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SENATE

TUESDAY, October 13, 2015

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend GARY G. DULL, Pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Altoona, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, as we come to You this afternoon, we thank You and praise You for the great opportunity that it is to be in this place, a place where bills are presented and laws are made for the betterment of this Commonwealth. We thank You, our Father, for each individual who is here and each part that they have to play. Lord, we realize that we are in a time in our lives when there are many issues that need to be dealt with on a regular basis. Your word clearly teaches us that if we lack wisdom and ask You for wisdom, that You give that wisdom freely, You give it to us liberally, and You do not blame us for not having it in the first place. So, Father, as this particular body deliberates, as they discuss, and as they consider the issues that are before them, it is my prayer that You will give them the wisdom that will strengthen our Commonwealth as an entity that will be for the good and the betterment of the people of Pennsylvania, and that through it all You would be honored and glorified.

We are reminded, Father, as we read in Romans, chapter 13, of the New Testament, that those who are in government are ministers of Yours. We realize as we read in the Book of Genesis, chapter 9, of the Old Testament, that You are the one who has instituted government, and so, it is something that comes from You. Therefore, we ask and pray that each individual who is involved here today and from this day forth would continue to seek Your guidance, Your direction, and Your strength to do that which is going to be glorifying to You.

We pray, Lord, that You will unite them in heart, in mind, and in spirit, and we know that there are many, many issues that are on the docket that need to be dealt with. Give them the wisdom that they need. We know, Father, the budget is at issue. We pray for wisdom, understanding, and direction as well that this State might be able to go on in strength and power for Your glory. We will be careful to give You the honor, the glory, and the praise for all that You do, for it is in Thy name that we pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Dull, who is the guest today of Senator Eichelberger. I told him that since he was from Senator Eichelberger's district, we expected a great prayer, and we certainly have received it. Thank you, Pastor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

October 8, 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, Brenda L. Rios, 1224 N. Third Street, Unit 502, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, to serve for a term of five years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice J. Whyatt Mondesire, Philadelphia, who resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

October 8, 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, Leah J. Sheppard, 115 North Street, Apt. 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, to serve for a term of five years and until his *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, vice James Garmon, Pittsburgh, deceased.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

October 8, 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, Leah J. Sheppard (Public Member), 115 North Street, Apt. 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Glenda Brion, Philadelphia, who resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**CORRECTIONS TO NOMINATIONS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

October 8, 2015

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

Please note that the letter dated September 23, 2015, for the nomination of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of *[data missing]* 2016, vice The Honorable Allan Tereshko, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of *[data missing]* 2016, vice The Honorable Allan Tereshko, mandatory retirement.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

October 9, 2015

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Leah J. Sheppard (Public Member), 115 North Street, Apt. 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, to serve until June 10, 2018, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Glenda Brion, West Chester, who resigned.

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Governor

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Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Allan Tereshko, mandatory retirement.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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TOM WOLF
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 823**.

SENATE BILLS RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 210** and **SB 925**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The PRESIDENT. Pursuant to Senate Rule 13(c)(2)(i), the bills will be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bills for concurrence, which were referred to the committees indicated:

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HB 46 -- Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

HB 123, 323, 470, 623, 760 and 969 -- Committee on Judiciary.

HB 321 and 820 -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

HB 725 -- Committee on Labor and Industry.

HB 1195 -- Committee on Transportation.

HB 1204 and 1273 -- Committee on Law and Justice.

HB 1310 -- Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

HB 1348 -- Committee on State Government.

HB 1552 -- Committee on Education.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

October 7, 2015

Senators BROWNE, COSTA, ALLOWAY, HUGHES, ARGALL, BAKER, FONTANA, VULAKOVICH, HAYWOOD, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, FARNESE, BREWSTER, WOZNAK, YUDICHAK, VOGEL, WILLIAMS, DINNIMAN, TARTAGLIONE, McILHINNEY and McGARRIGLE presented to the Chair **SB 170**, entitled:

An Act providing for museum preservation and for grant program; imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; establishing the Pennsylvania Museum Preservation Fund; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 7, 2015.

Senators DINNIMAN, RAFFERTY and VULAKOVICH presented to the Chair **SB 990**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 7, 1982 (P.L.228, No.74), known as the Noxious Weed Control Law, further providing for definitions and for noxious weed control list.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, October 7, 2015.

Senator ARGALL presented to the Chair **SB 1022**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Human Services and the Governor, to grant and convey to the Municipal Authority of the Township of South Heidelberg, Berks County, or its assigns, a permanent sanitary sewer easement and a temporary construction easement situate in South Heidelberg Township, Berks County.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 7, 2015.

Senators GREENLEAF, PILEGGI, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, SABATINA, COSTA, HUGHES and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 1023**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 28, 1984 (P.L.150, No.28), known as the Automobile Lemon Law, further providing for presumption of a reasonable number of attempts.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, October 7, 2015.

October 8, 2015

Senators RAFFERTY, FONTANA, COSTA, VULAKOVICH, BARTOLOTTA, STEFANO, YAW, WARD, WAGNER, SCHWANK, MENSCH, VOGEL, SCAVELLO, ARGALL, EICHELBERGER, SMUCKER, HUTCHINSON and GORDNER presented to the Chair **SB 1030**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for responsible alcohol management.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, October 8, 2015.

October 9, 2015

Senators HUGHES, VULAKOVICH, TEPLITZ, SCAVELLO, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, SABATINA, YUDICHAK, COSTA, WARD, AUMENT, BROWNE, HAYWOOD and WILEY presented to the Chair **SB 1013**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for voluntary veterans' preference in private employment.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, October 9, 2015.

Senators YUDICHAK, WARD and FONTANA presented to the Chair **SB 1021**, entitled:

An Act providing for the registration of interior designers; and imposing powers and duties on the Bureau of Consumer Protection.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, October 9, 2015.

Senators AUMENT, SCARNATI, ARGALL, SCAVELLO, GORDNER, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, VANCE, MENSCH, WARD, BROWNE, STEFANO and VOGEL presented to the Chair **SB 1025**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, establishing the Office of State Inspector General.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 9, 2015.

Senators HAYWOOD and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 1029**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for definitions, for evidence of intent, for persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms, for firearms not to be carried without a license and for licenses; providing for firearm eligibility license, for application for firearm eligibility license, for fee and qualification, for investigations and training course and for issuance and terms; and further providing for sale or transfer of firearms, for Pennsylvania State Police, for proof of license and exception and for administrative regulations.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, October 9, 2015.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LAND RECYCLING PROGRAM

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
P. O. Box 2063
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

September 17, 2015

Ms. Megan Totino Consedine
Secretary-Parliamentarian of the Senate
Senate Post Office Box 203053
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

Dear Ms. Consedine:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is pleased to present to you its Industrial Land Recycling Fund Annual Report. This report summarizes DEP's revenues and expenditures under the Industrial Land Recycling Fund.

As provided in the Land Recycling and Environmental Remediation Standards Act, DEP is distributing the report electronically and providing a link for accessing the report online. The report can be found on DEP's Web site at www.depweb.state.pa.us. From that page, click on "Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields" and then "Land Recycling Program" to locate the report under the Land Recycling Program page.

Thank you for your interest in this report and for continuing to partner with DEP to promote a clean environment and safer communities for all Pennsylvanians.

Sincerely,

JOHN QUIGLEY
Secretary

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

2016-17 BUDGET REQUEST OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Office of Consumer Advocate
555 Walnut Street, 5th Floor, Forum Place
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101-1923

October 2, 2015

Hon. Tom Wolf
Governor of Pennsylvania
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Room 225, Main Capitol Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Hon. Joseph B. Scarnati III
President Pro Tempore
Senate of Pennsylvania
Room 292, Main Capitol Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Hon. Mike Turzai
Speaker
House of Representatives
Room 139, Main Capitol Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Gentlemen:

Enclosed with this letter is the Budget Request of the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

The present budget request is submitted pursuant to Act No. 25 of July 20, 1983. *The OCA budget is not derived from the General Fund*, but is funded through a direct assessment on the companies that are under the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC).

Please contact me if you have any questions about the OCA's Budget Request or about the Office of Consumer Advocate.

Sincerely,

TANYA J. McCLOSKEY
Acting Consumer Advocate

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

Senator Lawrence M. Farnese as a member of the State Transportation Advisory Committee.

Senator John C. Rafferty as a member of the State Transportation Advisory Committee.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the Minority Leader has made the following appointment:

Mr. Lawrence R. Chaban, Esquire, as a member of the Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Advisory Council.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE

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

Senator Lawrence M. Farnese as a member of the Committee on Transportation.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Scavello and Senator Smucker.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Blake and Senator Tartaglione.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests legislative leaves for Senator Scavello and Senator Smucker.

Senator Hughes requests legislative leaves for Senator Blake and Senator Tartaglione.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of June 28, 2015; June 29, 2015; and June 30, 2015, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of June 28, 2015; June 29, 2015; and June 30, 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:

YE A-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.

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

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, today I have the distinct pleasure of introducing my neighbors, Richard and Eleanor Kelchner, along with Rick and Pam Kelchner. This is a family affair today, Mr. President. They are second- and third-generation owners of Kelchner Cleaners in Kutztown and

Fleetwood, Pennsylvania. The family-owned dry cleaning and laundry business was established in 1945 by grandparents Samuel and Helen. Kelchner's has implemented careful environmental practices including emission-free equipment, biodegradable plastic, hanger recycling, and PercFree cleaning solution. Their business has benefitted from Pennsylvania small-business grants for improvements in purchasing Energy Star equipment. The Kelchners are also very civic-minded as well, Mr. President. They live in, support, and employ members of the local community. I am very proud to have Richard, Eleanor, Rick, and Pam as my guests today and wish them the best of luck with their business. For right now, Mr. President, please ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming them to our Chamber today.

The PRESIDENT. Would the neighbors, friends, and business creators, the Kelchners, the guests of our friend, Senator Schwank, please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR LAWRENCE M. FARNESE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a constituent, an intern in your office, in the office of the Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Buckley McKay. Buckley lives in Philadelphia but is originally from Mobile, Alabama. In 2009, he joined the United States Coast Guard and served for 5 years as an avionics electrical technician. After his departure from military service, Buckley enrolled at Temple University in Japan to pursue a degree in political science. This past January he transferred to Temple's main campus in Philadelphia to continue his studies. This semester he has the privilege of studying at Temple's Harrisburg campus and interning in the Lieutenant Governor's Office. I ask the Senate to extend Buckley our usual warm welcome. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Will the guest of Senator Farnese and one of my great interns, Buckley McKay, who is already on the Senate floor, please wave and receive the warm welcome of the Pennsylvania Senate. Buckley is also a member of team bow tie, which has been proliferating here in Harrisburg, but it is a very smart look.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR PATRICK J. STEFANO
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, today I have the honor of introducing a group of municipal officials from Fayette and Westmoreland Counties, who are collectively known as the G-13. In 2010, Mount Pleasant, Connellsville, and Scottdale began meeting to discuss how they could handle various issues that were similar among their municipalities. Department heads, elected officials, and police chiefs were all part of these discussions. Today the G-13 is made up of 13 municipalities representing over 50,000 residents. They have saved thousands of dollars with the ideas they have exchanged and equipment shared. I thank our Chair of the Committee on Local Government, Senator

Hutchinson, for taking some time today to talk with this group of elected officials and hear their thoughts and the issues that are important to them.

From the city of Connellsville today, we have Police Chief Jim Capitos, City Clerk Vern Ohler, Solicitor Tim Witt, and Councilman Brad Geyer. From the Borough of Scottdale we have Council President Bud Santimyer. From the Borough of South Connellsville we have Councilwomen Karen Holbrook and Darla Hann. From the Borough of Dunbar we have Mayor Norm Gordon. And from the Borough of Mount Pleasant we have Councilwoman Cynthia Stevenson and Councilman Jeff Landy. Please give these local officials a warm Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the G-13 guests of Senator Stefano please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR JOHN EICHELBERGER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, it is an honor today to just spend a moment and recognize Pastor Gary Dull of the Faith Baptist Church in Altoona, who is our Chaplain today. We appreciate him making a 2-hour drive and being with us for awhile and visiting with Members of the Senate. Gary has been with the church for 23 years and has been senior pastor for 20 years. Gary has his doctorate degree. We are very proud of him and we saw him make that journey through all of the work that he has put into his theological learning.

He is well known for spreading the good word far beyond the church walls though. He does multi-media ministries. He hosts five separate radio programs, and three of those are broadcast nationwide, two daily and one weekly. He also, on Sundays, has the *Hour of Faith* television program that is the church service at Faith Baptist Church and is broadcast on cable systems throughout central Pennsylvania and streamed live on the Internet. Gary and his wife, Nancy, are good friends with my wife, Charlotte, and I. We are proud to have him here today in the Pennsylvania Senate, and I ask for a very warm Senate welcome for Pastor Gary Dull.

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

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request that Senate Democrats meet in the rear of the Chamber for 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.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 296 (Pr. No. 1276) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in falsification and intimidation, further providing for false alarms to agencies of public safety; and, in sentencing, providing for sentencing for offenses involving false alarms to agencies of public safety.

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-47

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

NAY-2

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 447 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER TEMPORARILY

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 606 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 648 (Pr. No. 1297) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, further providing for restricted account and for Snowmobile and ATV Advisory Committee; and making an editorial change.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 648 came about as a result of a meeting I had with a constituent of mine from Fayette County who operates a private ATV riding club. During the meeting, he expressed his frustration with the DCNR grant approval process for off-road recreational vehicles, which is funded through a restricted account created largely through the proceeds of ATV and snowmobile vehicle registrations. After looking into this issue further, I learned that ATVs represent over 80 percent of the funding in this restricted account. However, based upon the data I found, only a very small part of that funding goes to the creation of new ATV trails. To put it in perspective, as of June 1 of this year, there were roughly 200 miles for ATV use for 166,000-some active ATV registrations. In comparison, there are 3,500 miles of active snowmobile trails for only 34,000 active snowmobile registrations. So, in other words, ATV registration fees were being used largely to build and maintain trails and then, in most cases, ATVs could not access them.

Senate Bill No. 648 will correct this disproportionate distribution of the funds by splitting the current restrictive account into a separate ATV management restricted account and a separate snowmobile management restricted account. Through this new separation, all new money received from the respective activity will benefit itself directly. This will bring fairness to the process and better supply new ATV trails to meet the demand that exists for this activity. Once more trails are built, this will spur economic activity in the Commonwealth. Both the Tug Hill region in New York and the Hatfield McCoy Trails in West Virginia have seen great economic impact from tourism associated with their States' ATV activity.

In closing, I want to thank Senator Gordner, Senator Wozniak, and Senator Wiley for their work and contributions in drafting this final version of Senate Bill No. 648. I am proud of the work we have done on this bill, and I truly believe it will help benefit and grow this industry, an industry that is very important to many State residents. I ask for an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 648.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator WILEY. Mr. President, I rise in support of this legislation. I really appreciate Senator Stefano's acceptance of some of the changes we made. We passed an amendment last week and it is encouraging to be able to work together to come to a solution on a good bill that adds equity to the process of ATVs and snowmobiles. As you can imagine, in the northwest we have a plethora of snowmobiles, probably more than any other location in the Commonwealth. So I look forward to working with Senator Stefano in the future, and I appreciate his efforts on this legislation.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. It is easy to imagine, on my visit to the great northwest, why this bill makes sense.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Wozniak.

Senator WOZNIAK. Mr. President, obviously, I rise to support this bill and I want to compliment the Senator from Erie County for the work he did, because I know we had some issues at first, but come let us reason together and we can find some solutions. Pennsylvania is a very broad State, and I think over the years I have worked very closely with the ATV enthusiasts and we have always had difficulty with the Game Commission and DCNR over turf battles.

In Cambria County, we have Rock Run, which is a huge facility and a destination point for ATV enthusiasts. We also have a site up in Clinton County, but this will give us an opportunity to focus and actually let people who buy those registrations realize how much money is in that pool and to start developing trails.

We are a very unique situation. We brag about the great Allegheny Passage and all of the Rails-to-Trails that we have created, but we have been remiss in our efforts, unlike West Virginia, which has incorporated and embraced the ATV enthusiasts. Here is an opportunity where I think we need to get more aggressive to start developing trails and to start sharing the lands of Pennsylvania. It is good for the economy, it gives an opportunity for people to get out in the great outdoors, and, as I always say, what we look forward to, particularly in western Pennsylvania, is OPM - other people's money. These people are buying those ATVs, they are pulling them with their F-250s, they are staying at the bed and breakfast, buying dinners, lunches, booze, and all kinds of trinkets to take back home. This is an opportunity for us to separate those dollars so that we know how much is out there and what we can use them for. So, this is a great bill, and I hope we get unanimous support out of the Pennsylvania Senate. Thank you very much.

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 OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 772 (Pr. No. 825) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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
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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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL AMENDED

HB 907 (Pr. No. 1125) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the Chair.

Senator HUTCHINSON offered the following amendment No. A3448:

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 1 and 2:

(3) In the event that a reasonably conspicuous location in accordance with clause (1) or (2) is not available, placing any alternative, similarly durable notification of proceedings under this act at a location on or near the property and reasonably conspicuous to the owner and general public.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?
It was agreed to.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 931, SB 942 and HB 1340 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 62, HB 138, HB 263, HB 347, SB 388, HB 400, SB 411 and HB 455 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 526 (Pr. No. 1295) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in auditors and accountants, fur-

ther providing for completion, filing and publication of annual township report and financial statement.

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

BILL REREFERRED

HB 561 (Pr. No. 634) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 579, SB 604, HB 696 and HB 735 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 791 (Pr. No. 951) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in township officers generally, further providing for removal for failure to perform duties.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 837 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 840 (Pr. No. 1280) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices and providing for pilot program for automated speed enforcement systems.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 857 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED

SB 874 (Pr. No. 1153) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 14, 1963 (P.L.1059, No.459), referred to as the Cemetery and Funeral Merchandise Trust Fund Law, further providing for deposits into merchandise trust funds; providing for price and description reports; and further providing for funds held in trust, for payments from merchandise trust funds, for filing of financial reports and for penalty.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?
Senator McGARRIGLE offered the following amendment No. A3420:

Amend Bill, page 3, line 23, by inserting after "mausoleums,":
cremation gardens,

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?
It was agreed to.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration, as amended?
It was agreed to.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 898 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 904 (Pr. No. 1124) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, in corporate powers, further providing for powers of the board of township commissioners as to building and housing regulations and inspectors; and providing for Uniform Construction Code, property maintenance code and reserved powers.

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

HB 906 (Pr. No. 1103) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, in general provisions relating to township officers, further providing for failure of officer to perform duties.

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

BILL REREFERRED

SB 909 (Pr. No. 1095) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, in taxation by school districts, further providing for definitions, for adoption of preliminary budget proposals, for information to school districts, for property tax limits on reassessment and for public referendum requirements for increasing certain taxes.

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 909 (Pr. No. 1126) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), known as the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, in sale of property, providing for additional costs for rehabilitation and maintenance.

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

HB 910 (Pr. No. 1105) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 27, 1953 (P.L.249, No.35), entitled "An act providing that the town councils of incorporated towns shall have the right to declare vacant the seats of councilmen or presidents of town councils for failure to qualify and for failure to attend meetings or vote upon questions before the council," further providing for removal of town officers and for vacancies.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 955 and **SB 956** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 983 (Pr. No. 1219) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for person with disability plate and placard.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 988, SB 989, SB 1014, HB 1154 and **HB 1256** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

HB 1275 (Pr. No. 1685) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216, No.76), known as The Dental Law, further providing for definitions and for restricted faculty license.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?
Senator VANCE offered the following amendment No. A3560:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting after "definitions":
, for public health dental hygiene practitioner
Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 10 and 11:
Section 2. Section 11.9(b)(10) of the act, added July 20, 2007 (P.L.327, No.51), is amended to read:

Section 11.9. Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner.--* * *
(b) The professional practice of a public health dental hygiene practitioner shall be limited to the following practice sites:

* * *

(10) Other [institutions] locations the board deems appropriate.

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Amend Bill, page 3, line 11, by striking out "2" and inserting:

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Amend Bill, page 3, line 23, by striking out "3" and inserting:

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On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?
It was agreed to.
Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1279 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 171, ADOPTED

Senator CORMAN, without objection, called up from page 8 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 171**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study relating to the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of utilizing privately owned veterans care facilities to augment the Commonwealth's six State-owned veterans care facilities.

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

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

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

SB 501 CALLED UP

BILL AMENDED

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

An Act providing for protection of paychecks of certain workers, for the collection of membership dues and political contributions; and

repealing certain provisions of the Administrative Code of 1929 and the Public Employee Fair Share Law.

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

EICHELBERGER AMENDMENT A3592

Senator EICHELBERGER offered the following amendment No. A3592:

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

Amend Bill, page 1, line 2, by striking out "membership dues and"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

money or funds to be used for political contributions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RAFFERTY AMENDMENT A3594 TO A3592 OFFERED

Senator RAFFERTY offered the following amendment No. A3594 to amendment No. A3592:

Amend Amendments, page 2, by inserting between lines 29 and 30:
(c) Nonapplicability.--This section shall not apply to:

(1) employees of a public employer who are not permitted to strike pursuant to section 1001 of the act of July 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the Public Employee Relations Act; or

(2) employees of a public employer who are subject to the act of June 24, 1968 (P.L.237, No.111), referred to as the Policemen and Firemen Collective Bargaining Act.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to amendment No. A3594 to amendment No. A3592?

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

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, this is an amendment to the amendment offered by the gentleman from Blair, Senator Eichelberger. His amendment eliminates the collection of political dues by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania out of union members' checks. Mr. President, I offer this amendment to carve out a class of employees in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that we, as a Commonwealth, have always held distinct in their classification: the law enforcement community, first-responders, and our firefighters. Mr. President, we do not allow them to strike, and many of the laws prohibit them from working polls, especially the law enforcement community. This is their way, by collection of the political dues by the police officers and firefighters, to be able to show their support for candidates running for election or re-election who represent their values and stand with them as a law enforcement community.

Mr. President, these are men and women who work shift work, leave their homes, and do not know if they are coming back to their families. They are different. This is a time when we see police officers under attack, and this is a chance for us to stand with the police officers, to stand with our law enforcement community, to stand with our firefighters and say, we agree with you, it is important for you to get your message out to the community and to the political leaders who are going to write laws and execute laws that affect your actions and your day-in and day-out livelihood. It is very important and vitally important that we recognize that distinction and show our support for the first-responders and our law enforcement community and allow them to continue to have the political dues withdrawn so that they can then press and work with elected officials to make sure that legislation is passed benefitting the Commonwealth, supporting them and giving them the resources they need. All too often we sit back and say, what a terrible thing to happen and how come the police did not have that? This is their chance to be able to say we are behind you, we need this, we stand with you politically.

So, I ask my colleagues to please, and I know there are differences on this bill, I know there are some people who have taken a hard stand, but show your support for the law enforcement community and the first responders, and vote "yes" on this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I thank the gentleman for his comments with respect to the very valuable role that our uni-

formed individuals in this Commonwealth play, our first-responders, our police officers, State Troopers, and the like. While I agree that in many instances they are deemed to be distinct and different in many respects as it relates to some of the things that we do here in Harrisburg, and I recognize that they need to be treated in that manner. However, Mr. President, while the Members of this side of the aisle have great respect for, as do my colleagues from the other side of the aisle, these individuals, this is not one of the instances where we think we need to sort of carve them out and provide them with a special exception.

As was noted by the previous speaker--and by the way, Mr. President, I do not think we have anyone in this Chamber who is a stronger advocate for the men and women in uniform than my colleague from Montgomery, Senator Rafferty, and I applaud him for his consistent efforts along those lines. But at this particular junction, we believe that this amendment is not appropriate, and we speak to the underlying amendment that is being offered by the gentleman from Blair, Senator Eichelberger, that allows for political contributions to be taken out of the remaining group of folks. We are left with those men and women who are participating in PSEA and also recognizing that AFSCME folks would be prohibited from having their dues removed. I can make the argument that while law enforcement is a very dangerous career, I think we can look to the same AFSCME workers who work in our Commonwealth and on our roadways and other union members who work on our roadways who also subject themselves to significant danger and who also work dangerous shifts. My colleague from Washington, Senator Bartolotta, and I are introducing legislation about workplace safety along with Senator Schwank and Senator Argall. We are very much concerned about those men and women. They are not being treated as a special classification because of the dangerous nature of their work.

So, I am rising to ask for a negative vote, not because of any lack of respect for the work that is done by those men and women, because we do have great respect for them, but in this particular instance--while there are instances where it is appropriate to separate and carve out law enforcement and the law enforcement community in certain areas, for example, like pensions, as we know the case to be, and other areas, this is not one of those areas where we carve them out of having to be subject to the underlying legislation as we go forward, even though we do not agree with the underlying legislation.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I ask the gentleman to stand for a brief period of interrogation.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Williams asks Senator Rafferty to stand for brief interrogation. At first he refused, and I was grateful, but he has agreed. And you guys are standing right next to each other, so this should be interesting.

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I wonder if I answer correctly if the gentleman from Philadelphia will give me a "yes" vote?

The PRESIDENT. Senator Rafferty has made an inquiry, Senator Williams, whether you will give him a vote. I think we all know the answer.

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I am kidding. I am standing for the gentleman from Philadelphia.

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I am always an open-minded person, as people in this Chamber know.

The PRESIDENT. As your reputation would have it, Senator Williams. Please proceed with your interrogation of Senator Rafferty.

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I will ask a couple of questions. One, what is the motivation for separating out one class versus another class?

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I believe I was very distinct in my remarks.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Rafferty. Senator Williams, I might address this issue of under our rules, the question of motive is essentially an impermissible area of inquiry within our Senate etiquette and rules. Therefore, I direct the Senator to steer clear of any question of motive in your interrogation.

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I am quite aware of that rule. My question was not a motive, it was based upon maybe there is a technical default or there is an omission in the process. So mine was not driven by motive, my question was driven by was there a need, is there a need? Whatever that answer was or is, it is fine.

The second thing I ask is this: the distinction between one entity versus another presents to me, I am a layperson, not a lawyer, but it does draw the attention to how you treat one class versus another class differently. So, the question I ask is, how does one resolve that this is not unconstitutional based upon simply treating the same class differently based upon whatever reason? I want to know how that is going to be addressed.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Rafferty is the question one which you feel that you understand?

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I do not believe there is a question of constitutionality of this amendment. All I am going to say is, we already treat these classes differently, we do not allow them to strike and we do some other things differently to the law enforcement community. I was very clear in my remarks in the very beginning, so I stand by those.

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, that concludes my period of interrogation. I will close with a few remarks.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Rafferty.

Senator Williams, please proceed.

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I guess, based upon those answers, I am drawn to the conclusion that I cannot support the amendment. For me, I am an independent thinker. I am drawn to these debates and conversations about taxpayers' money and is it appropriate to treat it one way versus another.

This amendment presents a very, very critical difference if you are for it. How do you have government workers, whoever they are, treated differently at any given moment? Yes, there are different government workers in a contract who are treated differently, but in the form of law they are not treated differently. So that is where I draw the distinction, and I think the gentleman should understand that and does understand that. In the form of a contract we treat people differently, not in the form of policy. So it is a slippery slope that we are creating when do these things because, unfortunately, it becomes very political and not very substantive.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, just for clarification, under Pennsylvania law, it was the General Assembly and the Governor back then that said they cannot strike. It is not a matter of contract negotiations. So, there are laws in place that do distinguish that class from another.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, I appreciate the comments from the two Senators to my left, and I agree with what they had to say. I understand that this policy would be a very dangerous situation for us to enter into to have anybody carved out of a situation like this. This is much different than retirement issues and other things that we have dealt with in this Chamber. So I ask my colleagues for a "no" vote on this amendment to the amendment. Thank you.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to amendment No. A3594 to amendment No. A3592?

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

YEA-9

Baker	Pileggi	Scavello	Vogel
Greenleaf	Rafferty	Tomlinson	Yaw
McGarrigle			

NAY-40

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

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

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to amendment No. A3592?

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

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, we have had a lot of attention on this bill over the past year or two or longer. I do not know how much we need to go over the issue today, but certainly, using government resources for political purposes is something that has gotten many people in this building into trouble. How we have allowed, and how the courts have allowed, unions to continue to collect political money through government payrolls is something that I do not understand. Many others are asking that we correct this loophole in the law to make sure that nobody is doing what most of us know we cannot do, and our staff cannot do, as we go about our business in this building.

We have looked at different language over this period and have become very technical in how some of it has been put together. We have been very careful about how we have addressed it. We have arrived at this amendment, which has taken a lot of work from a considerable amount of people, to arrive at a very simplistic and very pure approach to this problem by simply saying that government cannot collect political money through their payroll system. The unions could continue to collect their fair share portions because they have a role to play in working with the employees for negotiations on matters of discipline and so on that they are involved with on behalf of their members, and we understand that. They certainly can continue to collect money to represent these people in their role as a union. Where we have to draw the line, which seems very reasonable, is that they cannot any longer collect political money. So, this is an all-inclusive, very simple statement that makes clear that government can no longer do that--any form of government in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania--local governments, schools, and certainly the Commonwealth.

So, I ask my colleagues for their vote today on this very important bill. As we look at many reforms in government in Pennsylvania, this certainly is a leading issue that we should all rally behind to make sure that we are reforming government for the appropriate issues that we address and that the citizens of Pennsylvania expect us to address.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise and ask for a negative vote on the amendment from the gentleman from Blair County. Let me first start by talking about, again, the reference that a lot of people got in trouble for collecting political donations, implying that things that have happened in this building and across this Commonwealth, implying that the process that is now undertaken with respect to the fair share resources and the union collection of political contributions is illegal or inappropriate. That is not true. The process and the manner in which those collections are done is 100-percent legal and 100-percent appropriate as it relates to its legality. To imply that what we do now, and say that folks got into trouble for it, is wholly inappropriate and, quite frankly, in my view, as I asked last time, should really be stricken from the record of this Legislative Journal because that is an inflammatory-type statement that has no basis in fact.

Secondly, I think we know the purpose of this particular legislation. As the gentleman stated, we have had conversations earlier this year and we had conversations in 2014 about similar-type legislation and, Mr. President, I believe that what is being attempted here is a way to try to diminish the role of our labor organizations in our Commonwealth by preventing them from having the opportunity to have their dues collected, along with the fair share dues, along those lines and trying to frame or craft it as something that is wholly illegal or inappropriate. We believe that it is a fair way to be able to collect these dues. Their stated purpose, in my view, is to diminish the authority of our unions to be able to participate in the political process, something that they have a God-given right to be able to do, and they should be able to continue to be able to do it. This Commonwealth has chosen to permit that activity to take place. This Commonwealth has negotiated with these organizations to be able to allow them to collect those resources, and that is what is

being done at this particular point in time. In no way, shape, or form, Mr. President, is the current process or practice something that is inappropriate or will get anyone in trouble as we go forward or continue it. We are asking for a negative vote based upon the many similar reasons that we have talked about on the Senate floor on many, many occasions. I ask my colleagues for a negative vote.

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

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

YEA-26

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

NAY-23

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

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

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

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

SB 210 (Pr. No. 1282) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in juries and jurors, further providing for exemptions from jury duty.

SB 748 (Pr. No. 1313) (Amended) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to operation of vehicles, further providing for obedience to authorized persons directing traffic; and providing for drivers of certified escort vehicles; in other required equipment, further providing for identification of certain vehicles; and, in size, weight and load, further providing for scope and application of chapter and for conditions of permits and security for damages.

SB 925 (Pr. No. 1303) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for qualification for school bus driver endorsement; and, in commercial drivers, further

providing for definitions, for employer responsibilities, for commercial driver's license qualification standards, for nonresident CDL, for commercial driver's license and for disqualification.

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

SB 482 (Pr. No. 748) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), known as the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, further providing for the title of the act; and, in sale of property, providing for Optional County Demolition and Rehabilitation Fund.

HB 239 (Pr. No. 2334) (Amended) (Rereported)

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

HB 792 (Pr. No. 1678) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 3, 1959 (P.L.1688, No.621), known as the Housing Finance Agency Law, further providing for the Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators FONTANA, TEPLITZ, SABATINA, KITCHEN, DINNIMAN, SCAVELLO, TARTAGLIONE, PILEGGI, BLAKE, COSTA, FARNESE, RAFFERTY, HAYWOOD, YUDICHAK and AUMENT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 209**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of October 18 through 25, 2015, as "Homeless Children's Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in adopting this resolution, which would designate the week of October 18 through October 25, 2015, as "Homeless Children's Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, I am introducing this resolution once again this year because I feel that it will bring attention to the growing problems and issues children experiencing homelessness face throughout Pennsylvania and across the nation.

According to the Federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, a child is homeless if they lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. Mr. President, in 2014, on any given night in the United States, over 1.3 million children experience homelessness, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Even more alarming, Mr. President, is that children are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population and fare negatively in the areas of physical health, emotional and behavioral development, and academic success. About 1 percent, Mr. President, of Pennsylvania's public school enrollment population will report being homeless this year, which is nearly 23,000 students. I am sad to report in Allegheny County alone that almost 3,000 children were identified as homeless during the 2013-14

school year. On a brighter note, Mr. President, for more than 16 years, the Homeless Children's Education Fund has advanced the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness in Allegheny County by providing educational programs and services. During the Homeless Children's Awareness Week, many events will take place in Pittsburgh, including an intimate story-telling event, a performance art installation, and a 5K and 10K run/walk to raise awareness about children experiencing homelessness.

Mr. President, I encourage individuals in groups across Pennsylvania to also create their own events during Homeless Children's Awareness Week to raise awareness about the needs and challenges of children and youth experiencing homelessness in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Fontana, for your important work on a very important issue.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators GREENLEAF, MENSCH, KITCHEN, TEPLITZ, SCAVELLO, COSTA, DINNIMAN, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, PILEGGI, FARNESE, RAFFERTY, HAYWOOD and AUMENT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 210**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing October 21, 2015, as "Biomedical Research Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, the resolution I offer recognizes October 21, 2015, as "Biomedical Research Day" in Pennsylvania. The biomedical research community in the United States, and especially in this Commonwealth, is recognized as the world leader in discovering knowledgeable ideas that promote health and the treatment of diseases. Biomedical research has helped increase the lifespan of people in the United States through the development of vaccines, antibiotics, and anti-infective drugs. Biomedical research has contributed to the elimination of many epidemic diseases in the United States, and research has helped to prevent numerous childhood killers. Biomedical researchers are working diligently toward cures for diseases such as Alzheimer's, arthritis, AIDS, cancer, diabetes, epilepsy, heart and lung diseases, mental illness, multiple sclerosis, and countless other diseases that affect millions of people throughout the United States.

This research has contributed to the health and well being of animals through vaccines and has helped the prospects of endangered species by reducing diseases and promoting reproduction. This research offers the best hope for new breakthroughs in detecting and treating diseases in the future. That being said, I believe it is important that the Senate recognize October 21, 2015, as Biomedical Research Day in Pennsylvania, and I ask for support and adoption.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator ARGALL, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 211**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2015 as "Chiropractic Health and Wellness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, I ask for a unanimous vote.

The PRESIDENT. If you ask for it, Senator, I am sure you will get it.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Horning by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Scranton Business and Professional Women's Club by Senator Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Julius Jacobs, George Elvin Myers and to Emmanuel United Church of Christ of Allentown by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charles W. Armstrong and to CertainTeed Corporation by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jarod Roman and to Gary Hodge, Jr., by Senator Farnese.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Larry Hannon, Sr., by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Eshelman by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patricia Moir by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William Blake Blosenski and to Devon Preservation Alliance by Senator McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Marian McAnaney by Senator Sabatina.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Josh Plum, Mason Bejar, Joe Palowski, William Nish, Vanessa VanDeVenter Halloran, Brad Pensyl and to Dawn DelGiudice Kleidon by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ernest Brown, Christopher Gillespie and to Robert B. Cornaglia by Senator Williams.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Nicholas Rusinko by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late John E. Lyons by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Paul T. Loesch by Senator Teplitz.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late James L. Patterson, Jr., by Senators Vance and Alloway.

POSTHUMOUS CITATION

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

A posthumous citation honoring the late Technical Sergeant Alexander Miller Abercrombie was extended to the family by Senator Wozniak.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 482; and House Bills No. 239 and 792)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 210, 748 and 925)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015

9:00 A.M.	FINANCE and STATE GOVERNMENT (joint public hearing focusing on ways to better spend and assess State government expenditures and programs)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015

10:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing to examine Senate Bill No. 869 and proposed reforms to the civil system of asset forfeiture in Pennsylvania)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015

10:00 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (joint informational session with the House State Government Committee on the new online voter registration system)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015

10:00 A.M.	EDUCATION (joint public hearing with the House Education Committee regarding substitute teachers)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise very briefly to talk about a ceremony that took place earlier today on the Capitol steps of the Rotunda. At that point in time, the Coalition Against Domestic Violence, for the second year in a row, read the names of the men, women, and children whom we have lost in this Commonwealth with respect to domestic violence. I thought it was a very moving ceremony where each of the names of the individuals were read by many of my colleagues here, both in the Senate and in the House as well, to remind folks that, first and foremost, those individuals have not been forgotten and will not be forgotten but, more importantly, to draw continued attention and greater awareness to the issue of domestic violence and how it truly impacts our Commonwealth and impacts families in particular.

The purpose was to, as I said, raise awareness to some of the things that we can do here in this Commonwealth. Some of the things, like, for example, wearing the pin, the pin that you see I am wearing and a number of my colleagues are wearing today, signifying that this is about domestic violence and we are supportive of efforts to eradicate domestic violence from this Commonwealth and from this country. We, in the General Assembly, have many ways in which we can do that. First and foremost is by providing resources to those organizations that provide shelter and cover for those men and women who are victims of domestic violence. We need to make certain that we continue to work to make those programs available and provide services along those lines and that those doors stay open and that those men and women have a place to go where they are safe and comforted.

We also need to greater understand what domestic violence is all about and how our men and women in law enforcement, for example, have the opportunity to recognize it and take steps to try to address it when they see it taking place, and to provide the encouragement and support to those individuals who are subjected to domestic violence to help them have the courage to make the change that needs to be done in those instances where domestic violence is present in the home to protect the men and women and also protect the children.

So there are a variety of things we can do, but I just want to applaud the Coalition Against Domestic Violence for the work that they did today in reminding us that there are men and women every day across this Commonwealth who lose their lives to domestic violence, and how we have to take steps to try to address that as we go forward.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Costa for fighting and bringing awareness to a very important issue. The Chair also notes that the Lieutenant Governor's balcony will be lit with the domestic violence awareness colors throughout the next week. We look forward to working closely with you, Senator Costa, to create more awareness and more solutions.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, thank you very much, and I am aware that you are doing that. I thank you, because I think that is an appropriate and important message to deliver from the administration, from the highest executive office in this Commonwealth, the Lieutenant Governor's Office, along with the Governor demonstrating that you, too, recognize that. Also, more importantly, I think, Mr. President, you, along with a number of my colleagues, have been longstanding supporters in making investments in domestic violence programs, and I want to thank you for your commitment to that end, as well.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you for all your work, Senator Costa.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Rafferty.

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I was very proud to stand this morning with my colleague from Allegheny County and a number of the Members of the Senate of Pennsylvania and House of Representatives as the Coalition Against Domestic Violence had the chance to read the names of victims. It was a very solemn ceremony, and I thank them for highlighting it and keeping the awareness before the public.

Mr. President, in a lighter moment I want to wish the gentleman from Allegheny County much success this year in that his baseball team went a little farther than our's did. I know both of us still bleed Phillies red and we are in a rebuilding stage now, but the Pirates did give Pennsylvania a good season. It is a shame about the playoffs, but we are thankful that one of the teams finished in the top of their division and we look forward to, once again, in a very short period of time, knowing the ownership and the new president of the Phillies, Mr. President, that you and I will be seeing our team rebounding and climbing in the standings once again. So, to the Pittsburgh Pirates, congratulations on a well-played season.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Rafferty for his kind remarks, but gets the feeling that the Senator from Allegheny is not yet ready to hear about it. Congratulations on a great Pittsburgh Pirates season, and we look forward to next year, hopefully, the Phillies battling the Bucs for prominence in the baseball playoffs.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Williams.

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I apologize, but I cannot let it go because I am a proud Philadelphia Phillies fan, and maybe recent history is not so recent anymore, but I do remember the last time a Pennsylvania team was in the World Series that won one, it was from Philadelphia. That is what I remember. So, while I appreciate the fact that the Pirates did pretty well this year, the last time I checked, they are doing what we are doing, sitting on a couch someplace drinking a beer watching someone else go to the World Series. So while I do love my Pirates and I love my Phillies for being from Pennsylvania, I am not going to throw dirt on anybody today. I suggest to my friend, who I think might want to consider all Pennsylvanians in his future, to represent that Philadelphia is as great as the Pittsburgh Pirates any day of the week, and of course, you, Governor, know how wonderful the Philadelphia Phillies are because you had the benefit of me suffering our childhood until we, in fact, won a Philadelphia Phillies championship. So we will regale in it, will not release it, because it was in our lifetime, we saw it and felt it, and we can only pray the Pirates get there as soon as we did, on behalf of all Pennsylvanians.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks my friend from Philadelphia, and knows, as he does, we will be back.

BILL SIGNED

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

HB 823.

RECESS

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, October 14, 2015, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.