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FRIDAY, September 18, 2015

The Senate met at 10 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Senator JOHN R. GORDNER:

Shall we pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for the beauty of this Commonwealth. We thank You for the hills, valleys, rivers, and streams. We thank You for the natural resources and the abundance that You have given us here. We thank You for William Penn and his Holy Experiment, and his willingness to go to prison for his beliefs. We thank You for the history of this Commonwealth, and the forefathers gathering in Philadelphia for the Declaration of Independence. After our first form of government did not work, they returned again in 1787 to put together this Constitution that still guides us today.

We thank You for each of the Senators who are here today, and the citizens of their districts who have elected them to represent them. We thank You for the guidance that You give to each one of us on a daily basis. We look forward to the debate and discussion today, and at the end as we finish our Session and head back to our districts, we ask for safe guidance as we travel home to our families and our loved ones. We pray this all in Your heavenly name. Amen.

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 Joseph B. Scarnati III as a member of the Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator McIlhinney, and legislative leaves for Senator Alloway, Senator Stefano, and Senator Pileggi.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator McIlhinney, and legislative leaves for Senator Alloway, Senator Stefano, and Senator Pileggi.

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

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of June 15, 2015; June 16, 2015; and June 17, 2015, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of June 15, 2015; June 16, 2015; and June 17, 2015.

Senator CORMAN. 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 CORMAN and were as follows, viz:

YEA-49

Alloway	Eichelberger	Mensch	Vogel
Argall	Farnese	Pileggi	Vulakovich
Aument	Folmer	Rafferty	Wagner
Baker	Fontana	Sabatina	Ward
Bartolotta	Gordner	Scarnati	White
Blake	Greenleaf	Scavello	Wiley
Boscola	Haywood	Schwank	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 Journals are approved.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi and Senator Brewster have returned, and their respective leaves are cancelled.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes that today is the birthday of our wonderful friend, Senator Kitchen, and everyone should wish her a very happy birthday.

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a brief recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus to be held in the Rules room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senate Democrats will also meet in the rear of the Chamber for a brief caucus as well.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CALENDAR**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR****PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL ON
THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 1000 (Pr. No. 1232) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act to provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive and Judicial Departments, the State Government Support Agencies and the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, for certain institutions and organizations, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; to provide appropriations from the State Lottery Fund, the Tobacco Settlement Fund, the Aviation Restricted Account, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund, the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Tuition Account Guaranteed Savings Program Fund, the Banking Fund, the Firearm Records Check Fund, the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund, the Oil and Gas Lease Fund, the Home Improvement Account, the Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act Enforcement Fund, the Insurance Regulation and Oversight Fund, the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development Restricted Receipt Account, the Justice Reinvestment Fund and the Multimodal Transportation Fund to the Executive Department; to provide appropriations from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, for the proper operation of several departments of the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend Motor License Fund money; and to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive Department of the Commonwealth and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Browne.

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I rise to support Senate Bill No. 1000 and ask my colleagues to do the same. Provisions of Senate Bill No. 1000 are very straightforward. It offers an interim financial spending plan for the fiscal period of July 1 through October 31, 2015. It is built on the platform of a total annual appropriation considered by this Chamber of \$30,179,000,000. So in substance, a one-third request to authorize and appropriate all line-items in that proposal with limited exceptions; 100 percent toward mandated debt service; 100 percent toward the needs and the threat imposed by avian flu; 50 percent or \$201 million toward our Higher Education Assistance Agency; around 60 percent for county child welfare, \$560 million based on the mandates of our State's Welfare Code; 100 percent of available, to be authorized, Federal dollars, \$24 billion; some exceptions related to needed shifts to solidify the Lottery Fund; and a full year appropriation to our special funds of approximately \$4 billion; for a total of approximately \$11.2 billion.

Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 1000 is the product of a reasonable and necessary choice by the Majority of this Assembly, given extraordinary circumstances. Governor Wolf, embodied in his modified financial plan for the Commonwealth, is seeking, in a sincere attempt to advance Pennsylvania forward, to expand the scope and scale of State government, the lives of our citizens, and in the financial affairs of our job creators far beyond what this Assembly has considered in the past. He is fundamentally seeking to alter the established financial positions and priorities taken by the Majority in this Chamber, positions premised on our sincere belief that Pennsylvania cannot make long-term and sustained investments on behalf of its citizens if it becomes less attractive and less competitive for private development. With proactive, engaging, honest, and sincere efforts by all Members of this Assembly and the Governor over the past 8 months to accommodate and reconcile vastly divergent fiscal perspectives, accomplishing our common goals for a better Pennsylvania, we have made progress. We are closer to a consensus on a general appropriation spending plan which will serve the citizens of this Commonwealth. Yet, the fact remains that given our vastly different perspectives on the proper financial path for Pennsylvania, with the fundamental, historic, and significant reforms we are laboring to craft and advance to strengthen the Commonwealth's financial position, more discussion, more negotiation, more accommodation is necessary to serve and satisfy our mutual interest. We are 100-percent committed to the imperative to complete our consensus financial framework. It is our constitutional obligation, and there is nothing we take more seriously.

However, as we embrace our core obligations to advance a final spending plan for the 2015-16 fiscal cycle, we also understand the true substance of what that obligation is all about in the first place, to appropriate and spend Federal and State public resources on behalf of the citizens of Pennsylvania; to invest in the programs, agencies, and initiatives which Pennsylvanians depend on to educate their children, support and protect their

communities, and maintain and improve the quality of life of our most vulnerable citizens and our seniors. Our citizens and our job creators fulfill their obligation every day to fund their State and Federal treasuries in order to capitalize these initiatives. We have the choice at this time. We have the power at our disposal to begin meeting their expectations for the current year while continuing our mutual financial imperative. That choice for all of us to positively consider today is contained in Senate Bill No. 1000.

With the extraordinary challenges and choices facing this Commonwealth, we must be willing to utilize every strategy, leverage every financial tool we constitutionally and legally have at our disposal to serve the acute needs of our citizens which we are all committed to address. Mr. President, that common commitment to consistently serve the needs of our citizens and completing our annual financial mandate, regardless of past practice and patterns of this Assembly, can be mutually inclusive. Each Member of this Assembly and the Governor understand their responsibility, will proactively work to fulfill them, and does not require the needless sacrifice and insecurity of our citizens to leverage and motivate final action. It is for these reasons that the provisions of Senate Bill No. 1000, at their core, do not represent an abdication of our responsibilities but an unwavering commitment to fulfill them. That regardless of the financial visions and perspectives which divide us and must be reconciled, regardless of the diverse interests of the communities we serve, our collective willingness to do what is reasonable, to do what is necessary, to utilize everything that is at our disposal, to accomplish what our citizens ultimately expect and deserve of their government. The choice to act for the citizens of Pennsylvania is before us. It is now provided in the provisions of Senate Bill No. 1000.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, I have tremendous respect for the previous speaker, but I feel compelled to stand up and oppose this bill. I do not think it is speaking out of school, Mr. President, to note that you are, like many of us, a movie buff, and those of us who are fans of the movies know that quite often the sequel is worse than the original. There are some rare exceptions, of course. For every *Empire Strikes Back*, though, there is an *Arthur 2: On the Rocks*. For every *The Godfather Part II*, there are 10 *Blues Brothers 2000s*. And, of course, for every *Wrath of Khan*, there are about 100 *Breakin' 2: Electric Boogaloo*s—which I am pretty sure is the only time that movie has been referenced on this floor. But quite often, what happens, which baffles many of us who are fans of the cinema, is a bad movie is then made into a worse sequel, and that is what is happening here. This so-called stopgap budget that we are presented with today, this is the *Sharknado 2* of budgets, because if you did not get enough of the bad acting, the shaky financing, the special effects you can see through, the farcical story based on a false premise in the original, you are going to love the sequel.

Really, Mr. President, this is actually *Sharknado 6*, because the original four were the four budgets passed under the prior administration. I think we all have to recognize and acknowledge that is why our schools, our social service agencies, and so many others are suffering. It is disingenuous for the Majority to claim that they are just providing relief to those most in need now via this stopgap budget after the devastating cuts of previous bud-

gets. It is not relief that the Majority is providing, it is false hope, because we all know that the Governor is going to veto this stopgap budget, as he should. We know that is going to happen again, as it did in June, and so, after the Governor vetoes this, then what? Are we going to do this a third time? Is this going to be *Groundhog Day*? How many times are we going to see a Majority document forced through only to be vetoed, and how much more time is going to be wasted while those schools, while those social service agencies, while the most vulnerable members of our communities continue to suffer?

There is a lot of talk on the other side about the virtues of the private sector. Well, I came from the private sector, too, and in the private sector when we were confronted with a challenge, we worked 24/7 to resolve that issue. We did not work a couple hours here, a couple hours there. That is what we need to do, that is what the public expects us to do - to work around the clock to get this done. They do not want either side to cave in on principles, but they want both sides to make fair and reasonable compromises so that everyone gives a little and gets a little and can walk away with a budget that we can all be proud of and that does right for Pennsylvanians. That is not happening here. That is not happening today. I will be voting "no." I hope we can get past the theatrics and finally move toward a serious resolution of our budgetary challenges.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, for the purposes of the body, for the purposes of the Members on both sides, as a mayor of my city said on numerous occasions, I will be brief, no matter how long it takes. I do want to thank my good colleague and good friend, Senator Teplitz, for his comments, and I especially want to thank him for acknowledging one of the great movies of all time, *The Godfather Part II*, because it truly was better than its predecessor.

However, in all of that, Mr. President, I think it is appropriate that we ask and seek a "no" vote on this bill, which, unfortunately, is another budgetary gimmick that should not be offered up in front of us at this time. We should be at the budget table negotiating a budget. We should not be at the microphone. We should be at the table. This bill is another gimmick like the previous gimmicks that were before the House and the Senate in the last several months. The previous House GOP move to override the Governor's veto - a gimmick. The previous move to pass, in March, the Governor's budget proposal without any discussion about funding, without going through the appropriate process - a gimmick. This is another budget gimmick which is transparent, and we all can see that. This is not serious, this is not the direction that we should be going in, and it is clearly not what is in the interest of the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As I said earlier, Mr. President, we should be at the table, not at the microphone.

Context is important at this moment. We arrived at this moment in January of 2015 coming off of 4 years of disaster. Our education system had collapsed, our job creation system, which at once was 7th in the nation in new jobs created, had fallen to the bottom, 50th. Our human services programs had been decimated with cuts. We had no shale tax, while everyone else was paying their appropriate fair share of taxes, and the State was in at least a \$1.3-billion deficit. The people said they wanted to go

in a different direction, and in November of 2014, in a mandate, they decided to go in a different direction with a new Governor, and, in fact, for the first time in the history of the Commonwealth, electing a new Governor from a different party, which meant that the previous Governor served only one term. First time. That was the mandate: that is what the people asked for. They wanted to go in a new direction, and Governor Wolf offered up a bold plan in March of 2015 to take us in a new direction. Yes, it had some controversy. It had some pain in it, because, yes, it did talk about taxes. Yes, it also talked about huge, significant, and first-time dramatic reductions in our property taxes. It talked about raising the minimum wage, it talked about restoring education cuts, it talked about restoring our job creation programs. His budget proposal talked about doing things in a different way because we needed to go in a different way and because the people mandated through his election for us to go in a different way. Both sides of the aisle know this, both sides of this building know this, and the Governor offered this and has conducted himself in a fashion that would allow for a thoughtful negotiated process.

To condense several months of negotiations and conversations, and having been at the table for, essentially, most of all of those sessions, I can say without any fear of rebuttal that the Governor, as most recent as earlier this week, offered some very significant compromises on issues that the Majority said were relevant. Now we are at this moment. He has been conciliatory, he has compromised, he has been a gentleman in every sense of the word. Where others would have blown up in these sessions, he has remained calm, he has remained thoughtful, he has remained considerate, and he has remained a gentleman trying to make sure that we stuck to the substance of the issues at hand, and he has offered up significant compromises. Not so from the other side, Mr. President. We should be at the table, not at the microphone. We should be negotiating a budget in the spirit of compromise. The Governor has said publicly and privately that he understands the reality of where we are in Pennsylvania, that this is a divided government in Pennsylvania, a Democratic Governor, with his priorities, most mandated at the recent election in November 2014, in a Republican-controlled House and a Republican-controlled Senate. And he has offered up very significant compromises in his proposal. We are seeking that from the other side.

We should get back to the table. We should end the gimmicks that have been offered up time and time again, both in the House, now here in the Senate, and we should discuss in a true nature how we are going to change the direction of the course of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. If we continue down this path with stopgap budget proposals, we are only replicating what is happening in Washington, D.C., and maybe that is the way folks want to go. I should hope not. Let us get off of the gimmicks, Mr. President, let us get back to the table, let us understand that compromise must occur on both sides, not just on one, but on both sides. Let us realize that we have to go in a different direction, and the people of Pennsylvania asked us, in a very dramatic way, to go in a different direction. They asked us to restore our funding for education systems, they asked us to reinvest in job creations in Pennsylvania, they asked us to restore funding for our human services programs, so that the people of Pennsylvania get the appropriate services that they need, they asked for significant breaks and significant relief in the property taxes that they

pay. Let us go in the direction that the people ask for, let us stop the gimmicks, let us get back to the table, away from the microphone, and let us get the work done that the people are requiring us to get done, Mr. President. Thank you very much.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, ironically, the previous speaker mentioned Washington, D.C. This morning, as I often do when I get up and start getting ready for the day, I have the TV on in the background, which I am sure many people do, and sort of catch some of the stories, and some you do not. As I was watching some of the news shows, as I do--actually, I watch MSNBC, which as a Republican, most people might be surprised by that, but I find it to be an entertaining morning show. Anyway, one of the topics of discussion was a possible government shutdown in D.C. Apparently, there is an issue out there that there is disagreement on, and the congressional delegation is talking about shutting down the government until they can get to an agreement. We have seen this before in Washington, D.C. Every time it happens, the people get very angry. Why are you shutting down the government? You should not be shutting down the government to resolve your differences. I believe it is the Republicans who are blamed for shutting down the government, and maybe that is accurate. Inevitably, they take a beating, and eventually they work it out.

What we are trying to do today, ironically, and the exact opposite, is to put up a vote to keep the government open. We want to keep the government open. Yes, we still have differences. Yes, we are trying to negotiate through those differences, and we should and I think we can walk and chew gum at the same time and open up the government and still keep negotiating. The Governor put a proposal to us on Monday after he rejected our proposal, and we are going through that. We are trying to get some of the details. I guess it was Tuesday maybe, or Wednesday. I want to get the dates right. It was Wednesday. We are trying to get some of the details to have a more clear picture of what he is proposing, but we will hopefully get back at it fairly quickly with a responsible response. In the meantime, we still have some differences. The Governor is still looking for a very large tax increase right now, one that is not supported by the Majority of the Members of this Chamber. So we could continue this process and allow government to be shut down, or we could keep government open while we continue this process to get through our disagreements. The money is still coming into the Treasury. People are still paying taxes. People are still, every time they buy something get a sales tax, that is because businesses are reporting them into the State. People who do withholdings are still doing withholdings and reporting them to the State. So the money is flowing into Harrisburg at the normal rate. The problem is, it is not flowing out of Harrisburg because we have this shutdown because of a lack of a budget.

So today we have the opportunity to continue these very, very important discussions, which are far overdue. It is September, as I said. I am embarrassed it is September and we have not gotten this done. Obviously, it takes two to tango, so we are as responsible as the other side. That is the way it is. It is a pox on all of our houses, as they say. We are going to continue to fight for things that we feel are our principles, as the Governor and the other party will as well. But while we are having those disagreements and while we are trying to forge a compromise through that--and

I think both sides are compromising, I think the Governor's proposal, although not what we had hoped, still is a step away from where he was, a ways to go, in our opinion, but still, to his credit, was a step away, as was when we offered to fund the Governor's number one priority of \$400 million for basic ed subsidy. That was a step for us to raise that revenue to accomplish that.

So, I do not think it does any of us any good to sort of blame each other and saying, we are compromising, they are not compromising. I do not think that is accurate. Everyone is trying. So the question is, while we are trying, while we continue to do this, should we allow money to sit in Harrisburg when school districts--and I just saw recently in a newspaper article that the Erie School District is thinking about shutting down because of lack of funds. I guess they are talking about getting a bus to come to Harrisburg to talk about it. We could float money to Erie, as we could float money to other school districts around the State so they do not have to face this decision to shut down their schools while we are fighting through our differences. We have real differences. I have complete respect for the Governor and the other side's principles and what they are fighting for, and I hope they have respect for ours. But while we try to forge this compromise, I do not see why we should hold the people of Pennsylvania hostage. I do not see why we should put school districts on the edge of shutting down. I do not see why we should be looking at our social services, who may have to reduce services for people of need because the money is sitting here in Harrisburg.

So today is not something I would like to do, a stopgap budget, by any stretch. I would have liked to have had a budget done by June 30. We did, obviously the Governor did not support it, so we are still here. We will continue to work diligently with the Governor and the other side to get to the point where we can have a budget for the full year and begin to move forward into the next fiscal year, because we are almost there. We are a third of the way through this budget already. In the meantime, someone has to give me a really good explanation as to why while we fight for our principles, as the gentleman talked about, valid principles, on both sides, while we are fighting for our principles, let us let the money flow. Let us let our school districts not have to worry about if they can make payments to their employees. Those employees, can they make mortgage payments this month? Can they pay the food bill, pay the electric bill, because they do not know if they are getting a paycheck or not. That does not need to happen. We should not shut down the government because we have a disagreement. We should not shut down our government because of our disagreement when we can do a third of a budget. It is not the way we would want to do it, by any stretch, but I do not think the people of Pennsylvania should have to pay for our disagreements. So I ask for support for Senate Bill No. 1000, and let us keep the government open.

Thank you, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CHANGED

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request that Senator McIlhinney's leave be changed from a temporary Capitol leave to a legislative leave.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests that Senator McIlhinney's leave be changed from a temporary Capitol leave to a legislative leave. Without objection, the leave is changed.

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-30

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

NAY-19

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

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 33 and **HB 60** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 75 (Pr. No. 66) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, providing for nonresident pharmacies.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Alloway	Eichelberger	Mensch	Vogel
Argall	Farnese	Pileggi	Vulakovich
Aument	Folmer	Rafferty	Wagner
Baker	Fontana	Sabatina	Ward
Bartolotta	Gordner	Scarnati	White
Blake	Greenleaf	Scavello	Wiley

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

HB 175 (Pr. No. 2179) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 24, 2006 (P.L.91, No.29), known as the Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Benefit Act, further providing for application for compensation and for Commonwealth indebtedness; and providing for reports.

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

HB 224 (Pr. No. 2180) -- 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, providing for the posting of annual financial information for public school entities; in pupils and attendance, further providing for education and training of exceptional

children; in charter schools, further providing for definitions and for school staff; in vocational education, further providing for vocational education equipment grants; in community colleges, further providing for financial program and payment reimbursement; in disruptive student programs, further providing for applications; in private alternative education institutions for disruptive students, further providing for contracts with private alternative education institutions; in funding for public libraries, providing for State aid for fiscal year 2015-2016; and, in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, providing for student-weighted basic education funding; further providing for payments to intermediate units, for special education payments to school districts, for extraordinary special education program expenses, for special education funding for eligible students with disabilities in Cost Category 3, and for assistance to school districts declared to be in financial recovery status or identified for financial watch status; and providing for ready-to-learn block grants.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-30

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

NAY-19

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

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 with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

SB 1001 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 1001 (Pr. No. 1233) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 4 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator CORMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1001 (Pr. No. 1233) -- 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 special funds, further providing for funding, for State Workers' Insurance Board and for expiration; in the To-

bacco Settlement Fund, further providing for use; in the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund, further providing for distribution; in general budget implementation, further providing for the Department of Community and Economic Development and for the Pennsylvania State Police; providing for 2015-2016 budget implementation and for 2015-2016 restrictions on appropriations for funds and accounts; and making related repeals.

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-30

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

NAY-19

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

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

HB 447 (Pr. No. 1037) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), known as The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, providing for death of a tenant.

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

HB 447 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 447, Printer's No. 1037, 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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 606, SB 640 and SB 751 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 773 (Pr. No. 854) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, 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 Philadelphia, Senator Kitchen.

Senator KITCHEN. Mr. President, I rise to thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, our Leader, Senator Costa, and of course the Majority Leader of the Senate, Senator Corman, and everyone on his staff for their hard work on seeing this bill come to fruition. Mr. President, this is a giant step toward protecting our children. We, as adults, have all the rights and privileges afforded to us under the law. We make decisions, we understand certain things, but our young people, they are just growing to that. This brings powdered alcohol at least in line with alcohol that we purchase, those of us who do. So, Mr. President, I thank everyone very much, and this is a gigantic step toward protecting our young people in our State today. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Kitchen, for your great work on this important legislation, and, once again, happy birthday.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Rafferty.

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I rise to support my friend and colleague from Philadelphia County, Senator Kitchen. She has been at the forefront on this most important, significant piece of legislation for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. When I was chair of the Senate Committee on Law and Justice, Senator Logan was the Democratic chair at the time, and we held a series of hearings in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania about the effects of alcohol on our children and the dangerous decisions being made by those underage regarding alcohol. We came up with another piece of legislation that benefitted the Commonwealth. Technology keeps growing and getting ahead of us as we try to make sure that we have the tools for good behavior for those underage, and Senator Kitchen today, with the passage of this bill, will certainly make another tool available to us as we curb the abuse of alcohol by those underage. I know, working very closely during that period of time with not only the law enforcement community, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and Students Against Destructive Decisions, that they would be pleased as well that this piece of legislation is moving today. So, I stand in support of my colleague's piece of legislation. It is truly significant, and I, along with Senator Kitchen, ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Rafferty, for your continued work on this important issue.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Dinniman.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I, too, rise in support and want to publicly thank Senator Kitchen for her leadership on this. This is a bill that all of us should support. We have opportunities to protect our young people, and today as we vote on this bill, we are exercising such an opportunity. The dangers of powdered alcohol and the access to this, since it is not controlled under the liquor laws of this State, are a real, real danger. Under this bill, there will be some control and it will be treated just as any other form of alcohol is treated. I think this is a great way--by the way, Mr. President, you wished Senator Kitchen happy birthday, and this is a great way for all of us to celebrate not just Senator Kitchen's birthday, but her service for 35 years, 40 years on behalf of those in Philadelphia whose voice has not always been heard, her service on behalf of all the young people whom she has helped year after year. So, let us together present a birthday present not just to Senator Kitchen, but for every young person in this Commonwealth as we protect them against powdered alcohol.

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-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 785 (Pr. No. 1107) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in consolidated county assessment, further providing for definitions and for subjects of local taxation.

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

SB 785 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 785, Printer's No. 1107, 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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 879 (Pr. No. 1238) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the establishment of a savings program by the Treasury Department to encourage savings accounts for individuals with disabilities; establishing the Pennsylvania ABLE Savings Program and the ABLE Savings Program Fund; and imposing duties on the Treasury Department.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, people find plenty of legitimate reasons to criticize government, but nothing strikes the average person as more wrongheaded than when laws and regulations penalize responsible behavior such as saving money. Unfortunately, that is the case today when families try to set aside money to meet obligations and to create opportunities for individuals who have a disability. Exceed a rather low limit and you lose Federal benefits. It is a box that discourages responsibility and increases dependency, the opposite of what we intend. Raising an individual with one or more disabilities is difficult physically and emotionally. I have talked to many parents, many family members, and it is compounded by the steep financial challenges that are involved. Whenever and wherever we can offer families tools and support to better cope, we should do so.

It is not all that often that the Federal government gives us the chance to do something sensible and constructive for families under financial stress, but a Federal law signed in December, the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act, commonly known as ABLE, affords Pennsylvania a much-needed approach. Senator Bob Casey was a stalwart in championing this approach and delivering a solid result so that we can be sure the opportunities it provides are designed to meet Pennsylvania's needs. States can establish tax-free savings accounts to allow families to plan for meeting the needs of disabled individuals. These accounts are modeled after our popular and very successful tuition accounts that Pennsylvania has featured for more than 20 years. We are not giving anything away here. What we are doing is changing policy to encourage and support family initiative and family

responsibility to help people gain as much independence as their disabilities will allow. Draft regulations from the Feds are now being reviewed and commented on. This legislation is structured to anticipate whatever additional flexibility might come through that Federal action. We would not have to go back and constantly rework our law in relation or reaction to Federal change.

Ask the advocates for the disabled and they will tell you how significant this legislation is. The greatest benefit might be that a generation of good intentions written into previous laws can be realized through wise and well-considered implementation of ABLE. Individuals will be able to achieve independence because this initiative will be rewarded rather than penalizing and discouraging.

So, I thank and recognize my colleague, Senator Tartaglione, who has been a champion of this effort. We worked very closely with officials at the Treasury Department who will be charged with implementing this program. I would like to acknowledge Maggie Giannelli of my staff, and Kathy Eakin of Senator Corman's staff. So, Senate Bill No. 879 really is good policy, good sense, and will offer a great result for families and individuals here in the Commonwealth who have disabilities. I urge an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Baker for the bipartisan effort on a very important piece of legislation.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 57, SB 126, SB 127, HB 263, SB 296, SB 388, HB 400, SB 411, HB 455, SB 604, SB 685, SB 686, SB 731 and HB 735 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 823 (Pr. No. 2181) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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 permanent basic and continuing education programs for tax collectors, for criminal history record information and for deputy tax collectors.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 874, HB 898 and HB 907 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 136, ADOPTED

Senator CORMAN, without objection, called up from page 7 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 136**, entitled:

A Resolution condemning economic, social, cultural and other boycotts of Israel and growing incidents of anti-Semitism.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, I rise to ask for support for this resolution that condemns the boycott of Israel and the growing incidents of anti-Semitism. There are increasing instances of anti-Semitism around the world, including across the United States and in the Commonwealth of a Pennsylvania, reflected in official hate crime statistics. By the way, there are also significant instances of persecution of Christian groups all over the world as well. They both go hand in hand, but today we are talking about anti-Semitism.

According to a 2014 Anti-Defamation League audit of anti-Semitic instances, the number of instances in the United States increased from 751 in 2013 to 912 in 2014, representing a 21-percent increase. The ADL report shows that 48 anti-Semitic attacks were reported in Pennsylvania in 2014, compared to 43 in 2013, an 11-percent increase. Of the 48 cases reported and identified, there were 32 cases of harassment, 15 cases of vandalism, and 1 physical assault. Temple University was the scene of an assault in 2014 on a Jewish student during move-in day. Similar resolutions were adopted in other States such as Tennessee and Indiana, and also, in June the House of Representatives passed a similar resolution, House Resolution No. 370.

Pennsylvania has strong cultural, economic, social, business, government, art and educational activities between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of Israel. Further strengthening of the historic ties between this Commonwealth and that country is important. The elected representatives of Pennsylvania recognize the importance of expressing their unabridged support of the Jewish people and the State of Israel's right to exist and the right of self-defense. I ask for an affirmative vote.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for a very important resolution.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Dinniman.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I want to rise and thank Senator Greenleaf for his leadership on this issue. We need to remember that the first country in the world to recognize Israel was the United States, and Harry Truman did that during his presidency. The relationships, both cultural and economic, between Israel and the United States have been very, very strong, and today it especially continues in the area of high technology, research, pharmaceuticals, and a series of other issues. It is important that we, as a body, similar to what was done in our House of Representatives and what is being done in other States, clearly state that anti-Semitism has no place in this Commonwealth. We were founded by William Penn. We were founded based on religious freedom and the respect for all faith traditions. So, it is quite appropriate that in this Chamber, surrounded by Violet Oakley's paintings which celebrate the creation of this Commonwealth, which celebrate the importance of religious freedom and the recognition of all faith traditions, that we stand together to condemn not only anti-Semitism, but the movement on so many college campuses to simply condemn Israel without a full understanding of thought. As we face terrorism today, we have a further understanding of what the Israelis face each and every day. So, with this resolution, we not only condemn terrorism but together we understand that we must be united in a situation where terrorism is a way of our life.

I also want to say that Senator Greenleaf made another important statement in that while this focuses on anti-Semitism, that our Christian brothers and sisters are being faced with persecution and with a denial of their faith traditions in many areas of the Middle East and other places today. All of us need to stand up for our Christian brothers and sisters, just as we are standing up for people of the Jewish faith today in our belief for religious liberty. We also must stand up for all people of faith, no matter what their tradition, as we in Pennsylvania, based on the concept of religious tolerance, that is why we were formed, that was William Penn's Holy Experiment--an acceptance of the importance of faith but allowing and understanding that people express that faith in different ways--that we, of all places, should be passing such resolutions.

Thank you, Senator Greenleaf, and I know that we will join together in affirming and reaffirming William Penn's hope, not only for Pennsylvania, but for all of us in the world today. Thank you.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, may we be at ease for a moment? I ask the Members of the Republican Caucus to join me at the podium.

The PRESIDENT. Would all Republican Members join Senator Corman, and I anticipate all Democrats will join Senator Costa in the rear of the Chamber.

The Senate will be at ease.

(The Senate was at ease.)

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senator COSTA, on behalf of Senators BOSCOLA, HUGHES, FONTANA, ALLOWAY, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, SABATINA, TARTAGLIONE, TEPLITZ, AUMENT, GREENLEAF, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY and SCAVELLO, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 187**, entitled:

A Resolution designating September 18, 2015, as "Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Boscola, I ask that the following remarks be entered into the record in support of the resolution.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator COSTA, on behalf of the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator BOSCOLA:)

Mr. President, today I offer this resolution designating today, September 18, 2015, as the third annual "Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day" in the Commonwealth.

Pitt Hopkins is a very rare and severe neurological disorder caused by a specific variation that is present in a person's DNA. This is a relatively recent discovery thanks to new testing technology established in 2007. It is found to be caused by the spontaneous mutation of the 18th chromosome. This is why the date of September 18 was chosen to increase awareness. The disorder is typically characterized by intellectual disability, developmental delay, distinctive facial features, and can also include breathing issues, seizures, and gastrointestinal problems. Treatment strategies involve early intervention programs and daily therapies; the individual is often nonverbal.

Mr. President, only 500 people worldwide have been diagnosed with Pitt Hopkins Syndrome to date. Given the recent discovery of the gene, there are likely many more people, especially children, who remain undiagnosed. Most cases occur in people with no history of the disorder in their family. Because it is so rare, online support groups play a pivotal role for individuals and their loved ones to connect and share about their experiences.

On September 18, the Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation will also celebrate the anniversary of its third year in operation. The foundation is an all-volunteer organization of families and professionals dedicated to finding a cure through funding research, education, advocacy, and bringing practical treatment to the current medical practice. Therefore,

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues in the Senate to join me in declaring September 18, 2015, as Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day. Thank you.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators KITCHEN, COSTA, SABATINA, BREWSTER, TEPLITZ, BLAKE, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, BOSCOLA, AUMENT, HAYWOOD, FARNESE, HUGHES and BROWNE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 188**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Social Security Amendments of 1965 creating the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Kitchen.

Senator KITCHEN. Mr. President, I ask that my remarks be spread upon the record.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator KITCHEN:)

Mr. President, 50 years ago, two of America's best social safety nets were adopted into law: Medicare and Medicaid. Today, both programs continue to deliver quality healthcare to Pennsylvanians and Americans 65 and older or who live below the poverty line.

About 55 million Americans depend on Medicare to cover 23 types of preventive services, including flu shots and diabetes screenings. Some screenings are free, and others have a small co-payment or you have to pay a deductible for others. Medicare also covers hospital stays, lab tests, and critical supplies like wheelchairs, as well as prescription drugs. More than 7 million people rely on Medicaid. In Pennsylvania, some 2 million residents depend on Medicaid and Medicare. It is important to commemorate the golden anniversaries of these two great health insurance programs as the other new social safety net health insurance program, the Affordable Care Act, has suffered the same criticism that Medicare and Medicaid did in 1965.

These programs exist because they give people, who need help staying healthy and paying their doctor bills, peace of mind. Protecting the health and well-being of American families, saving lives, and improving the economic security of our nation is why these programs were created. They are a vital part of the American manifesto.

As a Senate body, Mr. President, I ask that we recognize the 50th anniversary of the Social Security Amendments of 1965 and remember that they are two of the best facets of American living.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators SCHWANK, WOZNIAK, BREWSTER, BAKER, EICHELBERGER, KITCHEN, TEPLITZ, GREENLEAF, BLAKE, SABATINA, ARGALL, DINNIMAN, FOLMER, FONTANA, ALLOWAY, YUDICHAK, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, BARTOLOTTA, BOSCOLA, VANCE, AUMENT, HUTCHINSON, PILEGGI, SCAVELLO, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, HAYWOOD and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 189**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2015 as "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I would like to note that ovarian cancer is the ninth most common cancer among women in the United States. It is the fifth leading cause of cancer death for women. What is most interesting of all is that 93 percent of these individuals could be cured with early detection. I think, Mr. President, what it points out is the importance for women's healthcare and how important it is for women to receive regular care, regardless of what their income or their ethnicity is. They should have access to care. So, it is important for us to recognize this in Pennsylvania.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators SCHWANK, GREENLEAF, TEPLITZ, SABATINA, EICHELBERGER, DINNIMAN, WOZNIAK, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, PILEGGI, ALLOWAY, COSTA, WHITE, BOSCOLA, AUMENT, HUTCHINSON, HUGHES and HAYWOOD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 190**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2015 as "National Recovery Month" in Pennsylvania and encouraging relatives and friends of individuals battling mental illness or substance abuse to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I do not think I need to explain to anybody, either at home or in this Chamber, how important the issue of mental well-being, as well as the issue of substance abuse, is in our Commonwealth and in our nation. In the midst of an opioid prescription drug and heroin epidemic in the Commonwealth, this issue is critically important. There is one statistic that I would like to bring up. In Pennsylvania in 2014, 93 percent of individuals with reported substance abuse received no treatment. Treatment is critical for this, and it is one of the things we are fighting for in this budget, to insure that there is adequate money to help individuals with these issues.

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

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

Senators SCHWANK, WOZNIAK, EICHELBERGER, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, ALLOWAY, YUDICHAK, DINNIMAN, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, GREENLEAF, BOSCOLA, AUMENT, RAFFERTY and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 191**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2015 as "Attendance Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania to raise awareness of the effects of chronic absenteeism in school on an individual's education and opportunities in life.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I have brief remarks again. School started, our students, we hope, are back in school, but many of them are not. The issue of chronic absenteeism has impacts on an individual's future earnings, and when you think about that, certainly the economic well-being of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as well. It starts at an early age. If a student even under the third grade level is not in school, is chronically absent, they cannot learn to read, they cannot learn to learn, and as a result, they fall behind, and that only further exacerbates the problem of absenteeism as the student progresses throughout their school years. This is a serious issue. It is one that Senator Greenleaf and I have cosponsored legislation to address, by using a plan for both schools, home, and other individuals in the community to help insure that students get to school and thus thrive.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators AUMENT, WOZNIAK, BARTOLOTTA, EICHELBERGER, SABATINA, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, BREWSTER, GORDNER, TARTAGLIONE, WHITE, COSTA, DINNIMAN, SCAVELLO, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 192**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2015 as "Chiari Malformations Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, Chiari malformation--it is spelled C-h-i-a-r-i, but it is pronounced key-r-ee--is a serious neurological condition that is frequently misdiagnosed and misunderstood, even by many in the medical community. In patients

with Chiari malformation, the cerebellum descends out of the skull and crowds the spinal cord, putting pressure on both the brain and spine and restricting the flow of cerebrospinal fluid. This compression can cause severe health consequences, including extreme headaches, nerve damage, loss of certain motor functions, dizziness, weakness, vision loss, balance issues, cognitive issues, sleep apnea, and depression. This condition is especially close to our friend, Jason Thompson, who works in the Senate Communications Office, as his wife, Christina, was diagnosed in March of 2013. Improving awareness is an important step in insuring those who suffer from this condition receive prompt and adequate treatment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators TEPLITZ, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, WILLIAMS, HUTCHINSON, RAFFERTY, COSTA, YUDICHAK, SCHWANK, AUMENT, MENSCH and VULAKOVICH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 193**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of November 29 through December 5, 2015, as "Jewish Community Center Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, this resolution designates the week of November 29 to December 5 as "Jewish Community Center Week" in Pennsylvania. The reason I am doing this today is because the Harrisburg Jewish Community Center is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and we have been engaged in a year-long celebration that will culminate in an event in December, but I wanted to make sure to recognize that as quickly as possible.

The Jewish Community Center movement started in 1854 when the first Hebrew Young Men's Literary Association opened its doors in Baltimore to provide support for Jewish immigrants, help insure continuity, and provide a place for education and celebration. The first center in Pennsylvania was founded in 1875 in Philadelphia. Today, there are currently 11 Jewish Community Centers serving 50,000 Pennsylvanians of all denominations. One of the centers, as I said, the Harrisburg Jewish Community Center, in my district, is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. I have had the privilege and honor of being engaged with the Harrisburg JCC for virtually my entire life, being in that building as a student, as a board member, as an employee, as a volunteer, as a parent, and it is an institution that is central to the Jewish community here in central Pennsylvania. The Harrisburg JCC serves as a quality local gathering place for learning, support, events, celebrations, and many other community activities for central Pennsylvanians. It has been at the same location on Front Street since 1956. As I said, I spent a great deal of my childhood there and now my children are very actively involved

in the many activities that the center offers families. Jewish Community Centers across Pennsylvania promote unity in our communities as well as the values of Jewish life and serve as a cultural, financial, and physical support system for their organizations and members.

So, Mr. President, during this week of the high holy days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the week of November 29 through December 5 as Jewish Community Center Week in Pennsylvania. Thank you.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

RECALL COMMUNICATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communications in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read as follows and laid on the table:

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

September 18, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of Sarah Cassin, 1110 Yverdon Drive, Apt. C5, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of California University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until June 3, 2019, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable R. Tyler Courtney, Greensburg, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

September 18, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of James Davis, Esquire, 400 Mountain View Drive, Brownsville 15417, Fayette County, Thirty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of California University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, or until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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TOM WOLF
Governor

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September 18, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of The Honorable Larry Maggi, 269 East Buffalo Church Road, Washington 15301, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of California University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, or until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 18, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of Dr. Pamela Gunter-Smith, 134 W. Springettsbury Avenue, York 17403, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2020, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Wendy Beetlestone, Wynnwood, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 18, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of Dr. Jean Jones, 203 Linda Lane, Meadville 16335, Crawford County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2020, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice A. Lee Williams, Slippery Rock, whose term expired.

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Governor

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

September 18, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of Dr. Audrey F. Bronson, 1601 North 72nd Street, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2018, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Taylor, New Hope, whose term expired.

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September 18, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of Cynthia Shapira, 111 Hawthorne Road, Pittsburgh 15238, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2018, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jane Earl, Erie, 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 BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

September 18, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of Leslie Anne Miller, 1111 Barberry Road, Bryn Mawr 19010, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2018, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Christopher Franklin, Paoli, 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 BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

September 18, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of Donald F. Mayer, 205 Sherwood Drive, Chambersburg 17202, Franklin County, Thirty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ronald Henry, Bryn Mawr, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

September 18, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of Sherri Luchs (Public Member), 6154 Spring Knoll Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Solomon Isaacson, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

September 18, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of John Mitchell, 3509 Tyson Road, Newtown Square 19073, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice George Roberts, Edinboro, 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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH OF THE COMMONWEALTH SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

September 18, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of Kevin Washo, 200 West Washington Square, Apartment 2402, Philadelphia 19106, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial Dis-

trict, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Pittsburgh of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 5, 2018, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Morgan O'Brien, Pittsburgh, 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 PENNSYLVANIA
BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

September 18, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of The Honorable Lydia Kirkland, 6834 Gorsten Street, Philadelphia 19119, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, to serve until October 1, 2019, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, vice Lloyd White, Harrisburg, deceased.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

September 18, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of Leo Dunn, 3508 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, to serve until October 3, 2018, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, vice Randy Feathers, Altoona, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT COMMISSION

September 18, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of Joan Stern, 135 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia 19103, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Public Employee Retirement Commission, to serve until October 27, 2020, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Egan, Fort Washington, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT COMMISSION

September 18, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of Janet L. Yeomans, 517 Kauffman Street, Philadelphia 19147, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Public Employee Retirement Commission, to serve until October 27, 2015, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Christ Zervanos, Harrisburg, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

May 15, 2015

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Andrew G. Place, 583 Garner Run Road, Waynesburg 15370, Greene County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania *[sic]* Public Utility Commission, to serve until April 1, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than 6 months beyond that period, vice James Cawley, Esquire, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

September 18, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of The Honorable Ronald Donatucci, 2336 South 21st Street, Philadelphia 19145, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple University of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 14, 2017, or until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

**CORRECTION TO RECALL COMMUNICATION
LAID ON THE TABLE**

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 laid on the table:

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

September 18, 2015

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

Please note that the letter dated September 18, 2015, for the recall of my nominated dated September 18, 2015, of The Honorable Ronald Donatucci, 2336 South 21st Street, Philadelphia 19145, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple University of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 14, 2017, or until his successor is appointed and qualified. I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises, should be corrected to read:

I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of The Honorable Ronald Donatucci, 2336 South 21st Street, Philadelphia 19145, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple University of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 14, 2017, or until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR
TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator ALLOWAY called from the table communications from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, recalling the following nominations, which were read by the Clerk as follows:

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

September 18, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of Sarah Cassin, 1110 Yverdon Drive, Apt. C5, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of California University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until June 3, 2019, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable R. Tyler Courtney, Greensburg, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
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September 18, 2015

To the Honorable, the Senate
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TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 18, 2015

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TOM WOLF
Governor

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September 18, 2015

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TOM WOLF Governor

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September 18, 2015

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

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT COMMISSION

September 18, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 7, 2015, of Joan Stern, 135 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia 19103, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Public Employee Retirement Commission, to serve until October 27, 2020, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Egan, Fort Washington, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

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September 18, 2015

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TOM WOLF Governor

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

September 18, 2015

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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.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James A. Getty, Adams County Agricultural Land Preservation Program and to the Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides of the Gettysburg National Military Park by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Pine Grove Hose Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. M. Gerald Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Gross, William Blackshire, Rodney Stauffer, Bernadine Bernice Kacvinsky, Kathryn M. Johnson, Marjory K. Dailey and to Elmer J. Berkebile by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hines and to Bobby Robbins by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Community Action Southwest by Senator Bartolotta.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sara Wolff by Senator Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Letteer, Dr. John D. Simon, Arthur Corrigan, Sue Butz-Stavin, Samuel L. Harwi and to Saint Paul Baptist Church by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Timothy Hoats by Senators Boscola and Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the citizens of the Borough of Brentwood by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William Goodwin by Senators Brooks and Wiley.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Largay III, Roy Harvey Kehm, Eva Z. Whitiak and to Sue Scalleat Belletieri by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jane R. Ervin by Senators Browne, Boscola, and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Foxdale Village and to Ricky's Wheels by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Naughton by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sister Maureen Lawrence McDermott, Russ Kilmer, Robert D. McNeil and to Brewer Memorial Baptist Church by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tyrone-Snyder Public Library by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Community College of Philadelphia and to Roman Catholic High School by Senator Farnese.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Betty Huf and to Wilma Eleanor Weingartner Linker by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Russell Harvey by Senator Haywood.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Zulick, Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Sarvey, Abbey Marie White, Keith A. Craig and to Paws 4 A Cause by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Theodore G. Kotler by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Marjorie H. Coblentz, Roberta E. Coale and to Booker Strange by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David H. Stoltzfus by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Walker J. Smith by Senators Rafferty and Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baldwin, Christopher Dallas Whitney and to Doris E. Ordiway by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kendrick D. Schell and to Acme Hose Company No. 1 by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ryan Sagnip by Senators Scavello and Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Philip H. Premici by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Eleanor M. Dezzi, Jeffrey M. Kolansky, Daniel H. Grace, Jonathan A. Saidel and to Saint Anne's Parish of Philadelphia by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Dr. Nathaniel Gadsden and to Mary Ellen McMillen by Senator Teplitz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Leonore Hope and to George Molden, Jr., by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Center for Independent Living of Bucks County by Senator Tomlinson and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Slusser, Sandra Long, Barbara Rebert, Dillsburg Farmers' Fair and to citizens of West Fairview by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Evelyn L. Smith and to Love Hope Baptist Church by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sister Florence Therese Sarnowski, Sister Noemi Tereszkievicz, Sister Claire Pawlak, Guy Pedicone, Ron Howe and to William Schurer by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Mary Popovich and to the members and coaches of the Jeannette High School Football Team by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Parry, Mr. and Mrs. David Livengood and to Quota International of Indiana, Pennsylvania, Inc., by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David Matthew Vecchi, Stephen Tyler Vecchi, Richard Anthony Vendetti and to Erie County Suicide Prevention Task Force by Senator Wiley.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Samuel Staten, Sr., by Senator Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pugliese and to Mr. and Mrs. William Fisher by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William D. Zeigler, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Werner, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Walton, Sr., and to Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church Holy Year Choir by Senator Yudichak.

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 families of the late Honorable Bernard L. Coates, Jr., and to the late John W. Metzger by Senator Teplitz.

POSTHUMOUS CITATIONS

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

Posthumous citations honoring the late Richard E. Chamberlain, Jr., and the late Eric A. Doney were extended to the families by Senator Scavello.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

9:00 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing on the Voter Choice Act - Senate Bill No. 495)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 180, 648, 772, 877, 898, 899 and 931; and House Bill No. 823)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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Off the Floor	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider Senate Bill No. 942; and House Bills No. 792 and 1340)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, September 28, 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 12:29 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.