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SENATE

MONDAY, October 26, 2015

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend BOB STEVENS, of Zions Liberty Bell United Church of Christ, Allentown, offered the following prayer:

Friends, it is an honor to be here today. I want to tell you that I carry the prayers of many others with me who are keeping all of you and our government in prayer.

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, we praise You for all that You have made and thank You for Your watchful care over all creation. As the seasons change, we marvel at the order and constancy of nature. We are filled with awe when we stop to notice the beauty in our yards, parks, and fields around us. Along with everything that has breath, we would praise Your holy name. We are grateful for all of the signs of Your blessings to us. We thank You for words of encouragement that lift our spirits when we are low and for fresh insights that come to mind when we are faced with difficult decisions. We are thankful for colleagues who challenge us to think and work at our best, and for friends and family who keep laughter and love in our lives.

We thank You, too, for calling us to serve the people of the State and to serve purposes larger than ourselves. We pray that You would empower us to persevere in good works when the tasks seem interminable. We unite our minds and hearts to pray for the Governor, for all of those who serve in elected office here and around our State, as well as for all who serve as staff. Give them the energy and the dedication, as well as the courage and the foresight, to provide for the needs of all our citizens. Direct the deliberations and decisions of this Senate in a spirit of wisdom and fair play, and the virtues of justice and truth may be the standard for all we do here. Bless our Commonwealth with involved and informed citizens and with prosperity that extends its benefits to people of every class and color.

O God, as we acknowledge our dependence upon You for life and all of its blessings, as we acknowledge our dependence upon You for strength and guidance, so also we acknowledge our obligation to You to be good stewards of the power entrusted to us here. Blessed are You, O Lord our God, sovereign over all, giver of wisdom and grace. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Stevens, who is the guest today of Senator Browne.

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 22, 2015

Senators SCAVELLO, ALLOWAY, HAYWOOD, SCHWANK, HUGHES and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 973**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in nuisances, further providing for the offense of scattering rubbish; in registration of vehicles and in licensing of drivers, further providing for the acknowledgment of littering provisions; and, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for the offense of depositing of waste and other material on highway, property or waters.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 22, 2015.

Senators SABATINA, SCAVELLO, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, TEPLITZ, SCHWANK, VULAKOVICH, TARTAGLIONE, YUDICHAK, COSTA, BARTOLOTTA, FARNESE and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1017**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in support matters generally, further providing for definitions and for duties of Title IV-D attorney and providing for gaming winnings intercept; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, October 22, 2015.

Senators AUMENT, FOLMER, MENSCH, RAFFERTY and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1036**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for the offense of trespass on private property while hunting.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, October 22, 2015.

October 23, 2015

Senators FOLMER, VANCE, BOSCOLA, MENSCH, STEFANO, RAFFERTY, WARD and WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 1002**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in intermediate units, further providing for subsidies for services.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, October 23, 2015.

Senators STEFANO, FOLMER, WARD, RAFFERTY, TEPLITZ and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 1042**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, in contracts, providing for voting by a county commissioner.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, October 23, 2015.

Senators GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 1043**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 12 (Commerce and Trade), 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for enforcement of mercantile contracts; in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in workers' cooperative corporations, further providing for records; in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in general structure and powers, further providing for unified judicial system; in organization of appellate courts, providing for appellate division of the Commerce Court of Pennsylvania; in jurisdiction of appellate courts, further providing for transfers between intermediate appellate courts, for lien of judgments for money, for direct appeals from courts of common pleas, for allowance of appeals from Superior and Commonwealth courts, for appeals from courts of common pleas, for original jurisdiction, for appeals from courts of common pleas and for direct appeals from government agencies; providing for jurisdiction of appellate division of the Commerce Court; providing for organization and jurisdiction of the Commerce Court of Pennsylvania; in judicial boards and commissions, in selection and retention of judicial officers, providing for selection and retention of judges of the Commerce Court; in budget and finance, providing for salaries of judges of the Commerce Court; establishing the Commerce Court Fund; in preliminary provisions, further providing for right to appellate review, for bases of personal jurisdiction over persons outside this Commonwealth and for appeals generally; and, in arbitration, further providing for scope of subchapter and providing for Commerce Court arbitration.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, October 23, 2015.

Senators VULAKOVICH, COSTA, BAKER, BREWSTER, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, SABATINA, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, MENSCH and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 1045**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, providing for character of discharge.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, October 23, 2015.

Senators VULAKOVICH, COSTA, BAKER, BREWSTER, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, SABATINA, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, MENSCH, FARNESE, WARD and AUMENT presented to the Chair **SB 1046**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania National Guard, further providing for retired Pennsylvania National Guard personnel.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, October 23, 2015.

October 26, 2015

Senators BOSCOLA, LEACH, TEPLITZ, EICHELBERGER, WILLIAMS, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, BLAKE, BROWNE and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 484**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for the Legislative Reapportionment Commission for the purpose of reapportioning and redistricting the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 26, 2015.

Senators BAKER, SCHWANK, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, FOLMER and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 1044**, entitled:

An Act providing for rural natural gas and hazardous liquids pipelines and for powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission; and imposing civil penalties and assessments.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, October 26, 2015.

Senators VULAKOVICH, COSTA, BAKER, BREWSTER, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, SABATINA, WARD, YUDICHAK and AUMENT presented to the Chair **SB 1047**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in services for the blind and visually impaired, further providing for definitions and for business enterprises, equipment, leases, repayment.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, October 26, 2015.

Senators VULAKOVICH, SCARNATI, AUMENT, BROWNE, COSTA, FARNESE, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, HAYWOOD, HUGHES, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, STEFANO, VOGEL, WARD and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 1048**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 22, 2005 (P.L.474, No.94), known as the Breach of Personal Information Notification Act, further providing for title of act, for definitions and for notification of breach; prohibiting employees of the Commonwealth from using nonsecured Internet connections; and providing for Commonwealth policy.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, October 26, 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 23, 2015

Senators FOLMER, EICHELBERGER, DINNIMAN, WHITE, AUMENT, ALLOWAY, WAGNER, MENSCH, SMUCKER, STEFANO and ARGALL presented to the Chair **SR 229**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Department of Labor to recognize Pennsylvania's noncompliance with revised standards for apprenticeship programs and take actions to decertify Pennsylvania's State Apprenticeship Council.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, October 23, 2015.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

October 22, 2015

- HB 477** -- Committee on Aging and Youth.
- HB 602** -- Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.
- HB 950, 1170, 1201, 1202, 1317, 1341 and 1540** -- Committee on Transportation.
- HB 1326** -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

October 23, 2015

- HB 928 and 930** -- Committee on Appropriations.
- HB 965** -- Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION RULINGS

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
State Ethics Commission
P.O. Box 11470
Harrisburg, PA 17108

TO: Director or Administrator
FROM: Robert Caruso, Executive Director
State Ethics Commission
DATE: October 19, 2015
RE: Distribution of State Ethics Commission Rulings

On June 26, 1989, the revised Public Official and Employee Ethics Law was enacted which re-authorized the State Ethics Commission. The State Ethics Commission is responsible for issuing various types of rulings on matters within its mandated jurisdiction. Pursuant to the law,

the Commission is mandated to forward, quarterly, a copy of every Opinion, Advice of Counsel, and Order issued to one law library in each county, one public library in each county, the State Library, the State Senate Library, each authority appointing a Commission member, the Pennsylvania Association of County Commissioners, the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners, the Pennsylvania State School Boards Association, and the Pennsylvania League of Cities. Your agency is either specifically identified in the above requirement or has been selected as a library to which this mailing will be made pursuant to the above authority. As such, enclosed please find decisions of the State Ethics Commission from July 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015. Due to budgetary restraints, a CD containing said rulings will replace paper copies that were previously sent.

For your information, the Commission generally issues these types of decisions as follows:

Commission Opinions - Opinions are advisory rulings issued by the State Ethics Commission regarding the duties and responsibilities of public officials and employees under the Public Official and Employee Ethics Law. Opinions are catalogued by year of issuance followed by the sequential number of the opinion during that year. As such, opinions relating to 2015 will begin with the number 15-001 and proceed there from as decisions are rendered.

Advice of Counsel - The Commission's Chief Counsel is authorized to issue similar advisory letters. Such letters are issued generally when there is prior precedent for counsel to rely upon in issuing a decision or when the provisions of the State Ethics Act directly provide the answer to the question posed. Advice of Counsel letters are numbered with the year and a 500 series number that progresses in order therefrom as rulings are issued. If more than 100 such letters are issued, a 600 series number will then be used.

Orders - Commission orders are issued at the end of an investigation and are determinations as to whether or not there has been a violation of the State Ethics Act. Commission orders are categorized numerically from the date of the first order in 1979. That is, the first Order issued was Order No. 1. All orders proceed there from.

It is recommended that Opinions, Advices of Counsel and Orders be maintained separately (in numerical order) so as to afford better retrievability.

The enclosed items are being forwarded for retention, cataloging and for the purpose of being publicly available for review by citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who may have an interest therein. Additional mailings will be made on a quarterly basis henceforth. If you have any questions in relation to your receipt of these documents and future distribution, please contact me at 717-783-1610 or 800-932-0936. For your information, all Commission rulings are available on-line at www.ethics.state.pa.us.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Browne, Senator Corman, and Senator Scarnati, and a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson.

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Costa and Senator Sabatina.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Gordner requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Browne, Senator Corman, and Senator Scarnati, and a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson.

Senator Williams requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Costa and Senator Sabatina.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator GORDNER asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator PILEGGI, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of September 18, 2015, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of September 18, 2015.

Senator GORDNER. 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 GORDNER and were as follows, viz:

YEA-48

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**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 recognize my guests - Brian Chaney, his family, and his school principal - to the Senate today. Brian is a second-grader at Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School located in Susquehanna Township, in my district. Brian is the winner of my 2015 Fire Prevention Week poster contest. He is here today with his mother, Marie Melendez, his brothers Marquin and Bryson, and his principal, Sabina Grant-Spencer.

Brian's colorful poster depicts this year's fire prevention week theme, "Hear the beep where you sleep: every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm." So, Mr. President, I ask that my Senate colleagues join me in congratulating Brian Chaney on winning my Fire Prevention Week poster contest and welcome him, his family, and his principal to the Senate today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Will the guests of Senator Teplitz, Brian and his family and principal, please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome. Great colors in that shirt, too, Brian.

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

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

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I request a Democrat caucus to be held in the Democratic Caucus room.

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

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Browne, Senator Corman, Senator Scarnati, Senator Tomlinson, Senator Costa, and Senator Sabatina have returned, and their respective leaves are cancelled.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 146, HB 447 and SB 482 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

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

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in auditors and accountants, further providing for completion, filing and publication of annual township report and financial statement.

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-48

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

SB 606, HB 837, SB 857, SB 868, HB 907, HB 909, SB 942, SB 955, SB 956, SB 988, SB 989 and HB 1340 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 62, HB 263, SB 388, HB 400, HB 455, HB 579, HB 696, HB 838, HB 1278, HB 1279 and HB 1335 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1411 (Pr. No. 2397) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

MOTION ESTABLISHING SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENATE ADDRESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, pursuant to Senate Rule 5(a)(2) and Senate Rule 26, and Section 640(1) of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure, I move that the Senate do now establish a Special Committee on Senate Address consisting of three members of the Majority party appointed by the President pro tempore, one of whom shall be designated as chairman of the

committee; three members of the Minority party appointed by the President pro tempore, in consultation with the Minority Leader; and the President pro tempore serving as an ex-officio voting member of the committee; to pursue possible address under Article VI, Section 7, of the Pennsylvania Constitution relating to Attorney General Kathleen Granahan Kane, and to submit a preliminary report to the Senate no later than 30 days following the appointment of the members of the committee.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

The CLERK. Pursuant to Rule 5(a)(2), as authorized by Senate motion adopted on October 26, 2015, as President pro tempore, and in the consultation with the Democratic Leader, I hereby appoint the following members to the Special Committee on Senate Address: Senator Gordner as chair, Senator Baker, Senator Yaw, Senator Schwank, Senator Wiley, Senator Haywood, and Senator Scarnati, ex-officio.

The Special Committee shall expire at the conclusion of the 2015-16 legislative session.

RECESS

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

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

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 126 (Pr. No. 1365) (Amended) (Rereported)

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

SB 127 (Pr. No. 1366) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in enforcement, providing for State income tax intercept.

SB 201 (Pr. No. 504) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1974 (P.L.973, No.319), known as the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974, further providing for roll-back taxes and special circumstances.

SB 489 (Pr. No. 429) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of February 18, 1998 (P.L.146, No.22), known as the Check Casher Licensing Act, further providing for definitions, for authority of department, for conditions for licensing and for fees and charges; and providing for recovery of losses due to theft and fraudulent misrepresentation.

SB 731 (Pr. No. 735) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, further providing for Keystone Exams; and, in State Board of Education, further providing for powers and duties of the board.

SB 927 (Pr. No. 1281) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 25, 1931 (P.L.1352, No.332), referred to as the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Compact, further providing for the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Compact; providing for majority approval; and prohibiting the entrance into a compact until passage of a similar act.

SB 983 (Pr. No. 1219) (Rereported)

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

HB 753 (Pr. No. 1052) (Rereported)

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Long-term Care Council; providing for its powers and duties; and repealing related provisions of the Public Welfare Code.

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 Stan Dakosty by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beringer by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. David D. Reynolds, Lillian Gay, Himalayan Institute and to Wayne Memorial Hospital by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Betty Jane Christie, Clark Forest Apgar and to Catherine Burnell Schuette by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Troy Rudy by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Drs. Joel Weinberg, Andy Dlinn and to Julie Paris by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James O. Patane and to Sean A. Fulmer by Senator McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wyszynski by Senator Sabatina.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reverend Geneva Carter-Burns by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Bernheisel by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rose Mary Hagadus by Senator Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Georgia Savokinas by Senator Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sue Nasrani and to David Madl III by Senators Yudichak and Baker.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Francis J. Pecuch, Jr., by Senator Boscola.

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 Annetta DeYoung, the late Daniel J. O'Neill and the late Thomas Kennedy were extended to the families by Senator Baker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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
10:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (joint public hearing with the House Urban Affairs Committee on the PA Foreclosure Process)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
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	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider House Bills No. 89 and 90)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	FINANCE (to consider House Bill No. 1332)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 765; and certain Executive Nominations)	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

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 Academy

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. I note that today is October 26, also known as Senator Hughes's birthday. I wanted it to be on the record, even though he is not on the floor, and wish Senator Hughes a happy birthday.

HOUSE MESSAGES**HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 138** and **HB 1275**.

BILLS SIGNED

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

HB 138, HB 792 and HB 1275.

RECESS

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, October 27, 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 4:35 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.