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**SENATE**

WEDNESDAY, October 21, 2015

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

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Reverend PETER RASER, of Factoryville United Methodist Church, Factoryville, offered the following prayer:

Let us all be in attitude of prayer.

Almighty God, we pray that You bless the leaders of this, the State of Pennsylvania. Give these here assembled both courage and wisdom, these sincere women and men who want to do the right thing. Make that right thing plain, even if it be difficult. Point us in the right direction, O God, for You know how hard we can be to turn. Forgive us our past blunders, the compromises we should not have made, as well as the outstretched hands we have failed to offer. Give us all of the courage to admit our mistakes. Remove from our hearts that stubborn pride in which we imagine ourselves to be beyond criticism. Save us, O God, from ourselves, and save us from our enemies, particularly those twin enemies of personal ambition and hypocrisy. Give us the divine common sense to work for the benefit of all people and for the protection of those who have little or no voice of their own. May these assembled have the courage to lead the people of this great Commonwealth, considering unworthy the expediency of following the common mood. As we have grown and evolved through 228 years of statehood, so now mold us into a people more worthy of a great heritage. In Your merciful name we make these prayers. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Raser, who is the guest today of Senator Baker.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**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 21, 2015

Senators YAW, RAFFERTY, HAYWOOD, FONTANA and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1032**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions, providing for protection of children from second-hand smoke in vehicles; and imposing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 21, 2015.

Senators WAGNER, EICHELBERGER, MENSCH, WHITE, BARTOLOTTA, VULAKOVICH, FOLMER, VANCE, SMUCKER, AUMENT, WARD, GREENLEAF, ALLOWAY and McGARRIGLE presented to the Chair **SB 1035**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 30, 2004 (P.L.1672, No.213), known as the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, October 21, 2015.

Senators VULAKOVICH, ARGALL, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, BROWNE, FOLMER, GORDNER, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, SCAVELLO, STEFANO, TEPLITZ, VOGEL, WARD and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 1037**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of General Services and its departmental administrative and advisory boards and commissions, providing for report of State facilities owned or leased.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 21, 2015.

Senators SCHWANK, BROWNE, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, WILLIAMS, COSTA, TOMLINSON, SABATINA, ALLOWAY, HUGHES, HAYWOOD and WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 1041**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), known as the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, in recycling and waste reduction, further providing for municipal implementation of recycling programs; and, in enforcement and remedies, further providing for affirmative defense.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, October 21, 2015.

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

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

October 21, 2015

Senators ARGALL, VULAKOVICH, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, BROWNE, FOLMER, GORDNER, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, SCAVELLO, STEFANO, TEPLITZ, VOGEL, WARD and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SR 215**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to complete a comprehensive review and study of the best practices used by private businesses and other public entities in the leasing, acquisition and management of office, warehouse and other types of space and to issue a report.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 21, 2015.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Folmer, and legislative leaves for Senator Argall, Senator Smucker, and Senator Ward.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Folmer, and legislative leaves for Senator Argall, Senator Smucker, and Senator Ward. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Senator CORMAN asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator WAGNER, Senator WHITE, and Senator SCAVELLO, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of September 17, 2015, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of September 17, 2015.

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

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

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

**YEA-46**

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

**NAY-0**

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**DISCHARGE RESOLUTION**

Senator TARTAGLIONE offered the following resolution, which was read as follows:

In the Senate, October 21, 2015

**A RESOLUTION**

Discharging Committee on Labor and Industry from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 195, Printer's No. 242.

RESOLVED, That Senate Bill No. 195, Printer's No. 242, entitled "An act amending the act of January 17, 1968 (P.L. 11, No. 5), entitled 'An act establishing a fixed minimum wage and overtime rates for employes, with certain exceptions; providing for minimum rates for learners and apprentices; creating a Minimum Wage Advisory Board and defining its powers and duties; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Labor and Industry; imposing duties on employers; and providing penalties,' further providing for rate of minimum wages, for Minimum Wage Advisory Board, for investigations, for duty of employers, for penalties and for civil actions; establishing the Wage Enforcement Fund; and further providing for preemption," having been referred to the Committee on Labor and Industry on January 28, 2015, and the committee not having reported the same to the Senate for a period of more than 10 legislative days, the committee be discharged from further consideration thereof.

The PRESIDENT. The resolution will appear on the Calendar.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ELISABETH J. BAKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I am honored today to rise to introduce our guest Chaplain, the Reverend Peter Raser of the Factoryville United Methodist Church in Factoryville Borough in Wyoming County. Reverend Raser assumed this pastorate on July 1; however, he previously served as the pastor of my home church, the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church. Reverend Raser has been a Methodist pastor for nearly 20 years, spending time in the Birmingham, Alabama, area where he met his wife, Amy, of 15 years. She is also a United Methodist member of the clergy. Together, they are the proud parents of three daughters ages 6, 10, and 13. I am honored to have Amy and Pastor Raser here today. I ask the Senate to offer our usual warm welcome for our guest Chaplain.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Baker, Pastor Raser and his wife, Amy, please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome. We appreciate your prayers, Pastor. (Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR RYAN AUMENT PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, it is my pleasure today to introduce my job shadow for the day, Logan Hoover. Logan lives

in Elizabethtown, is a 10th-grader at Elizabethtown Area High School, vice president of the student council, a student body representative for his school board, and co-president of the class of 2018. He is a member of the golf team, the bowling team, as well as the volleyball team. Logan has an interest in politics and hopes to become a lawyer and pursue a career in government. Please join me in welcoming Logan to the Senate.

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

(Applause.)

**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 introduce guests from my district who are seated in the gallery today. Joshua Paul is a resident of Lykens in northern Dauphin County, who is studying political science and American studies at Penn State Harrisburg. He is joined by his girlfriend, Sara Feidt, who lives in Millersburg, also in northern Dauphin County. Sara is a recent graduate of the Pennsylvania College of Technology.

Joshua won a visit to the Capitol through a raffle prize that I donated to the Williams Valley Educator's Association auction. The auction raised \$5,000 in scholarships for student first responders. So, Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in welcoming Joshua and Sara to the Senate today.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Teplitz, Joshua and Sara, whom I had a chance to meet in the elevator, very nice young people, please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

**CALENDAR**

**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**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 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-46**

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

**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.

**SB 411 (Pr. No. 1335)** – 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, further providing for open-records officer, for regulations and policies and for requests, and 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.

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 Lackawanna, Senator Blake.

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, I commend my colleague, Senator Pileggi, for his work over a long period of time to update the Right to Know Law that he authored during the Rendell years. As I mentioned before, there have been a lot of deliberations on the learning and implementation of this law in Pennsylvania, and I need to express my thanks to him for including Senate Bill No. 412, dealing with our State-related universities in the amendment that he put into the bill this week. I, again, alert the Members that the disclosure and posting requirements of our State-relateds is significant, additional salary information, campus police records--that is included in the bill--consolidation of reports, contract information, revenue and expenditures, minutes of meetings, and a lot of information that will make it a lot easier for the citizens of Pennsylvania to hold accountable our

State-related institutions that are recipients of significant State nonpreferred appropriations.

So, again, Mr. President, I encourage a "yes" vote, and I encourage our House Members to understand the deliberations that went on in establishing this bill and to expedite its approval in that Chamber as well.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, first, I thank Senator Blake for his work on the portion of this bill that contains a separate bill that he drafted dealing with the State-related institutions, and he ably handled a very contentious issue at the time, and I think the solution is a good one. Also, for his general input and assistance in other provisions of the bill and for his steadfast commitment to open and transparent government.

Mr. President, I do not want to go through the entire bill, but I do want to mention 3 of the 30-plus provisions that Members should be aware of. There is a provision that limits inmate access in requesting government records, the records that would be relevant to them individually - their health records, their legal records, that sort of thing. Unfortunately, and unexpectedly, inmate requests now take up about 40 percent of the workload of the Office of Open Records. I think this will save time and money. Additionally, there are provisions that deal with commercial requestors. This was at the request of townships, boroughs, and local governments - county governments, primarily. We believe we have a good resolution to that issue. Also, volunteer fire companies, which were treated by some court decisions as being the equivalent of governmental agencies. We have clarified that volunteer ambulance companies and volunteer fire companies are not government agencies and should not be treated the same way.

For Members who might think this is, in some part, familiar, it is because last Session about this time we voted on Senate Bill No. 444. That bill passed unanimously last Session. Unfortunately, the House did not move it forward. There are significant changes in portions of this bill, but many pieces are based on last Session's Senate Bill No. 444.

Mr. President, this bill has the support of many organizations who requested provisions that are contained in the bill, including the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, the Office of Open Records, the Public Utilities Commission, and the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, and I appreciate their input and support. I also publicly thank Darren Smith, my chief of staff, and Krista Hair, my legislative director, for their work on this, and for the able assistance of Erik Arneson and his input on this bill, the executive director of the Office of Open Records. Lastly, I thank Kathy Eakin, who substantially participated in the drafting of the predecessor bill and added valuable insight into the drafting of this bill. I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, we certainly thank Senator Pileggi and Senator Blake, but thanks also have to be given to Senator Brooks. During the process, it is a very difficult process to get compromise on bills, and certainly our State-related

institutions are now going to be much more forthcoming in terms of Right to Know, and that is essential. During this whole process of over a year, almost 2 years, in trying to develop the bill, there were those of us who felt it was very important to protect teachers both in public schools, private schools, at our community colleges and our State System of Education in terms of their addresses, because most of the violence that is occurring has occurred in schools and on campuses.

I think Senator Brooks reflected the work of many of us to add this to the bill. I think this is like the frosting on the cake. It is an excellent bill and people should be congratulated. This adds another dimension, which is in the public interest, because you can still find out all the information you want, but just like police, just like judges, we are going to be protecting those who are in our classrooms in terms of their home addresses. So, I think we have done a tremendous job.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-46

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

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 447, SB 482, SB 526, SB 606, HB 837, SB 857 and SB 868** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 874 (Pr. No. 1334)** -- 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.

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

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I rise to urge support for Senate Bill No. 874, which is a very good, consumer-friendly bill that strikes a good balance between the cemeteries' interests and consumers. I want to emphasize that I voted against a similar bill last year because it did not have some of the public protection components that Senate Bill No. 874 has today. My staff and I worked closely with Senator McGarrigle and Senator Tomlinson and their staffs to strengthen the consumer protection elements in this bill. The main issue this bill addresses is that it prohibits the pre-delivery of certain pre-need merchandise. The prohibition of pre-delivery pre-need products protects consumers by insuring the merchandise they are buying is new at the time that they need it. That is why it is called pre-need. Mr. President, if you are purchasing today something you need for tomorrow, you should be entitled to tomorrow's quality, not something that has been under wear and tear, put off to the side, deteriorating for decades. How some can argue that allowing a product to deteriorate in the elements before being needed by the consumer is somehow beneficial to the consumer absolutely astonishes me.

Losing a loved one is a very tragic moment. It is a tragic time in someone's life. During this difficult time of grief and sadness, people should not be wrangling with cemetery businesses over antiquated or faulty material and caskets. Mr. President, the premise is very simple: consumers should absolutely get what they pay for. With the reasonable balance that this bill has between all of the lawmakers involved, years and years of meeting with cemetery and funeral individuals, working very diligently to make a compromise bill happen, that is what this bill does today. I am proud to support this bill with the hard work that was done by my fellow colleagues and a lot of hard work that was done by staff. So I do urge my colleagues to support this legislation, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-26

Aument	Gordner	Pileggi	Vance
Baker	Greenleaf	Rafferty	Ward
Bartolotta	Haywood	Sabatina	Williams
Boscola	Kitchen	Scarnati	Yaw
Brooks	Leach	Smucker	Yudichak
Corman	McGarrigle	Tartaglione	
Dinniman	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	

NAY-20

Alloway	Costa	Hughes	Teplitz
Argall	Eichelberger	Hutchinson	Vogel
Blake	Farnese	Mensch	Vulakovich
Brewster	Folmer	Schwank	Wiley
Browne	Fontana	Stefano	Wozniak

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 907, HB 909, SB 942, SB 955, SB 956, SB 988 and SB 989** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE

**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 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-46

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

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.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER**

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I ask that the Senate be at ease for a moment and I ask the Members of the Senate Republican Caucus to come around the Leader's desk.

The PRESIDENT. For Republican Members to join the Leader at his desk, and Democratic Members to meet at their Leader's desk, without objection, the Senate is at ease.

(The Senate was at ease.)

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED****THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED****BILL OVER IN ORDER**

**HB 1340** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR****BILL OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 62** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

**SB 146 (Pr. No. 93)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in accidents and accident reports, further providing for duty to give information and render aid.

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

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**HB 263, SB 388, HB 400, HB 455, HB 579, HB 696 and HB 838** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**BILL REREFERRED**

**HB 1154 (Pr. No. 1966)** -- 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 display of registration plate.

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 1278, HB 1279, HB 1335 and HB 1411** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Senators TEPLITZ, SABATINA, FONTANA, EICHELBERGER, RAFFERTY, SCAVELLO, GREENLEAF, SCHWANK, VULAKOVICH, TARTAGLIONE, HUTCHIN-

SON, YUDICHAK, COSTA, AUMENT, FARNESE, BROWNE, HUGHES and BREWSTER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 225**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of October 25 through 31, 2015, as "Explore PA Outdoors Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, my resolution designates the week of October 25 through 31 as "Explore PA Outdoors Week" in Pennsylvania. This week would coincide with the hunting seasons for deer, bear, and wild turkey. We are also reaching our fall foliage peak at this time of year. We know that Pennsylvania is home to numerous natural resources, from our State Parks and campsites to our rivers and lakes and mountains and valleys. We are also a tourist destination for hunters, hikers, nature lovers, and anyone who appreciates the joy of exploring the outdoors. This resolution encourages everyone to explore Pennsylvania's diverse nature and beauty and the many different outdoor activities that Pennsylvania has to offer, such as hunting, fishing, boating, ATV riding, trapping, horseback riding, biking, hiking, camping, observing birds and other wildlife, and much more.

So, Mr. President, I encourage my colleagues and all Pennsylvanians to join me in recognizing the week of October 25 through 31 as Explore PA Outdoors Week in Pennsylvania and experience our Pennsylvania outdoors in all of its splendor.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. I will do that Senator, and I urge our colleagues to do the same.

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

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

Senators FARNESE, KITCHEN, TEPLITZ, DINNIMAN, SABATINA, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, HAYWOOD, YUDICHAK and BROWNE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 226**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the American Bar Association Division for Public Education.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce this resolution honoring the American Bar Association Division for Public Education. The ABA Division for Public Education recognizes that the law provides an essential context for understanding society, institutions, norms, and values. Lawyers and judges have a special responsibility to foster public understanding of and confidence in the law and legal institutions. Understanding, appreciating, and engaging in an increasingly diverse

society promotes effective civic jurisdiction. The ABA Division for Public Education encourages everyone to be meaningfully and actively engaged in the civic life of the nation. The ABA Division for Public Education serves ABA members and non-member lawyers by encouraging every lawyer to consider it a part of his or her fundamental professional responsibility to further the public's understanding of the rule of law and the American system of justice.

The ABA Division for Public Education produces educational programs and resources about law for the public and promotes and advocates for policies and practices that enable all students to experience high-quality civic learning. I am pleased to announce this year that the ABA Division for Public Education will hold its 29th National Law-Related Education Conference in Philadelphia from October 28 through October 30, 2015. Please join me in recognizing the great work of this organization.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Farnese, for standing up for the great work that the American Bar Association does.

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, BREWSTER, EICHELBERGER, PILEGGI, SCAVELLO, RAFFERTY, SABATINA, WHITE, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, FARNESE and AUMENT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 227**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of October 18 through 24, 2015, as "National Chemistry Week" 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, this resolution recognizes the week of October 18 through 24, 2015, as "National Chemistry Week" in Pennsylvania. National Chemistry Week is an annual event designated to raise awareness of the importance of chemistry in our everyday life, and 2015 marks the 28th anniversary of National Chemistry Week. The mission of National Chemistry Week is to reach the public, particularly elementary and secondary schoolchildren, with positive messages about chemistry. The society is an agency that participates in communicating the importance and promoting the knowledge of the importance of chemistry in the quality of our life. It affects manufacturing, employment, our economy, and it keeps us ahead in the world economy. It is important for us to recognize how important this industry is to our nation. That being said, I ask that we pass this resolution. I ask for support for its adoption.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators WILEY, TEPLITZ, TOMLINSON, SABATINA, EICHELBERGER, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, BAKER, COSTA, SCAVELLO, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, BROWNE, SCHWANK, FOLMER, FARNESE, VULAKOVICH and AUMENT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 228**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2015 as "Dyslexia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator WILEY. Mr. President, today I rise and ask for unanimous support to declare October "Dyslexia Awareness Month" in the Commonwealth. Dyslexia is a developmental reading disorder that occurs when the brain does not properly process accurate word recognition, decoding, and spelling. Dyslexia is often a misunderstood disorder. While many people, children and adults alike, may struggle with many aspects of learning, dyslexia does not interfere with one's ability to think or to understand complex ideas. Today, too often it is not recognized that most people with dyslexia have normal or above average intelligence. Unfortunately, Mr. President, students with dyslexia are likely to struggle with many aspects of academic learning and are at a higher risk of dropping out of school. Moreover, dyslexia often goes undiagnosed for years, and sometimes it is not formally recognized until adulthood, where it can impact job performance and other life skills.

In 2014, the Commonwealth enacted Act 69, the Dyslexia Screening and Early Literacy Intervention pilot program, where kindergarten students who are identified as being at risk for reading difficulties are provided intervention services. Eight school districts across the Commonwealth are participating, including the Millcreek Township School District, where my children attend in my home district. Systemic, evidenced-based instruction of early literacy skills has proven to move the needle. While programs like this one are a critical step toward early diagnosis of this disorder, we must continue our awareness efforts. Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in supporting this resolution declaring October 2015 as Dyslexia Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Among other famous dyslexics are Albert Einstein and Michelangelo. So we thank the Senator for working on a very important issue for the future of all people in Pennsylvania who suffer with dyslexia.

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 Eleanor S. Gould, Bruce A. Burkholder, James Roy Rodisch, Edith Porsche, Lillian E. Nardello and to Eleanor M. Lentz by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Angela M. Colarusso, Friends of Starrucca Creek and to Paupack Waves InvenTeam by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mya Morgan by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Roles, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Creitz, Jr., Allen Long and to Carly R. Rudy by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Rodman W. Moorhead III and to Kurt Kunsch by Senator Dinniman and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Auxiliary at Geisinger-Bloomsburg Hospital by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Winslow and to Ryan D. Wasil by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Paul J. Schneider by Senator McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Marc Longo, Andrew Gaito, Timothy S. Kelly, Patrick K. Beebe, Elizabeth Rice, F. Andrew Wedman, Ronald Tillett, Jr., Brent Bromiley, Joaquin Alfred Dacanay, Kenneth J. Buchanan and to Thomas W. Smith, Jr., by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lloyd Nash and to Claude W. Shannon by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mary Vianello by Senator Sabatina.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kristin Day and to Straub Brewery, Inc., by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kohn, Marge Strange and to Joseph J. Szafran, Jr., by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nicholas DeBenedictis by Senator Tomlinson and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Helen Caffro by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Eric Charles Goodman, Matthew J. Harris, Bradley Alexander Lauer, Kristofer Egon T. Robinson, Joshua Aidan Monteverde, Stephen Robert Pfau and to Edward Steffy by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Philip R. Graziani by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pfaff by Senators White and Brooks.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith and to Cassie Sloan by Senator Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Bethlehem Authority and the Nature Conservancy by Senators Yudichak and Scavello.

### 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 Tomy Bonaventure Chennat by Senator Dinniman.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Aaron Starks by Senator Williams.

### 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 James A. Getty was extended to the family by Senator Alloway.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

#### SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### 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
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 126, 127, 201, 489, 731, 927 and 983; and House Bill No. 753)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015

9:30 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider Senate Bills No. 50 and 735)	Room 8E-B East Wing
11:00 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Bills No. 1045 and 1046)	Room 8E-B East Wing
11:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 805 and 984; and House Bill No. 1161)	Room 461 Main Capitol
11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 518, 851, 976 and 1043)	Room 8E-B East Wing
Off the Floor	FINANCE (to consider House Bill No. 1332)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015

10:30 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 340, 341, 342, 343, 344 and 997)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015

9:30 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (public hearing on the National Guard Youth Challenge Program - Senate Bill No. 56)	Carson Long Military Academy
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The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate do now recess until Monday, October 26, 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 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.