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## SENATE

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

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

## PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend TRENT THOMPSON, Senior Pastor of West Shore Free Church, Mechanicsburg, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Father, there is work to be done here today, and it is important work. So, I pray and invite Your blessing on these women and men who have come here to do that work. We say thank You that You have called, appointed, and equipped them to do the work to which they have been appointed today. I pray that Your spirit would be poured out upon them. I pray that they would be filled with wisdom and discernment, because the task of governing Your people is a great task. I pray that You guard and protect them. Protect them in their minds, their hearts, and their bodies. Protect them from the temptations that power can cause to prevail upon us. Fill them now with the wisdom they will need to do Your work. And would You allow those of us who are governed by them to honor them as we should. Thank You for the weight that they bear, that they bear for us. As You watch over them, guard them and guide them. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Thompson, who is the guest today of Senator Vance.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

## HOUSE MESSAGES

### HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 874**.

### SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 166**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

## BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator WARD, from the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development, reported the following bill:

### HB 794 (Pr. No. 2459) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, in fiscal affairs, repealing provisions relating to authorization of excise tax and authorization of hotel tax; and providing for hotel room rental tax in third through eighth class counties and for certification of recognized tourist promotion agencies.

## LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator McIlhinney, and legislative leaves for Senator Gordner and Senator Vogel.

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Leach.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator McIlhinney, and legislative leaves for Senator Gordner and Senator Vogel.

Senator Williams requests a legislative leave for Senator Leach.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

## CALENDAR

### SB 765 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

**SB 765 (Pr. No. 1302)** -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 2 of the Calendar, by Senator CORMAN.

## BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

### SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

**SB 765 (Pr. No. 1302)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for the definitions of "emergency service responder" and "emergency vehicle"; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for duty of driver in emergency response areas.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 765?

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 to Senate Bill No. 765.

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 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.

### GUESTS OF SENATOR THOMAS McGARRIGLE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator McGARRIGLE. Mr. President, my guest today is Anna Rinnier, who is accompanied by her mother, Susan Rinnier, of Ardmore. Anna was crowned Miss Pennsylvania Princess 2015 at the National American Miss Pageant this past August in Harrisburg. Anna competed with 80 contestants, where she was asked to give a personal introduction to a panel of judges and an audience of over 200 spectators, be interviewed by several judges, and showcase her poise on stage. In addition to being crowned the overall queen in the princess division, Anna also won most promising model, Miss Personality, along with other awards. Her next endeavor will be to represent Pennsylvania in the national competition in Anaheim, California, in November to compete for a national title.

Titleholders in the National American Miss Pageant system are encouraged to meet their local elected official, make public

appearances, and serve their community. This is an enriching experience for these young ladies who will be among tomorrow's leaders. Anna and five of her fellow titleholders from each division are here today along with their chaperones. They are Ajae Richardson, Jasmine Jones, Brooklynn Ginsburg, Cassidy Quinn, and Kailey Grill. I ask my colleagues to give them a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator McGarrigle, the Miss Pennsylvania Princess and her mother, please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

### GUESTS OF SENATOR SEAN D. WILEY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator WILEY. Mr. President, today it is my honor to introduce my colleagues to Dr. Jay Badams, superintendent of Erie's public schools. Dr. Badams is here today to provide testimony to the Democratic Policy Committee regarding the impact of the ongoing budget impasse on the 12,000 students of Erie's public schools. There is no stronger advocate for public education than Dr. Badams. He fights courageously each and every day for what is best for the students in his district. Erie is stronger for people like Dr. Jay Badams. He is joined today by Brian Polito, the chief financial officer of Erie's public schools. I ask that my colleagues join me in welcoming Dr. Badams and Mr. Polito to the Senate of Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Wiley, Dr. Badams and Mr. Polito, from the great county of Erie, please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

### GUEST OF SENATOR PATRICIA H. VANCE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Cumberland, Senator Vance.

Senator VANCE. Mr. President, I believe the minister today, Reverend Trent Thompson, had to leave, but I would still like to tell you a little bit about him. He is a pastor at West Shore Free Church, one of the largest churches in Cumberland County. They have a weekly attendance of 2,500 people. Reverend Thompson and his wife have three children, two little girls and a 6-week-old son, which is why I think he needed to leave. They moved here from Texas a year and a half ago, and he has been a breath of fresh air. I ask that we give him a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the members of the Senate and in the Chamber please give a warm welcome to our pastor of the day, who gave us a lovely prayer.

(Applause.)

### RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a brief recess of the Senate and ask the Republican Members to come to the rostrum.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, the Democrats will meet around the podium here as well.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic meetings at their Leaders' rostrums, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

### AFTER RECESS

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

## CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

### RECONSIDERATION OF SB 1000, THE OBJECTIONS OF THE GOVERNOR TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING

#### MOTION TO PASS SB 1000 OVER GOVERNOR'S VETO, DEFEATED

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

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

The Clerk read the Governor's veto message as follows:

July 9, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE  
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 1, Printer's Number 1132.

This legislation provides no immediate cost savings to taxpayers and does not maximize long-term savings for taxpayers. We need pension reform that works.

The plan I delivered to the General Assembly would save at least \$10 billion, while at the same time ensuring that the Commonwealth will make all actuarially required contributions to fund our future pen-

sion obligations and reducing the burden placed on the Commonwealth and school districts in the short term. Since my budget proposal, I have found and shared an added \$7 billion in savings for a total of \$17 billion in savings to our retirement systems, which I have communicated to the General Assembly. Furthermore, the plan I proposed would reduce the over \$700 million in fees paid annually to Wall Street firms to manage our investments. Senate Bill No. 1 does not address these excessive fees.

During my consideration of Senate Bill No. 1, it became clear that the legislation violates federal tax law as it would be considered an impermissible cash or deferred arrangement (CODA). In addition, the bill forces newly-hired employees to pay down the unfunded liability of existing pension plans, caused by years of government failure to make necessary payments, while denying those new employees the full benefit of their contributions.

For the foregoing reasons, I must withhold my signature from Senate Bill No. 1, Printer's Number 1232.

Sincerely,

TOM WOLF  
Governor

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, pursuant to Article IV, Section 15, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I move that the Senate proceed with a reconsideration of Senate Bill No. 1000, Printer's No. 1232, and agree to pass the same, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman has moved that pursuant to Article IV, Section 15, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that the Senate proceed with reconsideration of Senate Bill No. 1000, Printer's No. 1232, and agree to pass the same, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The vote required for this motion is two-thirds of the Senators, or 33 votes. An "aye" vote is to override; a "no" vote is to sustain the Governor's veto.

On the question,

Shall the Senate reconsider and agree to pass the bill, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, as we stand here close to noon on October 28, the week of Halloween--tomorrow I will be attending my children's Halloween parade at their elementary school--as the kids get ready to do trick-or-treating and enjoy the festivities of the season, it is hard to imagine that our fiscal year, which began July 1, we still stand here without a State budget. I am not here to -- we are all sort of past the blame-game time. We are all frustrated. I know our Caucus is frustrated. I cannot speak for my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, but I assume they are frustrated as well, as well as the administration. The fact is that we still have differences to resolve, and those differences are still going to take some time to resolve. As unfortunate as that is, and as hard as that is to believe, that this many days past June 30 that we are still at an impasse, the fact of the matter is, we are. So, what do we do about that?

We can continue this path that we have been on, which we will, having discussions with the Governor, with our colleagues on the other side of the aisle, and with our friends in the other Chamber. In the meantime, while that is going on, there are real

problems in the Commonwealth. There are real problems of a lack of funding that the lack of a budget has caused. Our school districts throughout the Commonwealth are either now at the point where they have depleted their reserves, they are heading out for loans, which they will have to pay interest on, and they are facing difficult decisions, decisions that may ultimately lead to closing doors, which would be extremely problematic for the young people and the students of our Commonwealth. Every school district is a little different. I know one of my own has talked about January being the date for them that they will have to make a decision whether to close their doors or not. I have certainly heard other stories. One that seems to get the most attention is the one in Erie, the School District of Erie, which is really up against it. I think they have already given the superintendent the authority to close their doors, if they deem that necessary.

So, the question for all of us is, the money is sitting here in the Treasurer's office. People are still paying their taxes, people are still doing withholdings, and people are still buying things and paying sales tax. The money is coming to the Commonwealth. We have had an extensive amount of Federal money that has been appropriated to the Commonwealth that is sitting here in Harrisburg. So, the question before us today is do we want to get that emergency funding out? This is not a vote on the State budget, and this is not a vote on policy for the next year. We will still have those discussions. This is an emergency funding bill. We passed this bill about a month ago that would allow this funding to go out for the first 4 months. It still gives us plenty of time to negotiate the rest of the budget, and we can make any decisions based on what we want to do, philosophically, and I do not think any of the 4 months' worth of appropriations that this emergency funding would allow for, that we would be appropriating less than that. So, we are not making a statement today of policy. What we are doing is getting emergency funding to our school districts. We are getting emergency funding to our social services, which are probably in more difficult times because I do not know if they have the ability to borrow like maybe our school districts may have.

So, today is the day, it does not matter if you are Republican or Democrat, today is the day; whether you are conservative or liberal, today is the day; whether you are suburban, urban, or rural Pennsylvania, today is the day that we have failed. We have collectively failed to get a budget done. We can allow this to continue to harm our school districts, continue to allow it to harm our social services, or we can relieve the pressure. We can unite as one and relieve the pressure of those school districts and those social services for this emergency funding, get that money to them that is here, and get the Federal money to them that is here. There is no policy decision on the Federal money, it just goes to where it was meant to be. We can get all of that money out, relieve the pressure, and still have the discussions.

Now, I know the Governor has taken the position that if we do this, it is not a real budget, and it would take the pressure off of the legislature to continue to be here. Well, I can promise you that is not the case. We are all as motivated today to get this budget done. We need to land this plane, so to speak, and get a budget done for the people of Pennsylvania, and, hopefully, put us in the perspective that we will not have to go down this road next year and actually have a budget done that would include next year as well. That is our goal. That is our commitment. We

will be here as a Leadership team to meet with our colleagues on a regular basis, whenever need be. The recess motion at the end of the day will be to the call of the President pro tempore, so essentially we are on a 6-hour call. We will be on a 6-hour call to be here whenever we need to be here collectively, or the Leaders can be here every day to try to make this happen.

So, whether we release this emergency funding or not will not impact our commitment, our commitment as the Senate Republican Caucus, to get this budget done. We are committed no matter what happens here today. However, we all have school districts that are struggling right now. We all have social services that are struggling right now. It does not matter how you voted on this bill the first time. It does not matter where your policy statement is on this. This is a 4-month emergency funding to allow our school districts to stay open, to allow them not to have to face the decision to borrow money, pay interest that could be going into the classroom, to allow social services to not have to borrow money and pay interest that could be going to helping people in need. Yes, maybe there is an argument that we should be giving more money to them. That is fine. That is another argument. Today is the day that we can vote "aye" to take the pressure off of people who have no involvement in this process whatsoever. They are just sitting at home frustrated. They are sitting at home wondering why we cannot get this done. I wish we could get this done. I wish we could get it done today, but that is obviously not going to happen. So, I struggle to understand why we would not want to get these people out of harm's way.

What are we going to do if a school district, like the one in Erie that was talked about earlier, if they shut their doors down? What are the parents who have to work every day going to do for childcare of their children? What are they going to do? Are they going to understand that we do not have a budget done here? Are they going to understand that the money is sitting here in the Treasury Department and that we are not disbursing it out? They do not care whether we are suburban or rural or conservative or liberal. What they care about is, do we have the money? Can we educate our children? We can have this policy discussion. We can have this debate and we can continue on with how much and where it should go and what we need to do, as they say. We will continue to have that and we will need to have that.

For today, if you are a superintendent of any school district in the State that is facing the very difficult decision, if you are a school board facing the very difficult decision of can I keep my doors open today? Do I have to go out and borrow money, when I could be putting that money into a classroom, and I am now giving it to a bank. That is a real decision. That is a real-world decision that these administrators, these school board members have to make. It is a real decision that these social service providers are going to have to make. Can we provide these services anymore? We have people in need. Can rape counseling providers continue to be able to provide the support and the help to the people who suffer that very tragic incident, case, or attack? These are real-world decisions. This is not an inside-the-capital-beltway I have to get one up on you. This is a real-world decision that these social service providers have to face. Can I continue to provide this service? If I cannot, then what? These people just go without, I guess. If maybe I can borrow money, well, again, the money I can put into services to help people, I have to give to a bank. That is what is going on every day right now.

So, I know we want to stand by, have to keep the pressure on the legislature, we have to stay firm, and we cannot lose this battle, and that is great. Look, we are as guilty as the next, but today, every Member of this Chamber, and I promise you, if we pass this today and it goes to the House, they will pass it, and then within a week money can be flowing. Money could be going to our school districts so parents do not have to face that decision, what do I do with my children today because my school closed? People in need will not have to face that decision, well, I cannot get services. They cannot get them. They are not available. Or we can get past the partisan rhetoric, and again, this is not casting blame, we are all here together. We can get past that as the Senate and unite and vote "yes." We are not making a statement on what the budget should be. We are not saying Governor Wolf was right or wrong with the vote today. We are not saying the Senate Republicans are right or wrong with a "yes" vote today. What we are saying is we are helping the people who need our help right now. A "yes" vote today gets money flowing to our school districts, our social services, keeps State government operating, and allows us to take the pressure off those people who are really having a difficult time dealing with the pressure that they have to as this budget stalemate continues.

So, we are committed as a Caucus and as Members of this General Assembly to stay here and continue to negotiate, continue to discuss, but in the meantime, let us get this emergency funding out to the people who are in need.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, let me rise to thank the gentleman from Centre County for his eloquent remarks in terms of stating the issue that is outside of this particular Chamber and with which many folks in Pennsylvania are dealing. I also want to take this moment to apologize to the people of Pennsylvania because, collectively, we have not done what it is that we need to do. We have not been able to forge a compromise, and that is what the people of Pennsylvania want us to do, forge a compromise to try to address the concerns that have been raised, whether they were raised in 2014 as part of the electoral process or have been raised every day that we have been here in Session and in our districts. At the end of the day, we have not been able to do that, and there are reasons why. I will not elaborate on those reasons, but I do think that we have a continued obligation to get something done. I share the concern and the frustration that our previous speaker referenced with respect to not being able to reach a compromise. We want to do so in the worst way.

Mr. President, there are a couple of things that I would like to talk about. In our belief, the fact of the matter is, while the gentleman was very eloquent in terms of stating the case, we believe that the case would have been more appropriate, and probably would have been more receptive to the Members on this side of the aisle, had it not been done the day after one of our Members proposed that we stay here in the form of an amendment to the resolution that said we adjourn. Not only was it with respect to the amendment that was offered, but in conversations to try to mediate the situation, it was determined that today's activity would take place whether we offered an amendment or whether we simply voted "no" on the resolution that said we were going to leave to go home for a couple of weeks. That was the issue that one of our Members raised and was concerned about, be-

cause he, too, felt the frustration that was articulated by the previous speaker. He hears it and he sees it in the district, as do all of our Members. They hear it and see it and want us to be a part of this conversation, who believe sincerely that this conversation should take place with the Members being here, because when you sit across the table, whether it be in the community room or whether it be in a dining room or over dinner or lunch, wherever the conversation may take place, it is in the best interest of this body, this collective General Assembly, to help get something done along those lines. So, while he was very eloquent and we agree with many of the points that were raised, we believe it would be more sincere if it had not occurred after but rather before. Maybe last week when we were in Session, or the previous week when we were in Session, but to us it smacks as retaliatory in nature. We think that is wrong and we do not think there is any room for that here. That is why the Members will take the position on this side of the aisle to address that.

Now with respect to the issues that have been raised, there has been a lot of talk about the Erie School District. While we have great concern about how that process unfolds, my colleagues just conducted a policy hearing with seven different school district superintendents participating who were unified in their position and their belief that they are not necessarily agreeable to the stopgap measure that we have here today. Why is that? Because they want to see us conduct conversations on the budget, particularly as it relates to education, that are comprehensive and that are a full conversation about a budget. That is the direction they want to go. Do you know why? Because for the past 4 years they have been struggling. There was not the same level of concern for school districts over the course of the past 4 years that now we have here today on this Senate floor. School districts across the Commonwealth have been struggling, in our view, to the tune of about a \$4 billion cumulative reduction in education spending, and we know the consequences of that. Similarly, with respect to domestic violence programs, and broadly human service programs, those programs have been cumulatively reduced over the past 4 years--not just leading into this budget--to the tune of about \$320 million. I did not hear anybody standing up concerned about that when we passed previous budgets, but today that is a major concern. That, to me, is insincere and inconsistent messaging that we are sending to the people of Pennsylvania.

We believe that we have an appropriate opportunity to get something done. I can share with the Members that I am an optimist, and I do believe that things are moving in the right direction, and I do believe that we are probably closer today than we have ever been to trying to get something done. We stand ready to join with our colleagues in the Senate Republican Caucus and the House Democratic Caucus and the administration to really begin to hone in on some numbers and quit the political rhetoric about what has taken place over the course of the past several weeks and months to get to a place where we can have a sincere budget that we present to the people of Pennsylvania and they accept, and then we will be able to do that. That requires us to work together and have meetings and things of that nature. We were able to, working with the Majority Leader, convene a five-party conversation a couple of weeks back that I thought was helpful and productive, but, unfortunately, the parties are not coming together again. We are ready. My hope and expectation is that they will want to come back to the table and continue those conversations and continue those five-party dialogues. That

is what needs to take place. That is what we should be focusing on. Quite frankly, that is what we should be doing as we stand here today, at a little bit after noon on this Wednesday afternoon. That is something that we should be doing. That is what the Members of this Caucus want to do. That is why they are not in support of a stopgap measure that is one-third of House Bill No. 1192 which, in our view, was something that was balanced not on real revenues, but rather on rhetoric and what we believe to be smoke and mirrors.

We believe that this is a bad stopgap and folks want us to continue to fight on principle, the principle being we need to make more investments in education because we know the outcome of those investments are positive. We know they want us to make sure that we invest in domestic or human service programs to make sure that we fund them properly, so that we do not continue to push the problem down to the local municipalities and counties. They want us to make investments in economic development programs to grow jobs in our communities. House Bill No. 1192, or one-third of House Bill No. 1192, which is represented in Senate Bill No. 1000, does not do that in any way, shape, or form. We will have that conversation about the levels of funding as we go forward, but we believe that we have to make sure that we come together and that we consistently talk and we consistently have discussions among the parties to reach a resolution. That has not happened over the course of several weeks, but that was what was reflected and the frustration that our Members saw here the last couple of days that got us to this point today.

Our Members want us to stay here, whether it is just Leaders or whether it is all of us. At the end of the day, we need to continue to have dialogue, discussion, and conversation to bring this whole concept to closure so that we are able to provide the people of Pennsylvania an appropriate budget level that they think they deserve in this Commonwealth, and in our view needs to focus on education, human service programs, has to have property tax relief as part of it, we have to look at the pension issue, and we have to look, as I said earlier, at economic development programs. That is the stuff we are going to fight for. We are going to continue to fight for it. It is not reflected in this stopgap budget, and that is why I am asking for a "no" vote from Members on this side of the aisle.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, a couple of things. The gentleman implied that today's vote, I believe, in his words--and I could be wrong; if I am wrong, I apologize, so I will paraphrase--was in retribution of some sort for an amendment that was offered yesterday on the weekly recess resolution. That would imply that the amendment that was offered was significant enough to warrant a response. Clearly, it was not. Everyone is frustrated around here, as I said. Some people suggested being here every day might be helpful to the process. I do not know if the entire General Assembly being here every day would be helpful to the process, but this has nothing to do with whether we are here every day or whether we are back at the call of the President pro tempore or whenever we come back.

My Members are frustrated. They voted for emergency funding a month ago and it was vetoed by the Governor. So every day since then they have been pounding on us, we have to show that

we are still standing behind trying to get this money out. Since we have not been able to progress to the level that we would like to in our negotiations, again, we are faced with the same decision as we were a month ago when this bill passed - while we are sitting here negotiating, while we are sitting here trying to figure out how to put this budget together, why would we not want to get money to our school districts? Why would we not want to get money to our social services in the meantime? The gentleman was very eloquent in his remarks, but he did not say one reason why it would be harmful. I did not hear one reason why it would be harmful to appropriate this money now as we continue these discussions.

One of our colleagues introduced a couple of his superintendents earlier today. Do you think they care whether this is temporary money, one-third? I do not think they care. I think they care that their doors are going to stay open, that they can pay their employees, that parents in their districts will not have to face the decision of, what am I going to do with my kids while I am working a full day because their school is closed? Has anybody given me a reason why this is harmful to the Commonwealth? You can make the bigger argument that we should be funding it at this level for the whole State for the whole year. You can make the argument that we need to do more, whatever. That is fine. That is an argument worthy of making and we can make. We can have that discussion.

We are here because we are still fighting over how much taxes this Governor wants to raise. I know that there are many Members over there who said they do not want to do an across-the-board tax increase. It takes three of them today to change this whole process. If three Members on the other side of the aisle stand up and vote to get this emergency funding out, we will have changed this process and, I guarantee you, will move this to a quick end, because the message will be sent loud and clear that this is no longer Republican and Democrat. This needs to get done and we need to get the money to our schools and to our social services. Three votes. Three people make that decision today. I guarantee you, you want to get this done, that will change the game. That will say it is not about Republican and Democrat anymore, it is about getting this done. Three votes. That is all it takes.

So, again, does someone want to stand up and say why this is harmful? To make sure our school districts' doors do not close, that our parents will not have to figure out what to do with their children once those school districts close. Does someone want to figure out why getting money to social services in a third-of-the-year basis to take the pressure off them--I am open to hear how this is harmful to the Commonwealth. I think it is pretty helpful to the Commonwealth.

So, again, let us put all of our rhetoric aside, let us put our Republican, Democrat, rural, suburban, urban, conservative, liberal, moderate, whatever you are -- do you want our schools to be open? Do we want our social services to be able to provide services to people in need? Today is the day to say "aye." If you say "aye," I guarantee that the House will pick it up and it will pass. Then we can take the pressure off of those who are struggling the most to keep things afloat while we continue to have our significant and important discussions on the future of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

## LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

And the question recurring,

Shall the Senate reconsider and agree to pass the bill, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding?

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

## YEA-30

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

## NAY-19

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

Less than a constitutional two-thirds majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

**RECONSIDERATION OF VOTE ON SB 1000****BILL VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR,  
OVER IN ORDER**

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that, pursuant to Senate Rule 11(j), the Senate reconsider its vote by which it failed to pass Senate Bill No. 1000, Printer's No. 1232, which had been disapproved by the Governor, and that the bill go over in its order.

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

**BILL VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR****BILL OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 1001** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR****BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 146, HB 447, SB 482, SB 489, SB 606, HB 837, SB 868, HB 907, HB 909 and SB 927** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**SB 942 (Pr. No. 1174)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 20, 2000 (P.L.724, No.99), known as the Municipal Code and Ordinance Compliance Act, further providing for compliance requirement.

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 present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**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 LAID ON THE TABLE**

**HB 1340 (Pr. No. 1822)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in condominiums, further providing for creation, alteration and termination of condominiums and for management of condominiums; and, in planned communities, further providing for creation, alteration and termination of planned communities and for management of planned communities.

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

**HB 1340 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 1340, Printer's No. 1822, 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

**HB 1411** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

## SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

## BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 50** and **SB 62** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

## BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**HB 89 (Pr. No. 79)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in discipline, removal and retirement of judicial officers, further providing for automatic retirement on age.

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

**HB 90 (Pr. No. 251)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for compensation and retirement of justices, judges and justices of the peace.

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

## BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 126, SB 127, SB 201** and **HB 263** -- 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 388 (Pr. No. 996)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in lobbying disclosure, further providing for prohibited activities.

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.

## BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 400** and **HB 455** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

## BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**SB 518 (Pr. No. 1371)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, enacting the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act (2015); and providing for user direction and agreements, for disclosure of digital assets, for functions of fiduciaries and for compliance and immunity for custodians of digital assets.

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

## BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 579, HB 696, SB 731** and **SB 735** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

## BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**HB 753 (Pr. No. 1052)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

## BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 805, HB 838, SB 851** and **SB 976** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

## BILL RECOMMITTED

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

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

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

## BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 984, SB 1045, SB 1046, HB 1161, HB 1278, HB 1279, HB 1332** and **HB 1335** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.



## UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on Local Government, reported the following bills:

### SB 340 (Pr. No. 1382) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in indebtedness and borrowing, further providing for definitions, for classification and authority to issue bonds and notes, for cost of project and for exclusion of other self-liquidating debt to determine net nonelectoral debt or net lease rental debt; providing for preliminary filings with the department prior to the issuance of certain debt; further providing for small borrowing for capital purposes, for debt statement, for submission to department, for certificate of approval of transcript, for effect of failure of timely action by department and for records of department; and providing for duties of participants in transactions relating to incurring debt and issuing bonds and notes.

### SB 341 (Pr. No. 475)

An Act amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further providing for money of authority and for competition in award of contracts; and, in ethics standards and financial disclosure, further providing for investigations by commission.

### SB 342 (Pr. No. 1383) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, providing for interest rate risk and interest cost management; and, in indebtedness and borrowing, further providing for definitions; and expanding the scope of provisions relating to interest rate risk and interest cost management to include authorities.

### SB 343 (Pr. No. 477)

An Act providing for requirements for interest rate management agreements entered into by a city or county of the first class.

### SB 344 (Pr. No. 478)

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1967 (P.L.869, No.385), known as the Public Works Contractors' Bond Law of 1967, further providing for duty of prime contractor to provide financial security in certain contracts involving public works and public improvements.

### SB 997 (Pr. No. 1384) (Amended)

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for liability imposed on and eligibility for public benefits of a municipality of refuge.

## SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators SABATINA, TEPLITZ, VOGEL, DINNIMAN, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, PILEGGI, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, FARNESE, COSTA, VULAKOVICH and AUMENT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 236**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of November 2015 as "American Made Month" in Pennsylvania and encouraging the purchase of American-made products.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SABATINA. Mr. President, I offer this resolution designating November as "American Made Month" in Pennsylvania. Over the past several decades, we have seen more and more about good family-sustaining jobs being moved overseas. It started with the textile industry in the 1960s, then the steel industry in the 1970s and early 1980s, and now it seems that almost every business is looking to cut costs by moving its manufacturing industry outside of the United States. I have seen it in my district when the parent company of Nabisco shut down the factory in northeast Philadelphia. They now make Oreo cookies in Mexico. Much of Heinz ketchup is now made in Ontario, Canada, when it had been a Pittsburgh staple for generations. This goes for all industries - manufacturing, farming, clothing, and electronics. It is very rare to see a product with a tag that says it was made in the United States anymore.

Small groups all across America are trying to change this. There is a movement that, as we try to become more energy independent, we are hoping to bring manufacturing back to the United States and the good-paying jobs that go along with it. More manufacturing jobs at home mean a better economy, a stronger labor force means less reliance on government programs and assistance, and there are so many factors that go into bringing jobs back home that it has to start somewhere. So by naming November American Made Month, I am calling on everyone to do a small part in making this more than just a designation. Ask at your local stores if they sell products made in America. As managers hear the requests, they begin to make an effort. Additionally, ask when you are online shopping, send a chat or email asking if the product is made in America. Post on companies' social media pages and urge them to sell more products that are made in America. Use your voice. Patronize stores that sell U.S.-made products and try to use them exclusively. Each small step by everyone in this room can make a huge difference over time. The hope is that someday very soon it will be commonplace, once again, to turn over an electronic device or look at a label on a shirt and have it read, proudly made in the USA.

Thank you, Mr. President

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

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

## 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 Jordan Bender by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Barry A. Reppert and to Raymond F. Bender by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. I. Wayne Brubaker, Mr. and Mrs. G. Harold Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Burnell Lausch, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Copenhaver, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin, Sister Mary Matthew Bridget Janciar, Sister Clea Marie Margaret Reineberg, James Dissinger, Kryshreiner, Sylvia Blust, Jettie Mae Mills, Matilda Boccabella, Willard Hershey, Jr., Mill Road Elementary School and to Pleasant View Retirement Community by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Talarico, Devin Luke Santiago and to Warren Mekeel by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew J. Metrovich, Head Start of Beaver County and to Scenery Hill Lions Club by Senator Bartolotta.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joanne Digwood and to Sharon Shandra by Senator Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert W. Stahr, Vernon J. Howerter, Joshua Popichak, Jonathan Hart and to Easton Hunger Coalition by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Barry Diehl, Mark Fiorini and to Good Shepherd Rehabilitation by Senators Boscola, Browne, and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Unity Volunteer Fire Department by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Zack Ford, Abbie Turner Michael, Cori Clayton Erford, Thomas Burdick, Grove City Realty, Grove Manor and to Sweet Jeanie's by Senator Brooks.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jerold Allan Dougherty, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Austin Miller, Eric R. Schoenberger, Don Bernhard and to the Woman's Club of Allentown by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. David DeCampi, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hankee, Reverend Laura L. Klick, Antoinette Cicale, David M. Lobach, Jr., Kathleen M. Mills, Richard Fleming, Joyce L. Reed-Ebling, Bethlehem Area School District Mini-THON, Billy's Downtown Diner, Lehigh University, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., The Salvation Army of the Greater Lehigh Valley, Lehigh University Small Business Development Center and to the Mary Ellen Golf Tournament Committee by Senators Browne, Boscola, and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Betty Aurandt Lawhead family, the Allen Fultz family, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Clouser, Sr., John Gondak, Mark A. Coll, Alexis Hartman, Steven E. Brown, John B. Brown Funeral Home, Inc., and to Huntingdon County Library by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Dr. Fred Rapone, Mr. and Mrs. John Bonacci, Mr. and Mrs. Carey White, John Gleason, Benjamin J. Krings, Theresa Colaizzi, Terry McGuire, Chris Hough, Bradley Meyer, Gillian Yobbi, Katherine Degler, Lisa Herring, Vickie Morabito-Young, Tom Wolper, Kyle Goldcamp, Kristi Hidel-Roberts, Dan Pfleger, Mark Pfleger, Janet Aland, Jessica Pais, Save-mor Beer and Pop Warehouse, Michael Kelley Memorial Gift and to Staghorn Home and Garden Caf by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Robinson, Cheryl Messere, Logan William Coyle, Michael Joseph Bagatta, Steve Webb, John Pawlowski, Robert Grabus, Lewis Wilkinson, Francis J. DiSanti, Matthew Alexander Tweedie, Joseph J. Dougherty, Denise Scargill, Arts Holding Hands and Hearts, Inc., New Direction After School Program, Seven Stars Farm and to Schuylkill Meeting by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Saint Norbert Elementary School by Senators Dinniman and McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Georgia F. Brutscher, Robert Eaves and to Joseph McAllister by Senators Dinniman and Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Eric Flach by Senators Dinniman and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sister Maureen Lawrence McDermott, Dr. Neil Serpico, Joan Wagner, Maureen Polley, Harry Lewis, Jr., Edwin W. Lawrence, Hank Bernat, Charles Frederick Weber, Jr., Ben Davis, Joe Senser, Paul Chenger, Scott Gold, Leon Bell, Jacqueline Dryfoos, Rose Greskoff, To-Jo Mushrooms, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local Union No. 465 and to the 1970 Avon Grove High School Boys' Basketball Team by Senator Dinniman and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William R. Engleman and to Cameron M. Crouse by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lisa Ciaranca Kaplan by Senator Farnese.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Master Sergeant Julie A. Campbell by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Carl Johnson, Jr., and to Bernice Joan Kenney by Senators Folmer and Teplitz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christopher C. Neuffer by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew J. Foley, Jeremy D. Ford, Constance T. Wood, Michael McDevitt and to Robert Charles Stillwell by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patrick Cunnane by Senator Haywood.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Harrah, Cadet Second Lieutenant Logan V. Markle, Andrew John Hines and to the Visiting Nurse Association of Western Pennsylvania by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Roseline Romain and to the Temple University Veterans Day Program by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Luke F. Heron and to William E. Reimer, Jr., by Senator McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Dr. Wylie W. Johnson, Dr. Merle Horowitz, Russell L. Carter, Charles Burns, John J. V. Cook, William R. Hilton, Sr., Marge Lozinak Lawrence and to Anna M. Wright by Senators McGarrigle and Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Andrew Widmeier, Jonathan Peter Darlak, Kevin M. Zlock, Paul Pulli, Duncan Marlowe Paxton-Lawrence, Joseph Vernachio, Kyle K. Schmauk, Brandon R. Cadwallader, Mary Roman, Heather A. Cevasco, Zane Moore, John P. Skudris, Jr., and to Theodore Thomas Carroll by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to F. Russell Curtis V by Senators McIlhinney and Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Owen Keith Rothrock and to Jacob Norton by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Madge C. Wertzberger, Benjamin E. Schenk, Ian Mears, Dylan John Smallacombe, Helen W. Kunkel, Robert Hochhauser, Juanita J. Johnson and to Concord Senior Citizens' Group by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christopher Ehlinger, Ryan James Sergas, Nicholas Alexander Morton and to Bustard's Christmas Trees by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Terry Boston by Senators Rafferty and Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Robert S. Blasi and to Dennis Donahue by Senator Sabatina.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allenbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Copenhaver, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Polaski, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller and to Gabriel Janerella by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Joseph Angelini, Jim Gloria, Cassandra Miller, Donald Jones, Benjamin James MacHale and to Joel Scott Benko by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Justin A. Siberski, Matthew C. Van Etten, ReadingFilm and to the members of the Garden Club of Reading by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mark Wolfskill by Senators Schwank and Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Clarence Edward Darcus by Senator Smucker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the veterans of the Vietnam War and to the Rotary Club of Somerset by Senator Stefano.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to George Ricchezza, Jose Dones and to Edward Lichtenhahn by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Grace Reisinger by Senator Teplitz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sergeant Edward R. Cotton III, Chief William Wiegman, Jr., James A. Curran, Jr., Edward W. Devenney, Joseph Malmrose and to Don G. Rubin by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. and Mrs. William David Kautz, Connor Langhurst Long, Robert Wyatt Long, Gary D. St. Hilaire, Aron Alexander Spasic and to Jacob William Kautz by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David Matthew Trella, Alexander Bowman, Sergio Bonaventura Graziani, Daniel William Blinn, Zachary J. Paff, Elaine J. Smith, Alex J. Pfeifer, Samuel Kerr, Neshannock Township Volunteer Fire Company and to Ellwood City Lions Club by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Edward Duss and to John Naleppa by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Citizens Volunteer Fire Company of Fawn Grove by Senator Wagner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Clara DelTorre and to First Antioch Baptist Church of Greensburg by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nagle, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Neff, Laura Wailes Henry, Sandra L. Motchar, Nicholas P. Petrush and to Mary Teresa McCandless by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Council of Women's Organizations in Erie and to The Upper Room of Erie, Inc., by Senator Wiley.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Dr. Evelyn Graves, Dr. Penny Nixon, Donn Scott, Steven Scott Bradley and to Carmella Kane by Senator Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Don Zucco, Terri Geary and to George Griffith and the late Tom O'Brien by Senator Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Friedrich Schaeffer by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Thomas M. Tigue, Lieutenant General Rhett A. Hernandez, Bruce Phair, Phil Nardiello, Mary Hydock Sokolosky, Michael Sowinski, Brandon Hampton, Geisinger Health System, Joyce Insurance Group, Saint Conrads Young Men's Society, National Federation of the Blind of Pennsylvania and to Greater Hazleton Concert Series by Senator Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Greater Wilkes-Barre Association of Realtors by Senators Yudichak, Baker, and Blake.

## 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 Alfred S. Casale, to the family of the late James Fredrick Sibley, Jr., to the family of the late Ethel C. Rose and to the family of the late Nancy R. Slocum by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Dr. Barry G. Ginsberg, to the family of the late Howard Paul Kester, to the family of the late Nancy Hamilton Burkart and to the family of the late Edward L. Reim, Sr., by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Ruth Elizabeth Gore by Senator Schwank.

## POSTHUMOUS CITATIONS

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

A posthumous citation honoring the late Corporal Martin A. King was extended to the family by Senator Argall.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Jack McClellan was extended to the family by Senator Dinniman and others.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Corporal Martin A. King was extended to the family by Senator Teplitz.

## BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of all bills reported from committees for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

**SB 340, SB 341, SB 342, SB 343, SB 344, SB 997 and HB 794.**

And said bills having been considered for the first time,

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

## BILL REREFERRED

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

**SB 997.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

### SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

##### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015

1:00 P.M.	SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENATE ADDRESS (to receive testimony from a panel of district attorneys)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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##### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

10:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING and VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (joint public hearing on Senate Bills No. 38 and 227; as well as Homeless Veteran Issues)	Drexel U. Paul Peck Alumni Ctr. Philadelphia
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##### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 691, 859 and 860; and House Bills No. 683 and 934)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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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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## PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator WILEY. Mr. President, I usually do not participate in Petitions and Remonstrances, but today I felt that it was necessary to make some brief comments. This morning, we had the opportunity to hear from superintendents across the State to talk about education funding, and to talk about the importance of systemic changes in our educational system and funding it responsibly. We talked about the challenges we face in the formulas that we use, and we talked about the potential vote that we would have to cast today in relation to the override of the Governor's veto. I was proud that we had members of the Erie School District here present today, and they are present in the gallery now. We also had charter schools represented today, which gave us a great background and input on all of the types of education that we face.

Mr. President, Erie has been brought up on a number of occasions today because we face some monumental challenges in the funding of education and the impasse that we find ourselves in today. I want to make something vividly clear that was brought up: the children and the parents of the school districts we serve and the constituencies we serve every day, we have listened to their loud voices, the voices of this impasse, and the impact that this has on those families. We have also listened to the challenges that these families have faced over the last 4 to 5 years when we have not invested in education at a responsible level. So rather than putting a Band-Aid on some of the issues that we face and not addressing the core issue of funding education responsi-

bly, we find ourselves in a situation of casting a very difficult vote of whether to partially fund our budget or fully getting the job done. We have listened to those superintendents this morning and over the last number of months, and these are our leaders in our school districts. These are those whom we charge with making the decisions that are best for an Erie School District, the 12,000 students that we have, and we heard vividly clear that a partial budget or partial investment is not the answer. We have heard, vividly clear, that is not the answer. We are hearing that not from each other, we are hearing that from the professionals and the experts that we rely on for the boots on the ground and the information. So, today I was proud to cast a vote that supports their efforts.

Unfortunately, we have an impasse that continues. We find ourselves in a situation that we have to go back to our districts and justify the fact that we are not in Harrisburg, and justify the fact that we do not have a budget yet, and justify the fact that we are attempting to underfund our educational system and the key core services that we provide across the State. We all face that - Republicans, Democrats, all of us. All of us face those same challenges. Mr. President, I think it is critical to fight for those students, to fight for those in the human service arena, to fight for the families across this Commonwealth to finish this budget and introduce a comprehensive approach to moving this Commonwealth forward.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, as I look over the events of the last 2 days, it is really like two sides of the coin. The public says, on one hand, lock us up in a room and get this thing done already, which is sort of like what the Democratic resolution was about. On the other hand, many in the public also say, people are suffering, get this thing done already, which is what the Republican resolution was saying. So, in essence, what we have to do is understand that there are many voices out there and we have to not just take one voice or take the other voice, but we have to put it together and actually get this thing finally done.

What dawned on me, as we talk about the opposite sides of the coin, is that we are forgetting the buck, and that buck is property tax. In my district, I have approached this whole budget scene in a very different way. I have presented the citizens with the five possible options that are out there: certainly, there is the Governor's, there is the budget that was passed by the Majority, there was the House budget, there was a budget proposal from the Democratic Caucus, and there was Senate Bill No. 76. What the constituents said again and again is, yes, we do not want higher taxes, but at the same time, we can no longer take the higher taxes that will come if we do not do property tax reform. Now we are faced with the question: if we just pass the Majority budget, will that result in any tax increases for anyone? Well, in my county it will, because if the money is not from here to the school districts, then each of those school districts will raise their property tax, as they have done over the years. If they raise their property tax, then the local residents who have property end up paying a higher tax. So what some seniors have said in these hearings and the town meetings I have had is, listen, if you raise the income tax just enough to take care of a reduction in the property tax, then what happens is I benefit, because as a senior citizen, I do not pay anything on property if I have a pension.

The seniors are saying to me, at least on the sales tax, I can determine what I want to spend and buy, but I cannot determine that when it comes to the property tax, because I have to pay it or I could lose my house.

All I am saying, Mr. President, is that there are ways to resolve this. There are good compromises. I do not want higher taxes, but what I fear is that some in our community, the senior citizens, those who are most vulnerable, year after year get the higher taxes because we are doing nothing about property tax reform. I want to make it clear that I am not attacking anyone, because I know that there are 27 Members of this Senate, a coalition of Republicans and Democrats, who want property tax reform, who want that change. All I am saying, Mr. President, is as we go toward this final budget compromise, we need to put into the mix the property tax equation. Even if it is just substituting a dollar for a dollar, a dollar property tax for a dollar increase in the income tax, at least what will happen is the same individuals, the same people who are vulnerable, will not see an increase in their property tax year after year. When I say that, Mr. President, I happen to agree with what many of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle said. School districts need to have spending within their budgets. This is only going to work if we get in place and deal with some of those Act 1 exemptions that let school boards increase those property taxes when they do not need to.

Mr. President, we need to look at other sources of income to keep the property tax down, as well. I certainly think we can close the Delaware loophole. That is \$250 million, Mr. President, that would come to the schools here. We certainly have to discuss the Marcellus Shale. I think you cannot go in the degree of taxes that have been suggested at 5 percent, because the industry itself is in trouble. But there is a way to reach a compromise on that. We certainly need to, for example, look at some suggestions that have been made by the fine Senator from Cambria County, who says to combine those back-office functions of the school districts. Do we really need, in a place like my county, 12 separate superintendents, 12 separate solicitors, or 12 separate human resource officers? Is there a way that we can actually use intermediate units in the way they were supposed to be used, which was to consolidate certain functions and to result in savings for our school districts?

I want lower taxes, Mr. President, but I also want to deal with the property tax issue. I want to keep some control on the spending in our schools, especially with the Act 1 exemption, but I also want us to look at other sources of funding on the schools, including the Delaware loophole, including ways to consolidate back-office functions so the money can go into our classrooms. Mr. President, I know there are schools that have not only a principal but three assistant principals. There are schools which have all of these assistant superintendents. We need to deal with the administrative overload and focus where the classroom is and where the rubber hits the road, which is teachers in that classroom, Mr. President. I also know that the testing that is going on currently is a \$300 million unfunded mandate on the schools, and we in the Senate, in a bipartisan vote, 49 to 0, asked that at least there be a hold on the graduation requirement, and that requirement is costing much of the \$300 million. I am disappointed that the Department of Education has not spoken out on this and has not joined the 49 Members of this body in calling for such a hold.

Finally, Mr. President, let me say that we need to respect each other. I worked with the fine gentleman from Lehigh County in getting a new school funding formula, and his interest in making sure children are taken care of is sincere. The Majority chair on the Committee on Education, from Lancaster County, which I co-chair, deeply cares about poor children in this Commonwealth and wants to see something done. I know that my friend from Bucks County, when he speaks out and voted today, deeply cares about those students in PHEAA who are having difficulty. When Senator Wiley speaks, he speaks from the heart and he is concerned about each and every student in his area.

What we have to do, Mr. President, is stop criticizing each other. What we have to do is accept that each of us has a right to our opinion and that no one group can say they are more concerned about young people than the other, because on both sides of the aisle, there are enough Members who in their heart, in their soul, and in every fiber of their body deeply care about the young people of this Commonwealth and at the same time want to have property tax reform and want to save money from our schools and do not want to see huge tax hikes in the form of huge property taxes.

I believe we can resolve this, Mr. President, through respect for each other. I believe we can resolve this if we do not take shots at each other or at the Governor, who I also know is sincere in his belief. I believe we are on the path to that resolution, and I congratulate and thank our legislative Leaders, both Senator Costa and Senator Corman, for what they are doing to bring resolution to this situation. I thank you, Mr. President, for your good work in trying to find a compromise here in Pennsylvania. That is what we need to do. If we return in 3 weeks and do not have it, shame on all of us, because too many people are getting hurt.

So we have this break. The people do indeed want to stick us in a room and the people do indeed want us to help those who are in need, but the people also want a long-term structural solution, and the people also want, finally, at last, when after five decades the glimmer of light comes on property tax reform and lowering the property tax, they do not want that forgotten, Mr. President, either. I think we can bring it together. I pray and hope we can bring it together, and I rise in this remonstrance not to criticize anyone, but to say I know everyone here wants to bring a successful conclusion.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman from Chester for his always eloquent remarks. The folks of whom the Senator is speaking, we have a number of young people in the gallery, young Pennsylvanians, and when we are talking about public education, it is good to see the young people here for this important debate.

The Chair recognizes my feisty friend from the Lehigh Valley, the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, the budget impasse has dragged on now for 120 days. In my view, one of the root causes of this stalemate is political polarization. As a legislative body, we are less and less willing to work together, cooperate, and compromise on issues. We are less willing to take chances on bipartisan solutions, and less willing to be seen as sympathetic or even tolerant of positions that do not fit party litmus tests. In our deliberations, many of us have become paralyzed by our party's extreme base. More and more Senators are tucked safely into creatively carved, impenetrable political fiefdoms. These

Members are far more likely to get primaried than actually beaten by someone from the other side. Decades and decades of gerrymandering are partially to blame for the kind of budget stalemate that is grinding away endlessly before our eyes. So, let us face it, any serious discussion about government reform must begin and end with redistricting reform.

As I said when we formed the bipartisan, bicameral work group on redistricting in June, our government has deteriorated into a politically tainted, polarized, and gridlocked force that is more about self-preservation than representative government. Mr. President, we cannot fix the problem until we deal with the cause. We cannot expect to give voters more competitive races until we give them legislative district boundaries that are fair and actually reflect them and the communities they live in. We cannot hope to get politics out of the redistricting process until we get the politicians out of the redistricting process.

People should be choosing their leaders, not the other way around. No one would defend the kind of nonsense that played out during the 2010 disgraceful redistricting cycle. It was punctuated by the State Supreme Court rejecting the commission's maps, and a piano teacher from the Lehigh Valley using her home computer to create redrawn maps that were far superior to what the commission members, staffers, lawyers, retired judges, all of the king's horses and all of the king's men, could come up with. The end result was district maps that looked more like Rorschach inkblots than cohesive and rational district boundaries that keep communities of interest intact. We need redistricting reform and we need to get it right. We also need to get it right now before the 2020 redistricting cycle.

Mr. President, it is for these reasons that I have introduced my bill that would take the partisanship and politics out of how we redraw legislative maps. Senate Bill No. 484 would create an independent citizenship commission to create both legislative and congressional redistricting plans. Commission members would not be allowed to hold political office or party, be related to those who hold office, or work for those who hold office. The commission would use the latest mapmaking software and would work to insure that districts are more competitive, fair, compact, contiguous, and community based, like they should be. Mr. President, the redistricting process is the foundation for how fair and competitive our legislature will be. It is the very rock which our representative democracy is based upon. Until we fix redistricting, we cannot hope to fix how we do business here.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Wagner.

Senator WAGNER. Mr. President, good afternoon. I appreciate the opportunity to speak this afternoon. I will tell you that if there is a word that I could use today that would describe how I feel, it would be disgusted. Why am I disgusted? Because we continue to debate the budget. We have presented an emergency funding package to the Governor. We do not have enough votes to pass that in this body. Meanwhile, in my Senate district, we have two charter schools that are faced with serious financial implications. One of those schools, with 530-plus students, was not able to make payroll on October 16 and will not be able to

make payroll this coming Friday. Seventy total employees at the school.

I hear from my colleagues across the aisle that we should respect each other. We should stop criticizing each other. We should stop taking shots at each other. Shame on us. I was told by a colleague of mine about an hour ago that Governor Wolf has made the decision to hire a meteorologist. So, I went on my computer and looked up the story. There is a meteorologist that is being hired by the Wolf administration. State meteorologist Jeff Jumper starts next week. When that happens, one State agency will be paying his \$62,000 a year contract. At the same time, another State agency will be paying a private weather service almost twice that amount for regular forecasts. PennDOT is currently paying AccuWeather \$116,000 for regular forecasts. In the private sector, we pick up the phone and just call downstairs and see how the weather is doing. Maybe the Governor's office could call PennDOT and find out what AccuWeather has to report today. This is disgusting that we stand here and we talk about the schools and all of the problems, but the Governor is hiring a meteorologist.

Now, there is another Senator that I had a conversation with in the last hour, and he actually believes that the Governor may have an agenda; that we are probably going to see this year, or within the next 12 months, a department of climate change. Can you believe that? I actually believe that we are heading down that road. Is there a single person in this body, whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, who can stand here, go back to their district and say, oh, we are all worried about going back at Thanksgiving and not having a budget passed. Well, as I have told you before, Mr. President, I am an employer and I employ several hundred people in southcentral Pennsylvania. This coming Friday is the 18th Friday that my various companies will issue paychecks. Pennsylvania State withholding taxes will be taken out of those paychecks this coming Friday and will be wired to the Treasury by next Wednesday. The money continues to pile up. Oh, but we are hiring a meteorologist. That is really great.

You know what? This is probably the one single day of the year and a half that I have been here that makes me sick to my stomach. We cannot pass a budget. We hear that we should not take shots at each other, but I am going to tell you something, if you worked for my company, I would have fired you because I am sick to my stomach today that we hired a meteorologist, and I hope the people of Pennsylvania are as sick as I am because enough is enough. We should pass this emergency funding measure and give the people the 4 months of funding that we need until we work out this problem.

Thank you, Mr. President. I am going to stop now before I get more angry and more disgusted.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Haywood.

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, earlier in this Session there was a request for one reason that we would not support the veto override, so I have one reason. That one reason is the \$130 million cut in child welfare that is contained in this stopgap budget. The child welfare line item is critical, provides services for children in foster care and who are vulnerable. A \$130 million cut to those services is one thing that I cannot support. I do share with the last speaker a high level of disgust, and I am also appalled with what has happened in the last 2 days, although not

for the same reasons. The proposal to stay here until the budget gets done is receiving a tremendous amount of support from the citizens who elected us to be here. Over 28,000 citizens online are looking at us to address this issue. Many more are paying attention in the media. When I think of the private sector analogy and who should be fired - when I was an employer, if I had employees involved in a critical mission who then said for 2 weeks they were going to leave the job, they would be fired.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, yesterday afternoon we had the opportunity to report out of committee a bill which basically would allow transportation network companies to operate legally within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I was very happy to have the opportunity to work with the gentlewoman from Washington County, and I congratulate her on her effort and her hard work over the last several months.

For the purpose of my remarks, Mr. President, I want to try to focus on the relevance to Philadelphia, and, specifically, the First Senatorial District. I do not think there is any question that, in terms of the usage and the opportunities for employment in rideshare, that my district, the First Senatorial District, is certainly one of the top three, if not the top, area within the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We welcome this. I look forward to it. I supported the legislation yesterday in committee. I worked with the amendment process to try to get it better, because I think it is exactly what our constituents want. I will continue to support it and continue to try to make it better.

But what has become increasingly clear throughout this lengthy process of the amendments and trying to get this ready is that a multibillion-dollar technology industry, Uber, Lyft, and UberX -- and just so the folks understand what this is, these are rideshare companies where folks can use their own vehicle to go out and basically pick up folks and make extra money or work as a driver. It is good for the economy and I think it is good for Pennsylvania. It is only going to be good for Pennsylvania, Mr. President, if it is done right, and it has to be done with the best interest of the Commonwealth, the people in Pennsylvania, and the safety of people in Pennsylvania.

I was reading an article a couple of weeks ago--it was actually from October 24--it was a representative from Uber, Ms. Bennett, who defined ridesharing as a different transportation model, and that transportation alternative deserves a different set of rules. Well, if we are going to start changing the rules here, we want to make sure that we make rules that are good and safe. The process was started yesterday and it is going to begin to move forward with final passage with a vote here and then go over to the House. There are certain things, Mr. President, which did not make it in the bill, which I think should have. Number one, we, right now, as the bill stands, have a 1-percent share of revenue, a surcharge that will give 25 percent to the Philadelphia Parking Authority and 75 percent to the School District of Philadelphia. I think that point is extremely relevant, for a lot of reasons. Many times here in this Chamber, in this building, as someone from Philadelphia, I have been told that the Philadelphia School District needs to make itself more self-sufficient. Stop coming here looking for money. Sometimes they make a point. Be more fiscally sound. Have a budget, do what is necessary in order to stop those trips back and forth to Harrisburg. Look for new ways, we

were told, to become more self-sufficient so that we have less reliance upon the Commonwealth. Mr. President, this is a way to do that. Now, I understand the idea that we want to make sure that we do not force businesses, especially technology businesses, out of the Commonwealth. This is, like I said, a business that is projecting a million rides per month, \$10 an average ride, \$24 million a year - Uber, just projections. Lyft, not really anything. I do not have that much information on what they are going to be doing. I think it is relevant because, number one, they are coming into the city of Philadelphia, they are going to be utilizing our roads, our infrastructure. Their customers are our constituents, my constituents, our residents, and they are going to be doing business and making a lot of money.

There is an opportunity here for them to give back to the community. Every industry gives back. We expect other industries to give back, and they do it. The casino industry in Philadelphia has become a very good partner and neighbor. They give back. The idea of 1 percent is good, and many of us, like myself, have been pushing for a higher rate. Quite frankly, Mr. President, these companies should be coming to us and saying, we want to help out more. We want to put 2 percent in, 2.5 percent, only if for the fact that they have been operating illegally in Philadelphia for the last 12 months. Now, we want them here. We want them to come to us and say, do you know what? We want to be a better partner with the Philadelphia School District. We want to be a better partner. We want to put more in.

What I do not want to hear them tell me, whether directly or through a lobbyist or through a Member from the other side of the aisle, is if you begin to push this too much, we are going to go away. We are going to leave Pennsylvania. Or, number two, if you keep pushing certain things, we are going to drop down the percentage of 1 percent and we are only going to give you .5 percent. We are going to take money away from the kids. If Lyft and Uber want to go down that road with me, Mr. President, I have no problem doing that. That is fine. Take it away. You do not want to help? You do not want to be a good partner to Philadelphia? Work with us, that is fine. We want to work with you. We worked closely with the other side of the aisle. We appreciate the opportunity to work on this legislation with our friends on the other side of the aisle who are just as concerned about these issues as we are.

We understand that this industry is coming to Pennsylvania, it is coming to Philadelphia. We want them here, but it is time for these two companies to bring to the table real data, real statistics, not little maps with blue dots on them. If you saw, Mr. President, some of the information that they walked into my office with, and to my staff with, to try to figure out what they do in my district, in the First Senatorial District, it is impossible. Actually, Mr. President, it is embarrassing.

Now, I think there is an opportunity to remedy this. I think there is an opportunity for us to work together to build a better model so that these companies can continue to flourish, because I am going to tell you, Mr. President, I am a supporter of it. I use it. I use the black car service now in Philadelphia. It is a very good service. Many of my constituents use it. That is why I sat in that room over there, Mr. President, and I supported it, because I believe it is good for Pennsylvania.

I do not want these companies, either directly or indirectly, through a lobbyist or someone else, to tell me, we do not want to hear you want more. We do not want to hear that what we are

asking for is inconvenient. We do not want to hear that these checks that you want us to do, the safety measures, are difficult, because I look at today--and I know that on October 30, I read an article that in the Caribbean they are going to be rolling out this ridesharing. If you saw the PDF of what they are doing in the Caribbean for the first time, it is amazing. The safeguards and the policies and protocols that they are going to require just simply for the drivers, let alone what they are going to require the companies to do, is pretty significant. Now, I am not saying we have to do that. I am not saying what we have in place is not good, because I know there are people on the other side of the aisle, and I already mentioned the gentlewoman from Washington, she worked very hard on this legislation. And it is issues that were started by Senator Fontana here a couple of years ago, because they understand, like I understand, like we all understand, that there is a place for this and we are happy to have it.

There has to be -- I want to see, speaking personally, over the next several weeks, I want to see more of a willingness for them to work with Philadelphia. I want to see more of a willingness for them to come in and say, you know what? Here is the real data. Here is what we are doing. Here is what we expect to do in your district. Here is how we are going to serve your constituents. I know my constituents want this. I know my constituents are using these services. I know it. I hear about it. I use it, but let us do it right. Let us stop the threats. Let us stop with this, we are going to leave Pennsylvania. We are not going to stay here anymore. Come on. Let us get beyond that.

I put up a good faith vote yesterday. I sat in that room and I said yes, because I know that my constituents, my district, is most likely the largest user and contributor of this service. I also know that they have been making money in Philadelphia and my district illegally for the last 12 months. That alone should be a reason for them come to us and say we want to make it right. We want to help. We expect to do large numbers here, we expect to help the economy, we expect to employ folks, we want to be a good partner. We are going to work, because they know, like we know, Philadelphia has to begin to try to work to sustain itself for its education issues, to try help the school district, so we do not have to come back here and ask for help from this body. It is important to do that. There is an article I read that cited over 700,000 riders just in Philadelphia alone in the last 12 months, 700,000 riders. That is a significant number. Thirteen thousand drivers are working for these companies. That is important too. Those are jobs. Those are opportunities for folks to go out and make a good living, make some wages, be a part of the economy. It is good. The problem, Mr. President, is not here in this room. I think there is a willingness here in this room for folks to work together. I have seen it. I am not so sure that that same air and willingness of compromise is with those companies. In good faith, because I believe that we should move legislation, I was a "yes" vote yesterday.

Let us come back to the table as we continue to do this. Let us sit down with Philadelphia and understand particularly what our issues are in the city. We have some unique issues there. No doubt about it. We want to do it the right way. We want to be a good partner with these companies, but do not come to me and say if you try to get a little more money, you are going to get less. Do not come to me and say, if you try to do some restrictions or some limitations or some safety measures, really try to make it a little bit safer for the rider, we are going to leave. That

does not show good faith. Good faith is what I did in the committee meeting. Come to us with real numbers, Mr. President, not little maps that are literally ridiculous. Not numbers that we do not have. We do not have this data; it is propriety. I do not want to hear that either. Show us what you are doing in my district. Show me what you are doing in my district. I have a right to know that. The people I represent have a right to know that. The economic benefit of these two companies, Lyft and Uber, is significant. It is a significant piece that will be coming from Philadelphia, and specifically, my senatorial district. The time for rhetoric and playing fast and loose with little maps and little dots is over.

Up until yesterday I could say, they may not know what I was thinking or where I was going to go, even though I said I would support it. We did it yesterday. We moved the process along, and I want to start, again, moving forward so that we can insure that we are giving something back to the city of Philadelphia, helping the city of Philadelphia sustain itself for the school districts being more self-sufficient, and making sure that we put together a model here in Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania, that is efficient, that is safe, and responsible. That is important. Please, no more threats. No more threats from these companies. I know the people with whom we are dealing in this room, Mr. President, are people of good faith. They are people of integrity. They are people whom you can trust. That is why I did what I did yesterday in that room and I said yes. As we move forward, it is time for these companies now, because we have given them the first step, we have opened the door for Pennsylvania and said we want you here, I would like them to come to me, again, with some numbers, with some data, with some figures, and with some willingness to understand that this is a partnership that can be beneficial to both the network companies and Philadelphia.

So, I look forward, Mr. President, in the following weeks to work with my friends across the aisle, who have given me their assurance that we will work together, and I trust them. They believe, like I believe, this is something that we want here in Philadelphia and we want here in Pennsylvania. I want the companies to come in and show what they are going to be doing with real legitimate numbers, and have some frank discussions about partnering with us.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, briefly, I do appreciate the gentleman's remarks. I followed them very closely and he is very accurate. He did make a good faith vote, so to speak, yesterday. We have had a lot of conversations. As a Leader, obviously, negotiating bills like that is part of my role, and it is going to be an ongoing process. Clearly, it is a process that is not a Republican or a Democratic issue, it is an issue of a new, exciting technology for Pennsylvania. There is no question it will obviously be chief in the Senator's district in Philadelphia. That is obviously the biggest part, although they are operating in State College, as well, but clearly a large part of it is in Philadelphia.

So it is exciting for Pennsylvania. It is exciting to have this new technology, and I think, clearly, it is something that the customers want and something that is good for Pennsylvania. I believe it is the beginning of this technology, which will have many more advancements in apps and things of that nature that will benefit people, not only in my colleague's district, but every-



one's district all over the Commonwealth. So, it is our job now to fashion policy here that allows this new, exciting technology to exist here in Pennsylvania in a safe fashion, in a fashion that our consumers are protected and can be taken care of in a way that is appropriate. Like anything else, it is a balance, Mr. President. There have been people who have come to the table, outside groups, just looking to get their piece of hide because there is a new company coming in that makes a lot of money, and so, therefore, we should get something out of that. That is not how Pennsylvania should operate.

The gentleman made, as he put it, a good faith vote, and I am certainly appreciative of that. I look forward to working with him in the future to develop a public policy that is good for his district, that is good for all of Pennsylvania, that allows this technology, allows security in the best we can provide, and allows for investment in the community. From what I have been told, the companies are prepared to do that. So, it is an exciting opportunity here for everybody with this new industry, and it is like any new industry, whether it be this transit technology, whether it be natural gas, whatever it might be, when you have a new burgeoning industry, it provides great opportunity and great challenges for all of us as policymakers to make sure it is done in a way that is good for Pennsylvania, that can create jobs and offer better services in Pennsylvania.

So, we are looking forward to having this exciting technology be part of the landscape in PA. We look forward to working with all parties to make sure it operates in a way that is safe, that makes those investments in our communities, but at the same time, we want to make sure that the door is open for business in Pennsylvania. We want to make sure that our hand is out. We have certain rules and regulations, obviously, that you have to live by, but we want our hand out to say, come to Pennsylvania. That is how we get out of this budget mess, by having a lot more people working, a lot more people paying taxes, and a lot more people buying goods because they have the resources to do it.

So, I applaud the gentleman in his interest in this area. Like he said, there is no question that center city Philadelphia and his district area, South Philadelphia, is probably going to be 90 percent of this operation, as it should be. As someone who gets to visit there occasionally, certainly it is needed and it will be very exciting for those folks down there, but it will be very exciting for everyone around the State. We look forward to working with the gentleman in good faith to fashion policy that is good for Pennsylvania, good for his district, and good for the industry so that the consumers are the ultimate ones who will benefit. At the end of the day, that is who we want to benefit, the consumers of Pennsylvania who are looking for this type of service.

I look forward to working with the gentleman, and I see you looking at your watch, Mr. President pro tempore. It is a long way to Brockway from here, I realize, but thank you for the opportunity, and I look forward to working with the gentleman.

### **BILLS SIGNED**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore wishes to announce the following bills were signed by the President (Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack) in the presence of the Senate:

**SB 765 and HB 874.**

### **RECESS**

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, November 16, 2015, at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 1:13 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.