that every school district needs the resources to get to those high standards. I think you will see with the report of our Basic Education Funding Commission in the weeks ahead that we are going to provide those resources. So, if we have the resources and we have the standards, then we need to have an appropriate form of assessment, and that form of assessment, currently with the Keystone Exams and these specific projects, was not and is not the answer. So, I think we now have an opportunity to finally bring about a new way of not only funding education but to assess whether our students are career ready and whether they are prepared for college as well.

In fact, I want to read to you two brief statements by several of our education deans. In this case, a joint statement from the dean of the College of Education at West Chester University that I represent, and the new dean at the College of Education at Millersville University that Senator Smucker represents. When we asked them, what are your views on current State regulations that require students to pass the Keystone Exams or to do the project assessments, their answer is, there is no evidence that tests such as the Keystone Examination or any of the standardized exit tests being given by the State or nationally are by themselves viable predictors of student college and/or career readiness. When we then proceeded to ask them, do they believe that we should have either a moratorium or delay in these tests and project assessments until such time as we are able to evaluate them and come up with appropriate forms of testing, their answer is this, based on research and evidence: considering what research reveals about the inadequacy of using Keystone-type examinations as a single variable to determine the readiness of students to enter college or engage in a career, it would be prudent to delay implementation until all stakeholders have an opportunity to examine more equitable, credible, and trustworthy forms of assessment and evaluation to measure career and college readiness.

So in brief, my friends, we did a good thing in the Senate Committee on Education, and hopefully the Senate as a whole will follow through. For 3 years I have been opposing these tests. I opposed them when the State Board of Education passed it, joining with three other members of the State Board, including the Democratic chair in the House, Representative Roebuck. I joined with Senator Folmer in opposing them, and now I am grateful that Senator Smucker and I can join together in demand-

ing that we reassess what these tests are all about and come up with something that is meaningful and something that works.

I also want to say, Mr. President, the fascinating thing is that every major educational organization in this Commonwealth backed this bill that Senator Smucker and I have put together. PSEA, which represents the teachers; PSBA, which represents the school boards; and PASA, which represents the superintendents; as well as some charters; and the Philadelphia Public-Private Partnership for Education, all that sometimes disagree on education issues came together in one voice and said, stop, let us rethink this whole craziness of these examinations and the way we are assessing students to see if they are career and college ready. So, at long last, it took these tests to get some unity in the education establishment, but now that we have the unity, we come to the next question, and that question is what do we do? How do we make sure we have the highest standards? How do we make sure we have the best forms of assessment, and how do we provide the resources to make that come true? You see, every single nation in this world is facing the same fundamental question. The economy has changed. Our schools are still operating in an industrial-age model. What must we do to change education to both reflect and prepare people for this new economy and for democracy and government in this age? So, I look forward to the summit that they are going to have by the business community on Thursday so we can challenge the business community to work with us.

Finally, I just want to read you one--there were hundreds and hundreds of letters and emails that I have received concerning these tests and concerning what they were doing to the young people of our Commonwealth in terms of their anxiety, in terms of not being able to take certain subjects, in terms of wanting to go to vocational school but being stuck in a home school being remediated in algebra 1. I want to read you one of the hundreds of emails and telegrams I received and it sort of summarizes it. From Susan, who talks about her daughter:

I believe in standards. I believe in accountability. I do NOT support that the keystones and Project Based Assessment will capture the successes or failures of our students. Our local control is dwindling away and I am seeing it with my own eyes. Local districts know their students better and teachers interact with their students every day. I DO NOT WANT politicians and for-profit testing companies hijacking our LOCAL school systems. **And most importantly**--Every child is different and deserves what is in their best interest.

The day of standardized testing should be over. We need to recognize the difference of every child, and that difference is crucial in this new economy. Thank goodness we took action today to end more testing and to begin the process of teaching, not testing, and to begin the process of making sure that every single student in this Commonwealth is educated to the top of the curriculum. I want to thank the 32 Senators who signed on to my bill. I want to say that it was a privilege to join on Senator Smucker's bill, because together, both parties, all of the citizens of this Commonwealth are going to make sure every child is educated at the top of the curriculum.

And thank you, Mr. President, for your support of this when you were a Senator and your continued support as Lieutenant Governor. So, we are on our way, and we are going to make sure that Pennsylvania is number one in education not only in this nation, but globally as well.

Thank you for the privilege of making these remarks, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Dinniman and feels confident that he will get us there. Thank you for your efforts, Senator.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Haywood.

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, I rise today as day 2 of our 10 days for \$10.10. As you know, the minimum wage in Pennsylvania is low, so low that it puts individuals into hunger. At \$7.25 an hour, a full-time worker only receives \$290 a week gross. In fact, the majority of our fellow citizens who rely on public assistance and food banks are working people. That is right - most of the people who are going hungry in our communities are working people. You may know that over a million Pennsylvanians from working families are currently enrolled in Medicaid. The University of California at Berkley produced a report this April that Pennsylvania taxpayers spent \$979 million in Medicaid, TANF, and other public assistance each year between 2009 and 2011. Our taxpayers are supplementing these poverty paychecks. These poverty paychecks promote hunger.

Let me say finally, the citizens of the Commonwealth deserve a fair minimum wage for a hard day's work. The citizens of the Commonwealth also deserve to see that their taxpayer support goes to the truly needy, not to subsidize employers who refuse to pay a living wage. Raising the wage to at least \$10.10 in Pennsylvania will insure that hard work is repaid with self-sufficiency.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for his important work on a very important issue for Pennsylvania and America.

BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bill:

SB 293.

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, June 10, 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 5:15 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.