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WEDNESDAY, October 14, 2015

The Senate met at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rabbi SAMUEL SANDHAUS, Executive Director of The Jewish Home of Eastern Pennsylvania, Scranton, offered the following prayer:

We thank You, God, to have awakened us to such a glorious day. I am truly honored to have been afforded the privilege to open today's legislative Session at the behest of our Senator, Senator John Blake of the 22nd Senatorial District in Scranton and its environs. What an awesome responsibility it is for a group of people like yourselves to have the privilege to govern God's children and to deliberate over matters that so affect the day-to-day lives of millions in our Commonwealth who depend on your wisdom, your judgment, and your good sense to lead us in the right direction. Each one of us is created in the image of the Almighty and shares a bond that mandates that we assume a responsibility for one another.

As we open today's Session of the Pennsylvania Senate, we are humbled by the task and invigorated by the opportunity to do right and good things through our actions by reaching into the depths of your hearts and your God-given intelligence to serve, to protect, and to devise plans to enhance the lives of the residents of Pennsylvania. The world is a complicated place, but the concept of caring and protecting for one another is basic. I know that principle motivates each and every one of you who has chosen and who chooses to serve. The psalmist King David proclaimed, lift up your eyes to the heavens and ask where will my salvation come? And the answer, salvation comes from the Creator of heaven and earth.

The Almighty has given us a gift to preside over the earth and even at times in the heavens. We pray that we do not squander an opportunity to improve the lot of every person who depends on our wisdom, our courage, and, yes, our compassion to devise and administer laws that bring welfare to the people and to all people. May our work be blessed with the unique quality given only to human beings to think, to speak, and to act that ultimately gives us the opportunity to join heaven and earth for the betterment of humanity and the citizens of this great Commonwealth. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Rabbi Sandhaus, who is the guest today of Senator Blake.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Haywood, Senator Leach, Senator Schwank, Senator Williams, and Senator Hughes.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Aument, Senator McIlhinney, and Senator Folmer.

Senator Costa requests legislative leaves for Senator Haywood, Senator Leach, Senator Schwank, Senator Williams, and Senator Hughes.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of July 13, 2015, and July 14, 2015, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of July 13, 2015, and July 14, 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.

GUESTS OF SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I have some guests here. How are you doing today, Mr. President?

The PRESIDENT. I am doing great, Senator. How are you?

Senator DINNIMAN. Good, Mr. President. My guests are from the Kimberton Waldorf School, which is located in Chester County. The Kimberton School is a very unique private school. It is part of what is called the Waldorf school movement based on the philosophy of Rudolf Steiner. It focuses in on the arts, on the land, and it is one of the finest private schools within the Commonwealth. So, we have a 10-grade class with their teacher, as well as the agricultural teacher. I ask that we recognize the students and this fine school today, Mr. President. Thank you.

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

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Everybody looks very intelligent, Senator.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

GUEST OF SENATOR JOHN P. BLAKE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Blake.

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, I am deeply honored and proud to welcome our Chaplain of the Senate today, Rabbi Samuel Sandhaus. It is very, very special to have him here, and we are very grateful for his opening prayer. He has an impressive educational and work background, Mr. President. He has been the executive director of the Jewish Home of Eastern Pennsylvania since 1983, the preeminent Jewish institution in northeastern Pennsylvania.

He graduated from Yeshiva University in 1968, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in economics. He went on to attain his master's degree in Bible and was ordained. In 1976 he received his MBA in finance and management from Boston University, and in 1979 he was licensed as a nursing home administrator by the Commonwealth. In 1984 and in 1987, he received post-graduate certificates in health services administration and gerontology from Marywood University.

From 1971 to 1979, the Rabbi served as a chaplain and pastoral counselor for the United States Army. Rabbi Sandhaus has served in Fort Carson, Colorado; Nuremberg, Germany; Staten

Island, New York; and with the 101st Airborne in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Rabbi Sandhaus was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters for his service, and we thank you for that service, Rabbi.

Rabbi Sandhaus is a past president of the Scranton chapter of Sigma Phi Omega, the national gerontology honor and professional society, and past president of the Pennsylvania chapter of the Association of Nonprofit Homes for the Aging. In addition, he served as co-chairman of the quality assurance committee of the Association of Jewish Aging Services.

Within Scranton, the Rabbi has served as division co-chairman of multiple united Jewish campaigns. He is a member of the board of directors of the Scranton Hebrew Day School, where he serve as chairman of the scholarship committee. He also served on the board of directors of the Scranton counseling center and a member of its finance committee.

Rabbi Sandhaus is currently the chaplain of the Sandy Weissberger/Leon Kaplan Post 165 Jewish War Veterans, and is secretary-treasurer of Webster Towers, a high-rise for the aging in the city of Scranton. He is an instructor at Marywood University's school of continuing education, and a management consultant for Elan Gardens assisted living facility. He is a member of the board of directors of the United Way.

I think that he will agree with me, Mr. President, that this is the most important part of his resume: he is married to the beautiful Sonia. The couple is blessed with 8 lovely children and, Mr. President, 27 wonderful grandchildren.

Rabbi, welcome to the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Very impressive. Will the guest of Senator Blake, Rabbi Sandhaus, please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT F. TEPLITZ PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, I rise to welcome guests from my district who are with us today. Lloyd Shadel is from Halifax in Dauphin County, and he is here with his girlfriend, Lorraine Dove, and his mother, Linda Shadel. Lloyd won a visit to the Capitol through a raffle prize that I donated to an event last month in Lykens focusing on healthy communities. Lloyd is a father and a brick mason. He is also actively involved in his community. This is also a particularly special occasion because today is Lloyd's birthday. So, Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in welcoming Lloyd, Lorraine, and Linda to the Senate today, and to wish Lloyd a very happy birthday.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Teplitz, Lloyd, Lorraine, and Linda, please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome. Happy Birthday to Lloyd.

(Applause.)

CALENDAR

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS AS AMENDED

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS AS AMENDED

SB 748 (Pr. No. 1313) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

On the question, Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House, as further amended by the Senate, to Senate Bill No. 748?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House, as further amended by the Senate, to Senate Bill No. 748.

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

Table with 4 columns: 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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 210 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 925 (Pr. No. 1303) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

On the question, Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 925?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 925.

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

Table with 4 columns: 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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 239 (Pr. No. 2334) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 501 (Pr. No. 1315) -- The Senate proceeded to consider-
ation of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for protection of paychecks of certain workers
and for the collection of political contributions.

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-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 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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 526 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its
order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

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

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

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

SB 606 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill
No. 606, Printer's No. 598, be taken from the table and placed on
the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILL 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 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 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

Table with 4 columns of names: Alloway, Argall, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Blake, Boscola, Brewster, Brooks, Browne, Corman, Costa, Dinniman, Eichelberger, Farnese, Folmer, Fontana, Gordner, Greenleaf, Haywood, Hughes, Hutchinson, Kitchen, Leach, McGarrigle, McIlhinney, Mensch, Pileggi, Rafferty, Sabatina, Scarnati, Scavello, Schwank, Smucker, Stefano, Tartaglione, Teplitz, Tomlinson, Vance, Vogel, Vulakovich, Wagner, Ward, White, Wiley, Williams, Wozniak, Yaw, Yudichak

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

HB 792 and SB 868 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 874 (Pr. No. 1314) -- 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.

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

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9, the bill was laid on the table.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 874 (Pr. No. 2009) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offenses of harassment, stalking and threat to use weapons of mass destruction.

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

HB 874 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 874, Printer's No. 2009, 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 ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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 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

Table with 4 columns of names: Alloway, Argall, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Blake, Boscola, Brewster, Brooks, Browne, Corman, Costa, Dinniman, Eichelberger, Farnese, Folmer, Fontana, Gordner, Greenleaf, Haywood, Hughes, Hutchinson, Kitchen, Leach, McGarrigle, McIlhinney, Mensch, Pileggi, Rafferty, Sabatina, Scarnati, Scavello, Schwank, Smucker, Stefano, Tartaglione, Teplitz, Tomlinson, Vance, Vogel, Vulakovich, Wagner, Ward, White, Wiley, Williams, Wozniak, Yaw, Yudichak

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 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 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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 907 and **HB 909** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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 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.

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

BILL REREFERRED

HB 62 (Pr. No. 2255) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 138 (Pr. No. 2256) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for soliciting by first responder organizations.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 411 (Pr. No. 1154) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in requirements and prohibitions, providing for Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association; in access, providing for inmate access; in procedure, further providing for access, for requests, for written requests, for production of certain records and for exceptions for public records; in agency response, further providing for general rule and for extension of time; in appeal of agency determination, further providing for filing of appeal and for appeals officers; in judicial review, further providing for Commonwealth agencies, legislative agencies and judicial agencies, for fee limitations and for Office of Open Records; and, in State-related institutions, further providing for reporting, for contents of report and for copies and posting, and providing for contracts.

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

SB 411 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 411, Printer's No. 1154, 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 455, SB 482, HB 579, SB 604 and HB 696 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 735 (Pr. No. 869) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 147 over the Wiconisco Creek, Millersburg Borough, Dauphin County, as the Private Warren Snyder Memorial Bridge.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 857 (Pr. No. 970) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in contract carrier by motor vehicle and broker, further providing for declaration of policy and definitions; and prescribing penalties.

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 898 (Pr. No. 1121) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further defining "emergency vehicle"; in operation of vehicles, further providing for drivers of emergency vehicles; and, in other required equipment, further providing for visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles and for visual signals on authorized vehicles.

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 955 (Pr. No. 1178) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a certain interchange in New Stanton Borough, Westmoreland County, as the Edwin "Lance" Wentzel Memorial Interchange.

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

SB 956 (Pr. No. 1179) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 711 over the Loyalhanna Creek in Ligonier Township, Westmoreland County, as the Lieutenant Eric Eslary Memorial Bridge.

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

SB 988 (Pr. No. 1223) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 403 over the Two Lick Creek, Borough of Clymer, Indiana County as the Sergeant James Robert Pantall Memorial Bridge.

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

SB 989 (Pr. No. 1224) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 580 over the Susquehanna River, Cherry Tree Borough, Indiana County, as the Airman Second Class Gerald Emmett Johnson Memorial Bridge.

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

BILL REREFERRED

SB 1014 (Pr. No. 1272) -- 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 period of registration.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1275 (Pr. No. 2336) -- 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, for public health dental hygiene practitioner and for restricted faculty license.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, SABATINA, WILEY, ARGALL, GREENLEAF, EICHELBERGER, SCAVELLO, DINNIMAN, VOGEL, BAKER, FARNESE, McGARRIGLE, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, YUDICHAK, SCARNATI, WHITE, HAYWOOD, PILEGGI, MENSCH, COSTA, FOLMER, SCHWANK, WARD, BROWNE and AUMENT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 212**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing November 10, 2015, as "Marine Corps Day" in Pennsylvania in honor of the United States Marine Corps' 240th anniversary of its founding.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, once again, it is my honor to stand before my colleagues and offer this resolution, along with Senator Vulakovich, on the "Marine Corps Day" for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, designating November 10, 2015, as Marine Corps Day in Pennsylvania and honoring the founding of the United States Marine Corps in Philadelphia,

Pennsylvania, in an establishment that at that time was serving alcohol, and I believe today still serves alcohol. The Marines were founded there in Philadelphia as a force to serve along with the Navy on naval ships and also be land forces. Much of what we have today with our United States Marine Corps is now a separate branch of the military. The Marine Corps recently had their four-star general as the chief of staff for the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Mr. President, they have come a long way. The Marine Corps today, as it has been throughout its history, is known as the sword and shield for our United States military. They are first in battle. We saw that in the Pacific Ocean during World War II, and we see it today in Afghanistan and Iraq fighting along with the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Mr. President, they are the ones who often take, what we call, the shock troop position, in that they are the ones who go in and they are the first ones to encounter the enemy. Mr. President, we are all proud of the United States Marine Corps for what they have done throughout the history of the United States. We wish them a happy birthday and commend them. I have many friends who are members of the United States Marine Corps, Sergeant Major Calvin Books being one of them. He is a terrific individual who has been very helpful to me since I have been a State Senator.

Mr. President, there is a book that I read not too long ago called *Brothers Forever*, written by Colonel Tom Manion, United States Marine Corps, retired. It is about two young men who met at the Naval Academy who were roommates, best friends, pushed one another to excel, and became brothers. One of those young men was Lieutenant Travis Manion, son of Colonel Tom Manion. Travis was killed in Iraq in the line of duty as a United States Marine. His roommate, who cried for him and wept for him, became a Navy Seal and dedicated his training and commitment to being a Navy Seal. Lieutenant Brendan Lonney, United States Navy, was then killed in Afghanistan. The families decided to bury Travis and Brendan next to one another in Arlington. Brothers in life and brothers forever. It is the inspiration of those two men, Travis as a Marine and Brendan as a Navy lieutenant, that I think many of us in this country need to recognize the commitment that these young men and women are making to wear the uniforms.

Today we celebrate the Marine Corps. Certainly, they deserve our thanks, as do all of the members of the United States military, for that commitment they make to preserve our honor and integrity. Mr. President, today, along with my colleagues, I stand to wish the United States Marine Corps a happy birthday. Semper fi. Good night, Chesty, wherever you are.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Rafferty. We all appreciate the great United States Marine Corps and recognize Marine Corps Day.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators MENSCH, TEPLITZ, SCAVELLO, DINNIMAN, ARGALL, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, SABATINA, FONTANA, HUGHES, FOLMER, GREENLEAF, FARNESE, RAFFERTY, VOGEL, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER,

HAYWOOD, BARTOLOTTA, COSTA, BOSCOLA, VULAKOVICH and AUMENT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 213**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of October 18 through 24, 2015, as "Community College Completion Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes a guy who is not only a good guy, he is a mensch, my friend, the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Mensch.

This joke never gets old.

Senator MENSCH. No, Mr. President, it does not.

I would like recognize the week of October 18 through 24 as "Pennsylvania Community College Completion Challenge Week." This week is intended to encourage community college students to complete their studies at their colleges. I am proud to stand with the community colleges of the district that I serve in Montgomery County, Bucks County, and Berks County, along with the other 11 community colleges in the State, to recognize this momentous week in order to educate folks on the importance of completing those studies. Each chapter will be holding events to promote the culture of completion at their schools by creating an understanding of the student support services that are available, such as how to transfer from a community college, resume workshops, job fairs, and panels that show the success of community college alumni.

More than 70 percent of community college students who transfer to a 4-year institution graduate with a bachelor degree. There is a much greater chance of success for a community college enrollee to achieve life success by not only completing their studies at the community college, but then also going on to a 4-year college. One of the many benefits of earning a community college degree or certificate is that they tend to excel professionally. Students with a degree or certificate earn a half-million dollars or more over a lifetime than someone with only a high school degree. In less than 5 years, 65 percent of all new jobs will require a postsecondary credential.

I would like to extend an invitation to all of the Senate and House Members who are strong supporters of our great community colleges to attend the statewide event that will take place at the main Rotunda of the Capitol building here in Harrisburg on October 19 at 11:30.

Mr. President, thank you.

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I also rise today to applaud the efforts of our community colleges and our bicameral and bipartisan community college caucus on next week's first annual College Completion Challenge Week. By encouraging students to finish their degrees and certificate programs in the esteemed schools across the Commonwealth, we are insuring that they will have the tools that they need to work in a sustaining and successful job. Our support of this resolution today adds to that effort, and I thank the other Members who have joined us. I have fought time and time again for added resources for our community colleges. They play a critical role in our economy. They are best suited to adapt and evolve with the needs and skills

required in not only the jobs of today, but of the future. Part of the conversation has to be not only students completing their degrees, but also getting started on earning their credits - take a credit-based internship and enroll in an online or classroom course. Businesses remind us every year that jobs are here, but workers first need the proper training and credentials.

Mr. President, I am proud to support this resolution declaring next week as PAC4 week in Pennsylvania, and I look forward to continuing to work with my friend and colleague, Senator Mensch, on these types of incentives. We will keep advocating for these students and their schools.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I want to rise and lend my very sincere support to the resolution that was offered by our friend, Senator Mensch, and supported by Senator Boscola, as well. Mr. President, I stand here as one of those individuals who has been able to utilize the community college system, in my case, in Allegheny County, and was able to go on to a 4-year degree, and ultimately a law degree, and that allows me to stand here today making these remarks in strong support of the efforts that we have done along those lines. More significantly, I want to talk about the role that our community colleges play in our Commonwealth. We have 14 colleges, and maybe a 15th coming onboard, we are not sure how that is playing out at this point, but what is most important is the role that they play in our community in terms of job growth and job development and how it is that they are connected to the business community, in particular, and are in a position to frame and craft courses that are clearly in line with what the needs are in our business sector and in our Commonwealth.

I can tell you in a variety of ways our community college system in Allegheny County has been doing that. I think we have a great president in Dr. Quintin Bullock, who has done an outstanding job in about the year and a half he has been with us. He has taken the helm at this college and has done a tremendous job with a number of issues, but more importantly, with the frustration with regard to the lack of resources that made their way to our community college systems. Dr. Bullock was very hopeful that the budget proposed by the Governor, where he was going to add approximately \$15 million to our General Fund spending for community colleges, where Allegheny County would be able to sort of stem the tide with what needs to be done. I have had the privilege of serving as a member of the board of trustees probably for about 10 years now, and I can say to you as treasurer of the board, I see firsthand some of the concerns of the finances and how important it is that we provide the necessary revenue to our community college system. That is where the rubber meets the road with respect to many individuals, not only those students like myself--I am not going to tell you how many years ago--but those students like myself who were not sure whether we wanted to go to school or what we wanted to major in. The community college system provides a relatively low-cost, high-quality education to those students that is on par with all of our 4-year institutions, but it is also a pathway to 4-year institutions, as I indicated.

When you look around the Commonwealth now, when you look at the number of articulation agreements that exist with all of our colleges and universities, whether it be the State system,

private universities and colleges, or State-relateds, they have become an outstanding resource for families to be able to experience higher education, but it is beyond that with technical stuff. We have a number of programs in our county that work with volunteers, trying to recruit volunteer fire fighters, for example. It is a great program that we have done. Programs we developed with veterans. Those are the types of programs that give folks a second chance at re-creating a new career as they want to go forward and move forward.

So, I am very pleased that the gentleman has offered the resolution before our colleagues here. I, with no doubt, expect it will be supported by everyone as we go forward. We want to make certain that we keep the community colleges in mind as we go through this budget process, because they are extremely important to our Commonwealth, they are such a big part of our communities, and they present and provide great opportunities for young men and women and other folks as well, like older men and women trying to restructure a career. It provides a lot of opportunities for a lot of folks, and they need to have our support as we go forward. So I want to thank the gentleman for his resolution and I stand in strong support of it.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Costa. I could not agree with you more. The Chair thanks you, Senator Mensch and Senator Boscola, for work on supporting community colleges and the awareness of what a great educational product we have in Pennsylvania.

I spoke too long and gave my good friend from Montgomery County a chance to rise back up. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, my friend, Senator Rafferty.

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, very briefly, I want to thank my colleagues for this important resolution. I am very fortunate to serve on the Montgomery County Community College board of trustees, and they are certainly most worthwhile, viable institutions, our community colleges here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with a very innovative curriculum, adaptable to the economic needs of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and with a program that attracts students of all age levels, all socioeconomic levels. It is quite a heterogeneous community in our community colleges, and one that I think brings a lot of positives to the education process, where you have people in your class who you are hearing from who may have had 10 years of work experience sharing that story with you in accounting class.

So the community colleges well deserve acclamation by this resolution. I want to thank all of the members of the Montgomery County Community College board of trustees for volunteering and their time, but all of the community colleges throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to congratulate and thank them as well, 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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators EICHELBERGER, HAYWOOD, TEPLITZ, GREENLEAF, SABATINA, FONTANA, SCHWANK, SCAVELLO, COSTA, HUTCHINSON, TARTAGLIONE, FARNESE, MENSCH, RAFFERTY and AUMENT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 214**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of October 11 through 17, 2015, as "Credit Union Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, it is "Credit Union Week" again in Pennsylvania, and I ask for the recognition of that from our Senate colleagues. Currently, there are about 3.8 million Pennsylvanians who are credit union members through 449 different credit unions. Credit unions were established many years ago by pooling resources and leadership abilities for the good of the cooperative. They have lasted for many years and helped many people get through some difficult times. They encourage their local members to sponsor activities and promote charitable acts throughout the Commonwealth, and volunteer many, many hours for worthy causes that we would all appreciate in this Chamber. Many of us in this Chamber are credit union members. So, I wish them the best and ask for support on this resolution.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

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 Charlotte M. Arbogast by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Adam Thomas Motovidlak, Berneta Gardner and to Gary C. Beilman by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to George Reisteter, Nicholas Chismar, Dorothy J. Beemer and to Kathleen Hutnick by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to George L. Smith by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald K. Homan and to Kishacoquillas Valley Historical Society by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elmer Schmitzer and to United States Navy Commodores jazz ensemble by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William McLaughlin, Andrew James DePompeo, Mary E. Hines, William Robinson, Regina Sullivan, Laura Woyak, Susan Randels, Zukin Realty, Mitch's Market Street Gym and to Paxson Park by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Simpson House by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chuck A. Fusina, Matt Bahr and to Dorothy Moleski Cutshaw by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew T. Racine and to Judah G. Rose by Senator McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Carolyn T. Comitta, Dr. Patricia Knecht and to Marian Moskowitz by Senator McGarrigle and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James L. Fry by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Virginia Rothlisberger by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alexander Matthew Vollert and to Nicholas Waldschmidt by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eckman, Brandon Corbeil and to Jonathan Farcus by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dorothy Shireman Gray and to Monroe County Head Start by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tacony-Mayfair Lodge No. 447, Order Sons of Italy in America, by Senators Tartaglione and Sabatina.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Garrett Kreiger by Senator Teplitz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Connor Riskis, William Brian Fish, Jane A. Livingston, Karen F. Snider, Mitchell Arthur Bear, Matthew John Bear and to L. B. Smith Ford Lincoln by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reginald Nelson Greenplate by Senator Wagner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Westmoreland Community Action by Senator Ward.

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 Charles Joseph Patla, Sr., by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Rho Reed by Senator Hughes.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late William Robert Kirby, Sr., by Senator Williams.

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 Dr. Rob Lukens, the late Alice Kent Schooler and the late Sam Pilotti were extended to the families by Senator Dinniman.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Joe Paterno by extended to the family by Senator Leach.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015

9:30 A.M. TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 62 and 146; and House Bills No. 838, 1278, 1335 and 1411) Room 8E-B East Wing

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

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.

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.

10:00 A.M. VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (joint public hearing with the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee on disabled veterans property tax relief) Room 156 Main Capitol

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015

9:30 A.M. AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider Senate Bills No. 50 and 735; and a public hearing on consumer fireworks in Pennsylvania) Room 8E-B East Wing

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015

9:30 A.M. VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (joint public hearing with the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee on the National Guard Youth Challenge Program - Senate Bill No. 56) Carson Long Military Acad.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I rise to talk briefly about the vote earlier today on Senate Bill No. 501. There has been a lot of discussion about this bill, the so-called paycheck protection bill. I think that we all need to be really honest about what this bill is really about. First and foremost, it is not about protecting a paycheck, and for the folks who may be watching this at home or read about it in the paper, it is not about protecting working men and womens' paychecks, insuring that they have all of the dollars and take them home for themselves, and are protected in some way from folks getting at it or taking away illegal deductions. It certainly is not about that, number one, and it certainly is not, Mr. President, about anything which is illegal or inappropriate. Quite frankly, there were some comments yesterday by the Minority Leader, and I echo those comments, that to even suggest that what is going on where these deductions are taken

out from State workers' pay by the State is somehow illegal or inappropriate is just wrong. To the contrary, there is nothing illegal about this, there is nothing inappropriate about this. No judge, no court, no jury have said that this conduct, this particular protocol, is wrong or illegal. To fashion it, or to refer to it within that context, is disingenuous and inappropriate.

What is going on here, Mr. President, is quite simply an attempt, for better or for worse, to really silence working men and women and their opportunity to have a say in the political process. That is all this is really about. It is really focused, Mr. President, on one major union, and that is the teachers across Pennsylvania. If that is what we are going to do, if that is what we are going to talk about, let us be honest about it. Let us be honest about what this bill is really about. This is not about illegal activity, because there has never been a finding of such, and there have been folks referenced on this floor yesterday about going to jail or being found guilty by a court. They were found guilty and then went to jail because they broke the law. They broke the law. That is not what the law is right now with regard to these deductions. There is nothing illegal about this. There is no law right now that says that it is inappropriate. In fact, it is actually efficient and it saves money to do it the way that it is done here in the Commonwealth.

If we are going to focus in on working men and women's rights and their ability to be heard, to have their voice mean something in the political process, if you are going to target that, then be honest about it and say what you really mean, that this is an attempt to go after unions, specifically the teachers' union, and bust it up. Bust up their rights to be heard, because that is really what this is about. We can fashion it with fancy words like paycheck protection and working men and women, supporting them, and doing what is right for them, and we all know that is not what is going on here. There is nothing wrong, there is nothing illegal. At what point, Mr. President, has this Constitution that we have here in Pennsylvania or the United States Constitution ever done anything to silence someone's right to free speech? We have certainly put limits on it, but to say that we are going to fashion a law that is going to chill and curb and shut down working men and women, the people who are most vulnerable, the people who need to have their voice heard the most, if we are going to fashion laws to do that, well, then we should have the guts in this Chamber to at least say what we mean and say what we are doing. And that, Mr. President, I find most distasteful.

So, I was proud today, Mr. President, like I have in the past, to be a "no" vote, and I recall the last time that this legislation came up, we had a similar result, if I am not mistaken. I think the people across Pennsylvania understand exactly what is going on here, what really is at stake here. It is about free speech, it is about an opportunity to be heard, and it is about being in so many ways a bully and understanding that the Majority has the votes and they are going to do what they can to shut down the rights of working men and women across Pennsylvania to be heard. It is wrong. Any attempt to do that has always been wrong. This does not make it any different because we put some fancy words in front of it to make it better.

I was proud again, Mr. President, to be a "no" vote on this and I hope that when it gets to the Governor's desk, if it reaches there, he also will do what he has said, and that is to veto this, because this is a bad bill, not just for working men and women

across Pennsylvania, but it is a bad bill for people who believe in the Constitution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise this afternoon to share some of the comments that my good friend and colleague from Philadelphia County, Senator Farnese, mentioned with respect to the legislation. I missed the opportunity during the vote on Senate Bill No. 501, though I know that it would not have changed the outcome, I felt compelled to come on the floor in petitions and talk a little bit about it. The thing that was most disturbing to me was discussed yesterday with the amendment that was put up relating to this implication that there is something inappropriate or illegal about the activity, which has been a lawful activity for many years, and I continue to find it offensive that this is how it is being framed and, Mr. President, I think that is distasteful. I think, as the previous speaker spoke, when he talked about the fact that we attack a position or something that takes place and we put a different name to it, we call it somebody's law, we call it paycheck protection, or whatever the case might be, but it disguises what the true motive is, as was stated by the previous speaker. That is what has taken place.

Recently, I think there is an article from PennLive that came out a while back, just around November 14 of last year, one of our colleagues stated very clearly that paycheck protection is about the PSEA. To his credit, I guess, he had the courage to stand up and say it is about the PSEA, and that is his position and that is what his motive is. While we are not permitted to speak about motives, his motives outside this Chamber were clear. Mr. President, we do not agree with the intent and the motive that was described in this article and what the gentleman believes, but at the end of the day what has happened here is that we have allowed this institution and we have allowed this Chamber to take a position against primarily one organization to try to stifle their voice, to try to quiet their resolve, and quiet what they have to say with respect to political speech that they have the right to be able to do, and they want to try to quash the union and labor organization that exists there. We think that is wrong. We should not be using this Chamber to do that through the legislative process. That is what I find disturbing.

Yesterday, I spoke about how they framed it as an illegal and inappropriate activity. Back when we had this conversation many months ago, there were accusations that the people in the stands, in the audience watching here, were labor leaders, that they were corrupt and the like, and things of that nature. That is wrong. That is not how we should be governing here. We should be governing and looking at issues along the lines that are right for all people in Pennsylvania. To target one particular group because they are not happy with their publications, they are not happy with the voice that they speak, or they are not happy with what is taking place at our local school districts, mind you, not necessarily here, but at our school districts where the activities that are taking place they are trying to quiet, Mr. President, I think is wrong for this Chamber and for this General Assembly to be able to participate and act along those lines.

What we have in place is something that is appropriate and legal, and my hope is that my colleagues on the House side recognize that and defeat this legislation that passed today along

party lines, mostly along party lines, that over in the House they will be able to defeat it because it is wrong for Pennsylvania, it is wrong for this Chamber to participate in something along those lines. I think that is what needs to be addressed.

We have good men and women who work in our school districts and our cafeterias and our administrators who do very, very fine work for this Commonwealth and educate our kids in a very fine way, and we are going to continue to work to support them, but to quiet their voice and to only have that group of people or target that group to make it more difficult for them to participate in the process, I think is inappropriate and wrong, and those are the remarks that we would have provided on the record associated with Senate Bill No. 501. To whatever degree my remarks on petitions could be assigned to the vote on that bill, I ask that they do so. Thank you, sir.

The PRESIDENT. That will be done, Senator Costa.

BILL SIGNED

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

SB 925.

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, October 19, 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 12:33 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.