

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Legislative Journal

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015

SESSION OF 2015 199TH OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

No. 49

SENATE

TUESDAY, July 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, Colonel GARY L. TAYLOR, of First Baptist Church of Morrisville, Morrisville, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Dear Lord and heavenly Father, we are an imperfect people and we are addressing a Holy God. Please forgive and guide us in our everyday lives and as we serve our Commonwealth for Your good. We pray for our great nation and those who protect it. We pray for Major General Joseph and all of the Pennsylvania National Guardsmen who serve both here and around the world, and for their families, who have given their lives for the service of our country.

Today we thank You for the dedicated service of all of these Senators. We ask that You give wisdom and discernment according to Your word as they seek to do Your business here. We ask for Your blessing over our Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and pray for the wisdom of Solomon at this time, especially in these days as we continue to move forward in our great Commonwealth. We ask for your protection of private and public exercise of our faith as envisioned by William Penn and as guaranteed by the First Amendment. We pray all of this in Your holy name and that of Your son, the Divine Mediator. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Colonel Taylor, who is the guest today of Senator McIlhinney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

**APPOINTMENT BY THE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

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

Senator Sean Wiley as a member of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 126 (Pr. No. 75)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, providing for lottery winnings intercept.

SB 127 (Pr. No. 76)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, providing for State income tax intercept.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator McGarrigle and Senator Smucker.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Gordner requests legislative leaves for Senator McGarrigle and Senator Smucker.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator GORDNER asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator CORMAN and Senator YAW, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

Senator COSTA asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator BREWSTER and Senator LEACH, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of May 12, 2015, and May 13, 2015, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of May 12, 2015, and May 13, 2015.

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

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

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

YEA-45

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

**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, we have a special guest, actually, many special guests, but one special guest among all others in the balcony today. I can do this one without notes. I have a proclamation from the Senate and the Governor. A long-time member of my staff, Susan Strawser Bentzel, is retiring later this month. She began her service in the House of Representatives in February of 1979 at the encouragement of a Caucus Chairman by the name of Fred Noye. Some of us were proud to serve with Fred when he was the Representative from Perry County. Susan immediately went to work for a very, very interesting gentleman by the name of Representative Bill Klingaman from Tamaqua. Bill was her first boss. It was there that I met Susan when I interned in that office. After his retirement in 1984, Susan went to work for another interesting gentleman in the House of Representatives by the name of Clarence Dietz from Bedford County, and then moved on to serve with Representative Don Snyder when Clarence retired. Many of us knew Don as the Whip and Policy Chairman in the House. Susan then came to work for me in 2000.

In 2009, I gave her a little bit of heartburn when I made the decision to come over here because she kept telling me, you know, David, the Senate does things a little differently. But we learned together, and every once in a while when I would be confused and I would ask her how this all worked, she would say, because this is the way the Senate does things. I have been very impressed by her professionalism, her diligence, and her sense of no drama. Susan gets the job done day after day, year after year, for now more than 36 years, with style and, perhaps, as Senator Corman and Senator Teplitz would know it, she gets the job done with Perry County style.

So, for all of the people she has aided over the years, for all of the friends she has made, first in Perry County, then in the House, then in the Senate, I want to say thank you, Susan, and to your family for sharing her with us, her husband, Doug, her children, Emily and Caitlin. She has certainly made this a better institution, and I want to make sure that we did not neglect to make sure that the world knows that today. Thank you, Susan.

The PRESIDENT. Will the guest of Senator Argall, the great and dedicated Susan Strawser Bentzel, and her family, please rise so that we can tell you how much we appreciate all of your good work.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT B. MENSCH
AND SENATOR STEWART J. GREENLEAF
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, it is the pleasure of both Senator Greenleaf and myself to greet today the North Penn Knights Baseball Team. The team consists of 28 players and 8 coaches that hails from North Penn High School in Lansdale, Montgomery County. Senator Greenleaf and I both proudly represent that school district. The school district consists of 98,000 residents, 13 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, and 1 high school, as well as 1 alternative education school. As you can see, it is a massive--that is a small city, Mr. President, really. The Knights were crowned the PIAA Class AAAA State Champions on June 12, the baseball champions of this year, 2015, after their 4-3 win over Wyoming Valley West. The game, which took place at Medlar Field at Lubrano Park located in State College, had a 79-minute rain delay. Nonetheless, they were undeterred. They went out and played and were able to win the game in one extra inning. As I said, it was 4-3, a very close game and a very good game. All of those whom I have talked to who saw the game said it was exceptionally well played.

The Knights were also crowned the PIAA Class AAAA State Champions in 2009, as well as 2013. So, they are frequent visitors to this championship. In addition, they were named the SOL Continental Conference Champions in 2014 and 2015.

They are here today with their head coach, Kevin Manero, and the assistant coach, Kevin Harris.

Mr. President, would you join me in giving the North Penn Baseball Knights and their coaches a very warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Will the guests of Senator Mensch, the State Champion North Penn Knights, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR CHARLES McILHINNEY
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator McILHINNEY. Mr. President, I rise to recognize Chaplain Gary Taylor, who is serving as our guest Chaplain today. Chaplain Taylor not only serves his congregation at the First Baptist Church in Morrisville, but has also served his country in the Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserves. As a Chaplain in the Army National Guard, Chaplain Taylor served in Operation Amber Hope in Lithuania, Operation Enduring Freedom in Kosovo, and the relief effort following Hurricane Katrina. After moving to the Army Reserves in 2009, Colonel Taylor also served in Afghanistan and Kuwait. He has served as pastor in Morrisville for 26 years, and is currently working on his doctorate of ministry degree through Dallas Theological Semi-

nary. Please join me in giving Chaplain Gary Taylor a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Will the guest of Senator McIlhinney, the Chaplain, Colonel Gary Taylor, please rise so that we may welcome to the Pennsylvania State Senate.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. I note that the Chaplain and I both served for some time with the 56th Stryker Brigade of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Boorah.

GUEST 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 with real honor and pleasure that I rise today to introduce to you Isaac Romberger, who is interning in my Harrisburg office this summer. Isaac graduated from Palmyra Area High School in 2012, and is currently a student at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he has made the dean's list for three semesters and is majoring in political science. Isaac is vice president of the Political Science Student Leadership Committee, and is a member of the IUP College Republicans. Isaac will be with my office until August 18, and during his tenure here he has been helping with legislative research pertaining to my Committee on State Government.

I have to mention one more thing. I have to give it to this young man, he has great patience, especially with me, because I called Isaac Zachary for the first 2 weeks that he was in my office. He was very kind to me, and I owe him a public apology for doing so. He is a great young man. He is going to do a great job, and Godspeed on his journey, and I just want to throw that apology out for calling him Zachary for the first 2 weeks in my office. Isaac, thank you very much for serving with us, and it is a great honor to know you. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Folmer, Isaac, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. We do not know how you do it. I cannot imagine a more interesting internship.

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of off-the-floor meetings of the Committee on Game and Fisheries and the Committee on Local Government, both to be held in the Rules room, followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of off-the-floor meetings of the Committee on Game and Fisheries and the Committee on Local Government, to be followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman has returned, and his personal leave is cancelled.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room immediately.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

NONPREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 912, SB 913, SB 914, SB 915 and SB 916 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 60 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

SB 290 (Pr. No. 1114) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled substance and for occupational limited license and providing for ignition interlock limited license; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for ignition interlock, for prior offenses and for the offense of illegally operating a motor vehicle not equipped with ignition interlock.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator RAFFERTY offered the following amendment No. A3094:

Amend Bill, page 8, line 23, by inserting after "MOST":

often

Amend Bill, page 9, line 4, by striking out "MAY" and inserting:

shall

Amend Bill, page 10, line 8, by striking out "\$50" and inserting:

\$65

Amend Bill, page 11, line 13, by striking out "DRIVER'S LICENSE" and inserting:

operating privilege

Amend Bill, page 12, line 14, by striking out "MAY" and inserting:

shall

Amend Bill, page 12, line 22, by inserting after "MOST":

often

Amend Bill, page 15, line 6, by inserting after "MOST":

often

Amend Bill, page 20, line 3, by striking out "§" and inserting:

§§

Amend Bill, page 20, line 4, by inserting after "(J)":
and 3806

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

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, this is a technical amendment to put this bill in order to be run when we come back.

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 315 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 404 (Pr. No. 1169) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing guidelines and procedures governing certain investigations and interrogations of correctional officers; authorizing certain civil suits by correctional officers; and providing for impact of collective bargaining agreements and for summary suspensions.

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-45

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

NAY-1

Kitchen

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 652 (Pr. No. 691) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 652 restores the local income tax exemption for active duty military pay. This is the number one priority of our Pennsylvania National Guard and other active military personnel residing here in the Commonwealth. For almost 50 years, between 1965 and 2012, the definition of earned income tax exempted active military pay. Unfortunately, under Act 32 of 2008, it made it subject to taxation. So this legislation returns military pay to its original tax-exempt status for our active military serving around the world and on multiple deployments away from family, work, and home. I appreciate everyone's support. It is an important attempt to return that status as a way to say thank you and to respect those who are assisting us in their service to our country.

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:

YEA-46

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

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 765 (Pr. No. 824) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for the definition of "emergency service responder" and providing for the definitions of "electric cooperative personnel" and "electric utility personnel"; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for duty of driver in emergency response areas.

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-46

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 773, SB 785, HB 857, SB 868, SB 872, SB 873 and HB 874 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 898 (Pr. No. 1064) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, in fiscal affairs, further providing for limits on counties of the second class.

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 925 (Pr. No. 1110) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in commercial drivers, further providing for definitions, for employer responsibilities, for commercial driver's license qualification standards, for nonresident CDL, for commercial driver's license and for disqualification.

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, very briefly, I thank the Members of both Caucuses, Senator Scarnati, Senator Corman, and Senator Costa for their cooperation. This is a bill that we received notification from PennDOT not too long ago that we have to get done to bring Pennsylvania in compliance with Federal law regarding CDL licenses. So our passage of this bill, getting it to the House, their passage, and getting it to the Governor will bring us in compliance and keep us in line with Federal regulations and funding.

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:

YEA-46

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

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 57, HB 75, HB 263, SB 296, SB 388, HB 400, SB 411, HB 447 and HB 455 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 606 (Pr. No. 598) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and immunities, providing for limited liability for pilots and apprentices.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 731, HB 735, SB 859, SB 860, SB 874 and HB 898 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 931 (Pr. No. 1143) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 26 (Eminent Domain) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in special damages for displacement, further providing for moving and related expenses of displaced persons, for replacement housing for homeowners and for replacement housing for tenants and others.

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

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 487 (Pr. No. 1133) (Rereported) (Concurrence)

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for limits on copayments for insured medical services provided by a physical therapist, chiropractor and occupational therapist.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 487 (Pr. No. 1133) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for limits on copayments for insured medical services provided by a physical therapist, chiropractor and occupational therapist.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 487?

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. 487.

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-46

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

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.

**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 PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON THE ARTS**

July 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 May 6, 2015, for Brenda L. Rios, 1224 N. 3rd Street, Unit 502, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, to serve until July 1, 2016, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Laura Ellsworth, Sewickley, 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 CHIROPRACTIC**

July 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 May 7, 2015, for Jacob M. Maldonado, 133 State Street, #2, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic, to serve until June 11, 2016, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Christopher Decker, Shoshola, 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 COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE COMMONWEALTH [sic] SYSTEM OF
HIGHER EDUCATION**

July 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 May 7, 2015, for Jacob M. Maldonado, 133 State Street, #2, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a

term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jerry Swope, Lock Haven, 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.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

Senator SCAVELLO, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries, reported the following bill:

SB 604 (Pr. No. 597)

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in special licenses and permits, further providing for Lake Erie fishing permits.

Senator HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on Local Government, reported the following bills:

HB 33 (Pr. No. 355)

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, in planning agencies, further providing for appointment, term and vacancy of planning commission members and for conduct of business of planning commission.

HB 823 (Pr. No. 2036) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), known as the Local Tax Collection Law, further providing for bonds of tax collectors, for basic education programs for tax collectors, for criminal history record information and for deputy tax collectors.

HB 907 (Pr. No. 1125)

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), known as the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, in short title and definitions, further providing for definitions.

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators VOGEL, EICHELBERGER, SCAVELLO, YAW, TEPLITZ, BARTOLOTTA, VULAKOVICH, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, SCARNATI, RAFFERTY, ARGALL, TARTAGLIONE, AUMENT, SCHWANK and ALLOWAY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 169**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing 2015 as the "International Year of Soils" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, I rise today to offer a resolution designating 2015 as "Year of Soils" in Pennsylvania. We all know Pennsylvania's many agricultural and natural resource industries depend on an understanding of soil diversity and soil fertility requirements in order to produce commodities for our communities. Many Pennsylvania academic institutions have well-established academic programs which educate individuals in the practice and science of soils. Mr. President, this resolution recognizes the importance that soils play providing for food, fiber, and other commodities in our Commonwealth. Please join me in supporting this resolution today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question,
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 Robert Spangler and to Pete Martin by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Long, Master Sergeant Ronda K. Fawber, Jordan Post, Brendan S. Salyards, Hayden R. Merkey, Jean Ann Towle, Robert G. Neumoyer, Tina Heintzelman, David G. Kruehl, Janette M. Leshner, Thomas C. Reed, Hannah Claire Winn, Maggie Mae Marcavage, Nicholas Trotter, McCann School of Business, Pottsville campus, Ryan Township Fire Company, Galen Glen Winery, Troxell Farms of New Ringgold, Weis Market in Pottsville and to Schuylkill County Trout Unlimited by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John DiNunzio by Senators Argall and Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Taylor Pool by Senators Argall and Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Boydell, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Nolt, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lavenberg, Mr. and Mrs. P. Thomas Zeager, Mr. and Mrs. William Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Dale P. Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Huyett, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold King, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rudy, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dees, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hevener, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bergan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shultz, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard L. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. John Nicholas, Mr. and Mrs. R. Keith Vogt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Long, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shenenberger, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Ciccocioppi, First Sergeant Melissa Marie Frey, Technical Sergeant Joel H. Mutschler, Joseph C. Hartmann, Betty Jane Bender, Irene Bard, Charles R. Messner, Edwin Carl Reidenbaugh, Vitorocco A. Barbaro, Marvin K. Shearer, Lorraine Beryl Rimert, Donald Althouse, Jeanette Leathead, Edward A. Rasmuson, Margaret E. Mowrer, John R. Weaver, Julia Malloy, Pauline Stanley, Dorothy Jean Brackbill Hay, Rowena Morelock, Ruth F. Smith, Floyd H.

Cammauf, Bettie L. Calhoun, Mary Lou Finlayson, Mildred Snodgrass, Daniel H. Beam, Leslie B. Underwood, Fay McKonly, Alexander Campbell, Matthew Bowers, Betty S. Nauman, George E. Doutrich, Ruth Esch, Dorothy L. Shealer, Genevieve Hale Vandermer, Herman F. Anspach, John N. Thomas, Barbara Aikin, Helen Gloria Sprecher Yinger, Arlene Wimer, Keller Brothers Ford and to the Manheim Pennsylvania Auto Auction by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Judge, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Krause, Reverend Patrick L. Albert, Captain Cynthia Innella, Matthew Eck, John Kiesendahl, Richard H. Morgan, Jr., Ginny Major, William P. Lesjak, citizens of the Borough of Nicholson, Bluhm's Shopping Center, Rotary Club of Tunkhannock and to Kingston Pool by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phillips, Lucas A. Baldesberger, Jonathan T. Simmons, Daniel J. Farquhar and to Zak Teyssier by Senator Bartolotta.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lottie Blasko Montaro, Charles S. Sciandra, Scranton-Lackawanna Human Development Agency, Inc., and to Lackawanna County Audubon Society by Senator Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Marywood University of Scranton by Senators Blake and Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaw, Alan Fink, CeCelia Trombacco, Helen Soloi, Muriel Hartline, Elsie Cattington, Albert DiPasquale, Kenneth Shook, Angelina Lisinichia, Rose Bassoline, Francesco Joseph Augello, Bradley J. Sartorius, "The Valley Voice," Macarro Auction Company, DiMaio's Italian Ristorante and Pizzeria, Northampton Community College Fowler Family Southside Center, Northampton Area Public Library, Emmaus Historical Society, Triangle Tech Group and to Hellertown Area Library by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lehigh County Paralegal Association by Senators Boscola and Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Amy Koch and to Stephanie Hnatiw by Senators Boscola, Browne, and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mildred Vosper, Edward Christman, Margaret McInvaill, Julia Angielczyk, Carmen Ruggiero, Clara Uhler Schweitzer and to Margaret Smink by Senators Boscola and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Stacey Zaremba and to Michael O'Rourke by Senator Boscola and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ethan M. Dadum, MYARC, Inc., Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church and to Community Health Clinic of New Kensington by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hyde, Chief Robert S. Goeltz, Adam James Kaufman, Mary Ann Jacobsen, John Giles, Michael L. Wright, Arden Clyde Earll, Tackitt Daniel Lyons, Jacob Michael Kulp, Kyle Joseph Matthews, Betty McCormick, Jacob Todd Coryea, Kevin Austin Burke, Brennen Lee Burke, Harold G. Girardat, Frank Bizjak, Northwestern Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Tooling and Machining Association and to Elder Ag & Turf Equipment Company by Senator Brooks.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Lloyd E. Eslinger, Kyle David March, Diane Wittry, Edna M. Bell, Alvaro A. Diaz, Isabelle Mae Smith, Robert William Sell, David Leon Rubright, Edith M. Roeder, Beverly Gruber, Ralph Daniel Groff, Joel Loch, Daniel Leo Lynch, Sean Nevin Warrington, Jack Wayne Blommel, Blanche M. Manwiller, Nellie Krock, Arlene F. Balloge, Cameron James Somers, Donald K. Banks, Gary Phillips, Margaret E. Vega, Anna M. Rhoads, Thelma N. Heist, Richard David Held, George V. Peters, Lillie Mae George, Community Bike Works, West End Family Eye Care and to Alburtis Volunteer Fire Department by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Lisa Marie McCauley, Ken Ryno, Lauren Kramer, Christina Albino, Briana Hall, Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Inc., City of Allentown Parks and Recreation Department and to Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living by Senators Browne, Boscola, and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joel D. Mills and their children, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis E. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Atherton, Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Mateer, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brummer, Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Elliott, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. R. Ernest Nipple, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Wilson III, Mr. and Mrs. Neal L. Houck, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Tanner, Mildred W. Crawford, Nellie Peachey Orbin, Meagan Bleyer, Tori Stewart, Eva L. Sieber, Charles W. Hoar, Jr., Richard P. Heck III, Strodes Mills Baptist Church, Paintersville Christian and Missionary Alliance Church and to Penn State Breazeale Nuclear Reactor by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to R. D. Wilkes, Vietnam Veterans, Inc., citizens of the Borough of Chalfant, Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc., Churchill Volunteer Fire Company and to South Side Market House by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Fraternal Order of Police by Senator Costa and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend James J. Shea, Honorable James W. Gerlach, John C. Washington III, Gary Smith, Nancy Tuttle, Terence Farrell, Sally Strzelecki, Daniel Jacob Cancelmo, Sean Michael Johnson, Harold W. Holtz, Viola Wiskoski, Paul Hadzor, Hosanna African Union Methodist Protestant Church and the Friends of Hosanna Church at Lincoln University, ifm efector, inc., Miller's Insurance Agency, Inc., East Whiteland Fire Company, Bob Wagner's Flooring America Design Center, West End Fire Company No. 3, members and coaches of the Metzler's Gymnasium of Downingtown Level Six Girls' Gymnastics Team, The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County and to the Church Housing Corporation of Phoenixville by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Megan Sensenig by Senators Dinniman and Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to General Society Sons of the Revolution by Senators Dinniman and Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rotary Club of Kennett Square, Calvary Lutheran Church of West Chester and to Communications Test Design, Inc., by Senators Dinniman and Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Lanny Ross, Reverend David P. Haydu, Aaron Kuhn, Vivian Shatto, Tobin Mills, Cary H. Simpson, Sue Griep, Debbie Keppler, Claysburg Area Public Library and to ACCO Brands Blair Facility by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Huntingdon County Fair by Senators Eichelberger and Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph Gavula, John Smyl, Linda Masusock and to Fairmount Water Works by Senator Farnese.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John A. Baney, Toniann Noss, Stephen Strauss and to Margaret A. Kreiser by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to WITF-TV by Senator Folmer and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David D. Khalil and to Three Rivers Rowing Association by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pursell, Mr. and Mrs. T. Clayton Witmer, Mr. and Mrs. William Pardoe, Sr., Zackary K. Elsasser, Anna Kolody, Marian Elizabeth Shipman Tressler, Spencer Yacoboski, John Paul Uzialko, Aaron Keehan, Mark Hilkert, Geisinger Health System and to Kawneer Company, Inc., by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Freed, Joseph M. Casey, Alexander Carr Kohlbus, Kevin Manero, Robert Dantzer, Elfriede Briegel, Betty Joyce Kullman Mellor, Verna Lynch, members and coaches of the Upper Moreland Little League Senior Baseball Team and to Enterprise Fire Company by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Major Douglas E. Grimes by Senators Greenleaf and Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nancy Nolan by Senators Greenleaf and McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to North Penn Water Authority by Senator Greenleaf and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sergeant James Slavin, Lucy Mae Williams Selby, Johnnie E. Trawick, Dwight Pedro Lewis and to Praise Is The Cure, Inc., by Senator Haywood.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Edith Mitchell, Dr. Ruth Smith Wells, Reverend John L Roy Harris IV, Reverend Mary Ellen Hope, Kathryn Emma Chambers, Johanne Wells, Nicholas Carpenter and to Pennsylvania Radiological Society by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Leroy Marsteller, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Burgdorfer, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Zang, Mr. and Mrs. Denny Eck, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Daugherty, Mr. and Mrs. Duane S. Kyper, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lowrey, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy A. Beary, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Gene A. Fleeger, Mr. and Mrs. Carlo E. Morando, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Bowser, Mr. and Mrs. Gary H. Kier, Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeLong, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Soose, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Craft, Cadet Second Lieutenant Daniel J. Hagberg, Cadet Staff Sergeant Jade I. Lord, Lynn Seyler, Hazel Luella Mallery, Margaret Alberth, Nan Lyford, Helen Gibson, Charles Peterson, Lillian M. Jeffrey, Nicodemus B. Zock, Hunter Holt, Kevin Randall Riddle and to Harry Kidd by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to North Washington Flames and Flickers by Senators Hutchinson and White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Senior Master Sergeant Veronica Reynolds, Estelle D. Bell, Evelyn B. Henry,

Bebashi - Transition to Hope and to the 22nd Police District of the Philadelphia Police Department by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Karen Williams by Senators Kitchen and Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kevin Lindsay, Bernard Marcel Parent, Gray Simons, Neal Olkewicz, Peter J. Carlesimo, Kristy A. Kowal, Matt Bahr, Bill Koman, Eric Crabtree, Chuck A. Fusina, John F. Lutz II and to Country Day School of the Sacred Heart by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William H. Toland by Senator McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Joseph S. Brosnan, Debbie O'Neil Wolf, John J. Kelso, Jr., Bill Kilkenny, Scott Green, Arnold G. Menge III, Judy Taylor Berry Barroll, Wayne J. Finkbeiner, Elizabeth Maxfield McKee Gerding, Riley Daniels, Ruth Pickering, Stephen Mehlbaum, Kyle Alexander Peters, Jacob Scupp and to Lisa Berlin by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rockhill Mennonite Community by Senators McIlhinney and Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Gregory T. Wozniak by Senators McIlhinney and Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Albert J. Cepparulo and to Karen M. Kern by Senator McIlhinney and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief James Young, Patricia Wagner Henry, Daniel J. Gallagher, Jim Williams, Jeff Yeakel, Daniel Finacchio, John Raeburn, Christine Albright Kerber, Dave Costlow, Andy Serang, Steve Johnston, Richard Shearer, Marian E. Andras, Derek J. Hukari, Drew J. Fronheiser, Jamelle Foster, Benjamin Drew Shaner, Tyler John Duncan, members and coaches of the 2007 North Penn High School Boys' Cross Country Team, members and coaches of the 2006 North Penn High School Boys' Indoor Track Team, members and coaches of the 2008 North Penn High School Boys' Indoor Track Team, members and coaches of the 2008 North Penn High School Boys' Cross Country Team, citizens of the Borough of Pottstown and to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of Lansdale by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Souderton Mennonite Homes by Senators Mensch and Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Heather Long by Senators Mensch and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas K. Leidy by Senator Mensch and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable James F. Proud, Hunter John Faddis, Edwin H. Ham, Leona V. Johnson, Ruth T. Ray, Joseph F. Osborne, William A. Happy, Vincent A. Turco, Joseph C. Donovan, Helen Chominski, Ella M. Caulk, Ruth E. Delphey, Charles S. Matasic, Elaine J. Ferrell, William J. Armstrong, Elva M. Andrews, Jane E. Sutton, Daniel L. Trasatti, Eleanora Nash, William L. Natlae, Catherine F. Fisher, Dorothy W. Schalin, William J. Tini, Sr., Gertrude M. Herman, Franklin Gahres, Lawrence H. Snyder, Kenneth V. Knuth, Edward Godsey, Myrtle B. Bingham, Amelia A. Patella and to Phebe Ann Franzen by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Colleen P. Morrone by Senators Pileggi and McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lieutenant Colonel Donald Lambert, Kathleen O'Rourke-Rees, Adam William Friend, David L. Mast, Cole Richard Girard, Brandon Mi-

chael Heimbach, Michael Patrick Lewis, Teresa McCarthy, Christopher M. Israel, Steven G. Scheibe, Diane Beitler and to the citizens of Caln Township by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christopher M. Foley, Robert Lawlor and to Corey D. Brown by Senator Sabatina.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Delno Swope, Mr. and Mrs. David King, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mahovlich, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. James Paxson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Guilyard, Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Don Challingsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Okerlund, Mr. and Mrs. James Rafferty, Mr. and Mrs. John Esposito, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lambert, Reverend Leo Gallina, Benjamin Schatz, Elsie Gigliotti, Collin Foster, Florence Fitzsimmons, Clair Schrock, Dominic Cristini, Kenneth P. Straub, Clair Zerby, Bobbie Jo Simcox, Mary M. Parziale and to Thomas H. Hemdal by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Joseph Hall III, Chief William Parrish, Alverta Reddinger, Alexander Ross Bentley, David Lucas Stewart, Ruth Michniewicz, Cindi Starner, Austin Allan Newport, Nick Sudak, Robert R. Fields, Thomas Bordigon, Dorothy Elizabeth Bennett-Rossini, Elsie Moyer, Carmela DeCesare, William B. Cramer, Cramer's Cashway, Inc., Krohn's Foreign Car Service, citizens of Moore Township, citizens of the Borough of Chapman and to Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Robert G. Masenheimer, Jr., Gladys M. Rentschler, Thomas Martin Hofmann, staff, Board of Directors and volunteers of Family Promise of Berks County, Inc., and to the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. James E. Pennington, Gregory R. Collins, Clayton Harnish, Jonathan Anspach, Nathan Anthony Land, Alex Enzman, Alex Kifolo, Sean Cook, Jason Litofsky, Zachary Andrew Hoopes, Shawn M. Stone, Roger L. Blantz and to Old Leacock Presbyterian Church by Senator Smucker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Charles Machesky, Dr. Chris Tanner, Dr. Joseph John, Jr., Mia Price, Alec Brandon Sharp, Margaret A. Emelson, Ron Kilgore, Gene Huey, Tom Fee, Robert Cenker, Les Jones, William Gallagher and to Penn State Extension in Somerset County by Senator Stefano.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Frank Incantalupi, Mexican Cultural Center and the Consulate of Mexico in Philadelphia and to Maria de los Santos Health Center by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Koppenheffer, Reverend Audrey Cady Scanlan, Benjamin Hoy, Trevor Alexander Drawbaugh, Samuel Wagner, Darwin Kitner, Steven V. Turner, Kenneth E. Black, John Ambrose, Wanda Thebes, Theresa Havtegan, Susie Little, Colin Cleary, Joyce Zanella, Ruby Coburn, Lillian Gottlieb, Frances Boratko, Delores Barbush, Dorothy Putric, Mary Prim, Faye Cooper, Stephanie Bilynski, May Stover, Ella Jane Yetter, Lorraine Allen, Lorna Travitz, Gertrude Drum, Daniel Kaplan, Madeline Crawford, Linda Allen, David J. Adams, Nan Poletz, Nellie Banks, Jacob Henry Haldeman, Adam Frederick Nasta,

Connor Deardorff, Edward J. Burns, David Osman, Jewish Community Center Early Childhood Department, Bright Futures Learning Centers, Inc., East Shore Montessori School, Frederic Loraschi Chocolates, Hummelstown Area Historical Society, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology, Sandra M. Sawyers Group Day Care Home, Pilgrim Chapter of the Order of DeMolay and to Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas by Senator Teplitz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Trent Dietrich by Senators Teplitz and Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Constance Bastek-Karasow, Anthony A. Mandio, Thomas J. Lynch, Elizabeth Perry, James Schurr, Eric H. Gasper, citizens of the Borough of Langhorne Manor, Lower Bucks Hospital and to Boy Scouts of America Troop 180 by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lucas Brian Vanscovich by Senators Tomlinson and Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mack, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Brubaker, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Huntzinger, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cressler, Jr., Technical Sergeant Dale S. Ojea, Mary M. Knoke, Linda I. Spahr, Frances J. Regan, Gloria A. Fralish, Jean J. Warner, Mary Jane Troutman, Elmer R. Warner, Jr., Gordon Brady Walbert, Leanne Kalb, Mildred A. Krauss, John William Moyer, Ian Adolphus Moretz and to Gannett Fleming, Inc., by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alan Miklos, John Paul William Grabowski, River Shiloh Icenhour, Charlie Bowers and to Rochester High School by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jacob Gettens, Michael Fedorchak, Matthew Belack, Brian Lovasik, Michael Joseph Cellarini, Evan George Down, Dolores P. Michler and to Saint Joseph High School of Natrona Heights by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Corporal George William Cronin III, Grant Dudney, Christian D. Slyder, Kyle P. Slyder, Kristin S. Enders, Samuel Ward, Michael Weaver, Jacob Devereux, Ethan Brainard, Frank T. Ross III, Eric Stevenson, Ethan Miller, Greg Stewart, Zachary Dodson, Matthew Wentz, Nicholas Williams, Thomas P. Wolf, Hayden Wagner, Adam J. Stetzer and to Benjamin Birkett by Senator Wagner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bazley, Reverend J. Reynolds Lewis, Ronald Ruzina, Sam St. Clair, Gail Macioce, Gerald Sager, Rocco Blasiolo, Alex Raymond Myers, Davis Adam Herchko, Samuel David Achtzehn, Daniel James Miller, Joshua David Ireland, New Alexandria 4-H Home Economics Club, Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity of Jeannette, Katherine Mabis McKenna Foundation, Autumn Brook Summer Food Site and to the citizens of the Borough of Southwest Greensburg by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mt. Pleasant Area Junior Football League, Inc., by Senators Ward and Stefano.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cable, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Jay D. Bish, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McCollough, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Banner, Mr. and Mrs. William Hollenbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward, Honorable Robert

Brooks, Honorable Samuel R. Goldstrohm, Ellen Chambers, Benjamin Cole Snyder, Helen Poliyak, Betty Boarts, Elenor Huber, Margaret Swanson, Anna Hertz, Robert Shoefeld and to Dorothy I. Roberson by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Aaron Michael Wolf, Pauline Schoening, Donald E. Wright, Jr., Joshua Bentley Britt, Chestnut Hill Elementary School and to Orton Family Farm by Senator Wiley.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ryan N. Boyer, Jannie L. Blackwell and to Gwenetta C. Fairfax by Senator Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Grands as Parents, Inc., by Senators Williams and Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert Irvin Biss, Joshua Lee Eshelman, John H. Holbert and to Community Action Partnership of Cambria County by Senator Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. and Mrs. Patsy J. Marra, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Richard VanBuskirk, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Haney, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd D. Waltz, Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Schmouder, Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Bubb, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wasaff, Mr. and Mrs. Allen K. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Martinuzzi, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neville, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Winner, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Donald Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kusmierz, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sauers, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Keister, James Lathrop, Trevor M. Clouser, Michael C. Redding, Francis X. Moll, Jacob T. Reynolds and to Mifflinburg Young Farmers' Association by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walter K. Fish, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Cooper, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Kempinski, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Simonson, Staff Sergeant Charles J. Yurkin, Mary Gabriele, Leo Latona, Jean Woickowski, Declan Behan, Kristen Simmons and to Kevin Wenner by Senator Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joan Zelnick, John Thalenfield, Frank Rodano and the Design and Development Company, Bonner Chevrolet, King's on the Square, DxDempsey Architecture, Allan P. and Marian Sutherland Kirby Center for Creative Arts at Wyoming Seminary, Martz Group and to Pride Mobility Products Corporation by Senators Yudichak and Baker.

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

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Frank C. Buzin and to the family of the late Earl L. Samuel by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late John James Wilding by Senator Blake.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Walter H. McKeon by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Seymour Rockoff by Senator Teplitz.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Bruce Stockton Bell, Sr., by Senator Tomlinson.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Donald Howard Oliver by Senator Williams.

POSTHUMOUS CITATIONS

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

A posthumous citation honoring the late William E. Mindler was extended to the family by Senator Argall.

Posthumous citations honoring the late Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kunz were extended to the family by Senator Brooks.

Posthumous citations honoring the late Joe Paterno and the late Serafino Fazio were extended to the families by Senator Leach.

Posthumous citations honoring the late Corporal Kenneth B. Kooser, the late Dr. Trudy Bush, the late Bennett Gregory, the late James Nesser and the late Disey Simon were extended to the families by Senator Stefano.

Posthumous citations honoring the late Walter C. Ellsworth, the late Robert Irvin Biss and the late August J. Donatelli were extended to the families by Senator Wozniak.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Stephen Thomas Bilko was extended to the family by Senator Yudichak.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, could we be at ease and could the Republican Members join me around the Majority Leader's rostrum.

The PRESIDENT. I anticipate the same will be requested by Senator Costa. For those purposes, the Senate will be at ease.

(The Senate was at ease.)

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator SABATINA. 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 126, SB 127, SB 604, HB 33, HB 823 and HB 907.

And said bills having been considered for the first time,

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The following announcement was read by the Secretary of the Senate:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2015

10:00 A.M.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (joint public hearing with the

Russell E. Larson AG

House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee to receive update on avian influenza preparations)

Research Center

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, by now the news has probably spread in the Capitol and beyond of the arrest of the former mayor of our capital city, Mayor Stephen Reed. There was an announcement today by the Attorney General, which followed a lengthy presentment by the grand jury. I wanted to comment on this briefly, really comment more on the larger issues involved. My comments are not intended at all to undermine the presumption of innocence that Mayor Reed and anyone else implicated in the situation deserves, but it is predicated on the greater issue of the Harrisburg financial crisis.

I think I am joined in spirit by my colleagues who have been working closely with me, the four of us working together - Senator Blake, Senator Eichelberger, and Senator Folmer - on this issue. Prior to my election to the Senate, the Senate Committee on Local Government held very important and very critical hearings on the issue of the Harrisburg financial crisis. That was in the fall of 2012, which found inadequate oversight and questionable financial dealings related to the Harrisburg incinerator, which ultimately plunged the city into hundreds of millions of dollars in debt and created a financial crisis. Following my election and my appointment as the Democratic chair of the Senate Committee on Local Government, the four of us sent a referral of the hearing's findings to law enforcement. We sent those findings to the local district attorney, knowing that it was likely that as a matter of either a conflict or the appearance of a conflict, he would likely refer that to the Attorney General, which is what happened.

We have been waiting and pushing and urging the Attorney General to conduct an investigation. Why is that important? Because the citizens of Harrisburg, the residents here, the taxpayers here and elsewhere, who are on the hook to pay for this mess deserve answers, whether what happened in Harrisburg, in our capital city, was the result of criminal activity on the one hand or bad government, bad lawyering, or a combination of all of the above. Everywhere I went in 2012 when the financial crisis was at its height and as I was campaigning for this office, I was asked over and over again, when will they be held accountable? That is going to be an important part of the history of this city, the healing that needs to occur to repair the psychological damage of being taken advantage of. So, it is important that we get answers, regardless of what those answers are, as long as, I believe, the citizens believe that those answers were arrived at in good faith, they will be satisfied by the result.

Today was an important first step in trying to create accountability for what happened. The Attorney General emphasized several times today that this is the beginning and not the end, and there are others who are being investigated and who may be implicated as well. But it started today with the former mayor and literally hundreds of counts of corruption, various felonies, misuse of money, bribery, questionable transactions, and the like. That is one part of how we move past this.

The other part, which, again, my three colleagues and I have been working very hard on, is to make sure that this does not

happen again elsewhere, and that is why we have developed and have been pursuing a bipartisan package of legislation, not just bipartisan by the prime sponsors, but bipartisan in the cosponsors as well. Senate Bill No. 340 through Senate Bill No. 344 would prevent this from happening again and would essentially reform how local governments get into debt, it would create greater State oversight, it would bring in the power of ethical watchdog agencies to enforce the laws, it would strictly regulate questionable financial transactions such as swaps, it would require performance bonds on transactions like the Harrisburg incinerator, which, even the average person on the street now knows the absence of which was a cause, potentially, of the disaster here.

This package of bills went through the Committee on Local Government and the Committee on Appropriations unanimously last Session. They are now pending in the Committee on Local Government. We are hoping we can continue to pursue them this Session, get them through, out of the Senate, over to the House, and onto the Governor's desk so that every municipality and, more importantly, the taxpayers of every municipality are protected from a disaster such as Harrisburg.

It is important to note through all of this, and as ugly of a day as this has been for our capital city, that the city itself is turning a corner. We are in recovery. We are implementing a recovery plan that is working. You can tell that the city is moving forward and will continue to move forward, but the healing that needs to occur and the need for accountability still has to occur. The need to prevent this from happening again still has to occur, and my colleagues and I will continue to fight to make sure that happens.

Thank you, Mr. President.

BILL SIGNED

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

SB 487.

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate do now recess until Monday, September 21, 2015, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 2:58 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.