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SENATE

FRIDAY, December 4, 2015

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Senator JOHN C. RAFFERTY:

God our Father, we call upon You during this time of trial. All throughout the history of mankind, You have sent forth Your graces and Your spirit to embolden and to strengthen those facing difficult decisions. From the armies of Israel to the armies that fought back against totalitarianism, Nazism, and fascism in World War II, we ask You to send forth Your same strength, send forth Your spirit to enlighten us, embolden us, and strengthen us as we tackle the many decisions facing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the golden opportunity given to us to fashion a budget for the betterment of this Commonwealth. We ask You to please pour Your graces out on the Senate, the House, and the Governor so that those in need in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania may be able to find an end to the budget crisis. We ask this in Your holy name, God our Father. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks our friend and colleague, Senator Rafferty, for an excellent prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

RECALL OF REGULAR SESSION

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO: President and All Members of the Senate
FROM: Senator JOE SCARNATI
President Pro Tempore
RE: Session
Friday, December 4, 2015

Consistent with the Weekly Recess Resolution, the Senate is recalled for Session at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2015.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITHOUT APPROVAL

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following veto communication in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, advising that the following Senate Bill had been returned without approval:

SB 490, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, further providing for organization of agency.

The Clerk read the veto message as follows:

December 4, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill 490, Printer's Number 853.

The statute, enacted over three decades ago, that established the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) vested the authority to appoint PEMA's director solely in the Governor. Senate Bill 490 unnecessarily encroaches upon this long-standing exclusive gubernatorial authority without providing a sound basis for doing so. Given PEMA's unique mission concerning preparing for and responding to disasters, it is imperative that its leader's path to directing emergency management operations not be unduly obstructed following his or her appointment, as this impediment could have a detrimental impact on public safety and welfare in this Commonwealth during an unforeseen crisis.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from Senate Bill 490, Printer's Number 853.

Sincerely,

TOM WOLF
Governor

The PRESIDENT. The bill and veto message will be laid on the table.

**RECALL COMMUNICATIONS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated October 8, 2015, of Brenda L. Rios, 1224 N. Third Street, Unit 502, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, to serve for a term of five years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice J. Wyatt Mondesire, Philadelphia, who resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
GovernorMEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated October 8, 2015, of Leah J. Sheppard, 115 North Street, Apt 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, to serve for a term of five years, and until his *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, vice James Garmon, Pittsburgh, deceased.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
GovernorJUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
ALLEGHENY COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Donald Machen, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
GovernorJUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
BRADFORD COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, for *[data missing]* Linda C. Barrett, Esquire, 2330 Abbey Road, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Bradford County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Jeffrey A. Smith, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
GovernorJUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
CHESTER COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Jessica A. Diaz, Esquire, 1007 Brandywine Street, Philadelphia 19123, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Chester County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Robert Shenkin, mandatory retirement.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
GovernorJUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
DELAWARE COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Jessica A. Diaz, Esquire, 1007 Brandywine Street, Philadelphia 19123, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Delaware County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Ann Osborne, mandatory retirement.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
GovernorJUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
FRANKLIN/FULTON COUNTIES

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Linda C. Barrett, Esquire, 2330 Abbey Road, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Franklin/Fulton Counties, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Douglas Herman, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
GREENE COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Greene County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable William Nalitz, mandatory retirement.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
MIFFLIN COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Mifflin County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Rick Williams, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of H. Geoffrey Moulton, Jr., Esquire, 109 Weldy Avenue, Oreland 19075, Montgomery County, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Montgomery County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Emanuel Bertin, mandatory retirement.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, [data missing] Linda C. Barrett, Esquire, 2330 Abbey Road, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Northampton County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Edward Smith, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, [data missing] Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Albert Snite, Jr., resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Linda C. Barrett, Esquire, 2330 Abbey Road, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Earl Trent, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Jessica A. Diaz, Esquire, 1007 Brandywine Street, Philadelphia 19123, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice The Honorable Gregory Smith, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Jessica A. Diaz, Esquire, 1007 Brandywine Street, Philadelphia 19123, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable John Herron, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of H. Geoffrey Moulton, Jr., Esquire, 109 Weldy Avenue, Oreland 19075, Montgomery County, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Joseph O'Keefe, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Annette Rizzo, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Allan Tereshko, mandatory retirement.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Linda C. Barrett, Esquire, 2330 Abbey Road, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Susquehanna County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Kenneth Seamans, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
WESTMORELAND COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Westmoreland County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Alfred Bell, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
YORK COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Linda C. Barrett, Esquire, 2330 Abbey Road, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, York County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Penny Blackwell, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

REGISTER OF WILLS AND RECORDER OF DEEDS,
GREENE COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds, Greene County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Tom Headlee, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

SHERIFF, MCKEAN COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Jacob M. Maldonado, 133 State Street, #2, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Sheriff, McKean County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Bradley A. Mason, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

SHERIFF, SULLIVAN COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Jacob M. Maldonado, 133 State Street, #2, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Sheriff, Sullivan County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Brian S. Brady, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

TREASURER, HUNTINGDON COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Jacob M. Maldonado, 133 State Street, #2, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Treasurer, Huntingdon County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Richard S. Irvin, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated October 8, 2015, of Leah J. Sheppard (Public Member), 115 North Street, Apt 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, to serve until June 10, 2018, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Glenda Brion, West Chester, who resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment [data missing] of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Youth Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Gerald LaValle, Harrisburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Allegheny, Magisterial District 05-2-18, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable John N. Bova, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Jacob M. Maldonado, 133 State Street, Apt. 2, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Allegheny, Magisterial District 05-2-11, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Robert Barner, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Jacob M. Maldonado, 133 State Street, #2, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Berks, Magisterial District 23-1-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Wally Scott, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Berks, Magisterial District 23-2-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Phyllis J. Kowalski, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Jacob M. Maldonado, 133 State Street, #2, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Dauphin, Magisterial District 12-2-05, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable LaVon Postelle, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Delaware, Magisterial District 32-2-41, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Edward W. Christie, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Jacob M. Maldonado, 133 State Street, #2, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the Counties of Elk and Cameron, Magisterial District 59-3-02, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable George King, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Erie, Magisterial District 06-1-04, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Joseph Lefaiver, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Jacob M. Maldonado, 133 State Street, Apt. 2, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Fayette, Magisterial District 14-2-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Joseph George, Jr., Esquire, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Jacob M. Maldonado, 133 State Street, #2, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the Counties of Forest and Warren, Magisterial District 37-4-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Cynthia Lindemuth, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Lackawanna, Magisterial District 45-3-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable James Gibbons, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Jacob M. Maldonado, 133 State Street, #2, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Lancaster, Magisterial District 02-1-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Cheryl Hartman, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Tioga, Magisterial District 04-3-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Brian W. Edgcomb, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Washington, Magisterial District 27-3-06, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Valarie Costanzo, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

November 30, 2015

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 23, 2015, of Jacob M. Maldonado, 133 State Street, #2, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Westmoreland, Magisterial District 10-2-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable James Falcon, mandatory retirement.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
BUCKS COUNTY

November 30, 2015

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mary K. Topper, Esq., 223 Pine Street, Apt 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Bucks County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice the Honorable Albert J. Cepparulo, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

November 30, 2015

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mary K. Topper, Esq., 223 Pine Street, Apt 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice The Honorable Cheryl Lynn Allen, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

November 30, 2015

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Leah J. Sheppard (Public Member), 115 North Street, Apt 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Landscape Architects, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Megan Carpenter, Beaver, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

November 30, 2015

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Landscape Architects, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice David Morgan, Camp Hill, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 30, 2015

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Leah J. Sheppard, 115 North Street, Apt 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Millersville University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Frick, Lancaster, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL
WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

November 30, 2015

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jennifer Easter, Lebanon, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

November 30, 2015

Senators RAFFERTY, SABATINA, VULAKOVICH, WILEY, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, MENSCH, BARTOLOTTA and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1061**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adding provisions for law enforcement activities by providing for release of law enforcement officer information when firearm discharged or use of force; and prescribing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, November 30, 2015.

December 4, 2015

Senators BROWNE, CORMAN, SCARNATI, GORDNER and EICHELBERGER presented to the Chair **SB 1082**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education), 51 (Military Affairs) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, extensively revising pension provisions: for the Public School Employees' Retirement System, in the areas of preliminary provisions, of membership, contributions and benefits, of School Employee's Defined Contribution Plan and of administration and miscellaneous provisions; for health insurance for retired school employees, in the area of preliminary provisions; for military pensions, in the area of military leave of absence; for boards and offices, in the area of Independent Fiscal Office; for the State Employees' Retirement System, in the areas of preliminary provisions, of membership, credited service, classes of service and eligibility for benefits, of State Employees Defined Contribution Plan, of contributions, of benefits and of administration, funds, accounts, general provisions; and providing, as to the revisions, for construction and administration, for applicability, for funding, for liability, for State Employee member statements and for State Employees Retirement Board obligations.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, December 4, 2015.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 283**, **SB 398**, **SB 756**, **SB 1045** and **SB 1046**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

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 477**.

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 524**, 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.

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

November 30, 2015

HB 1538 -- Committee on Law and Justice.

December 4, 2015

HB 190, **493** and **777** -- Committee on Aging and Youth.

HB 391, **656**, **1626** and **1691** -- Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1199, **1200**, **1577** and **1673** -- Committee on Transportation.

HB 1455 -- Committee on Local Government.

HB 1484 and **1618** -- Committee on State Government.

HB 1490 -- Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development.

HB 1633 -- Committee on Banking and Insurance.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENATE ADDRESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate the report of the Special Committee on Senate Address - Examining Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane's ability to perform the duties of her office with a suspended law license.

This report will be filed in the Library.

STATEMENT BY MEMBER

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I ask that my comments for the Special Committee on Senate Address be read across the desk, please.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Berks, Senator SCHWANK:)

As some and perhaps all of you know, I expressed early on my belief that the Attorney General should step down as a result of her suspension. I still believe that.

However, what we are considering recommending to the Senate is a different question with significantly different implications - not whether an elected official should resign, but whether the Senate should remove her.

This question has legal and, with a small "p," political implications. Basically, we have to decide whether the evidence gathered by the committee provides a basis on which we believe the Senate could decide that the legal requirements for removing an elected official have been met, and, if so, whether we believe the evidence gathered by the committee provides a basis on which we believe the Senate could decide that the consequences for government integrity and public confidence in government require the removal of the Attorney General.

Despite my continuing belief that the Attorney General should step down, I believe that the evidence gathered by the committee fails to meet the legal requirements for removal.

I believe there are two lines of evidence that the committee examined. The first is whether she is directly disqualified by the suspension of her license, and the second is whether the consequences of her suspension merit her removal.

With regard to the first question, I understood every witness who spoke to the point, and there were several, to be in agreement that only disbarment might render a person ineligible to remain as Attorney General.

With regard to the second, I understood every witness who spoke to the point, and again, there were several, to say that the performance of the office involves both legal and non-legal duties, and that only the legal duties are prohibited to the Attorney General during the suspension. They also made clear that it is a personal management decision by the head of a prosecuting agency how much of their time to divide between the two types of duties. Since it is clear that the Attorney General continues to be able to perform her non-legal duties, and that any Attorney General might choose to personally perform a minimal amount or perhaps even no legal duties, I believe it is impossible for the Senate to conclude that the prohibition of legal duties to her renders her unable to perform the duties of her office. I believe it also is important to consider in this regard that the record is clear that all the legal functions of her office are continuing to operate without any disruption or concern significant to cause it to even seek other legal remedies that evidently would be available in such a case. Despite vague concerns expressed by the Attorney General's deputies that her retention in office could lead to challenges to the office's authority, they acknowledge they could seek a legal ruling to determine that point but chose not to pursue it. All the witnesses who spoke to the point, and there were several, agreed that it is very unlikely a court would rule to deny the office's authority.

In view of the fact that the sole constitutional expert who testified stated that reasonable cause to remove an elected official must be "compelling," I do not believe that the present lack of harm or the possibility of future harm that has its own remedy can be seen by anyone as compelling.

I think it is important to consider the small "p" political implications as well. Should the committee recommend this to the Senate on any grounds, the Senate might determine to invest public resources and risk public confidence in the institutions of government by choosing to hold a hearing in the absence of what I believe are appropriate grounds. It is certainly plausible that an ultimate decision to proceed could reasonably be seen by the public as being influenced by partisan considerations. I believe this point increases the prudence I believe the committee must exercise in making its recommendation, and another reason I cannot support a recommendation to proceed to a hearing stage for any reason.

STATEMENT BY MEMBER

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, I would like to read across the desk an opinion raised from the Senate Committee on Special Address to be inserted in the Journal.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator HAYWOOD:)

After a thorough and thoughtful examination and deliberation on testimony and evidence presented to the Special Committee on Senate Address, I find that there is not sufficient basis for the Senate to move forward with due notice to Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane and a hearing pursuant to Article 6, Section 7, of the Pennsylvania Constitution.

On October 26, 2015, the Special Committee on Senate Address was established "to pursue possible address under Article 6, Section 7, of the Pennsylvania Constitution relating to Attorney General Kathleen Kane and to submit a preliminary report to the Senate no more than 30 days following the appointment of the members of the Committee."

Specifically, the committee examined whether or not Attorney General Kane can serve as Pennsylvania Attorney General with a temporarily suspended law license. Upon first convening, the committee reviewed relevant constitutional and statutory law related to the Attorney General's qualifications and responsibilities. Thereafter, the committee received documents from the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, as well as a letter dated September 25, 2015, from the First Deputy Attorney General and executive deputies to the Disciplinary Board seeking guidance on the interpretation of the Rules of Professional Conduct and Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement. The committee is also in receipt of correspondence from Attorney General Kane, including a memorandum dated October 22, 2015, authored by her first deputy and executive deputies outlining suggested operating procedure for the Office of Attorney General while Attorney General Kane is subject to the suspension order.

Additionally, the committee received testimony from a panel of three district attorneys at a public hearing held on November 9; a panel of three constitutional and legal disciplinary experts on the disciplinary process and Article 6, Section 7, at a public hearing held on November 17; and a panel consisting of the First Deputy Attorney General and three executive deputies of each of the three major legal divisions within the Office of Attorney General. They provided testimony regarding the functioning of the office at a public hearing held November 18.

Based on the facts presented in the aforementioned documentation and testimony, I make the following findings:

It is clear that the Attorney General must be a "member of the bar" of the Supreme Court in accordance with Article 4, Section 5, of the Pennsylvania Constitution. On September 21, 2015, the Supreme Court issued an order placing Attorney General Kane on temporary suspension, subject to Rule 217 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement for "formerly admitted attorneys," which became effective on October 22. The order stated that it "should not be construed as removing Respondent [Kane] from elected office and is limited to the temporary suspension of her license to practice law." According to disciplinary law expert Beth Weisser's testimony at the November 17, 2015 hearing, there is distinction in the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement between a suspension and disbarment.

Attorney General Kane is currently considered a "formerly admitted attorney" under Rule 217 of the Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement. According to the testimony received at the November 18 public hearing, an attorney who is disbarred is no longer a "member of the bar," while a suspended attorney or "formerly admitted attorney" could potentially still be a "member of the bar." Given that the Attorney General has not been disbarred, it follows that a suspended attorney may be in compliance with constitutional prerequisites of the office. Thus, she is not disqualified on this point.

Furthermore, after careful consideration of the written documentation and testimony of the First Deputy and executive deputies at the November 18 public hearing, I find that the position of Attorney General is occupied and the Office of Attorney General continues to operate under authority existing before and after the suspension order was issued. As previously stated, the Supreme Court's order temporarily suspending Attorney General Kane states that the order should not be construed as removing her from office. The court's order was explicit. The office was not vacated. Moreover, evidence presented demonstrated that the office continues to execute statutory duties pursuant to its historical authority to do so and through the delegation from the Attorney General.

According to the testimony of the First Deputy Attorney General and executive deputies, the Attorney General delegated her legal responsibilities under the Commonwealth Attorneys Act. Executive Deputy Robert Mulle testified that legal review of proposed rules and regulations, which is currently an Attorney General duty under the Commonwealth Attorneys Act, is routinely conducted by section-level attorneys and not the Attorney General. Additionally, the executive deputies testified that they routinely delegate to the office's 800-plus employees (one-third of whom are attorneys) in order to fulfill statutory duties. Executive Deputy Lawrence Cherba further testified that the Attorney General may maintain the ability to delegate those legal responsibilities

while subject to the temporary suspension order. The testimony of the executive deputies offered no information before the Special Committee on Senate Address suggesting that the Attorney General has attempted to assume the delegated legal responsibilities of her executive deputies.

Regarding the office's ability to function while Attorney General Kane's law license is temporarily suspended, I find that there was no evidence presented before the committee demonstrating that the Office of Attorney General is not functioning; rather, the First Deputy Attorney General and executive deputies testified that the office is still functioning, including accepting and participating in cases.

In addition, an issue was raised regarding potential future challenges to the office's authority and future impact with regard to Attorney General Kane's suspension order. The committee heard directly about this issue with testimony presented at the November 18 public hearing. The testimony referenced one case, now under seal, in which opposing counsel filed a motion challenging the office's authority based on an interpretation of the Commonwealth Attorneys Act that requires the Attorney General to personally proceed in certain cases. However, no information was provided to the Special Committee that sufficiently demonstrates that the Office of Attorney General is not currently functioning or that a court has granted a motion which prohibits the office from proceeding in a case.

Although I have concerns in regard to future legal challenges to the office's authority to perform the duties under the Commonwealth Attorneys Act, especially in regard to initiating criminal prosecutions, the testimony of the First Deputy Attorney General and executive deputies demonstrates that the office continues to function and fully perform the duties as prescribed under the Commonwealth Attorneys Act.

Further, in its order the Supreme Court did not provide any guidance as to the proper statutory interpretation of the Commonwealth Attorneys Act in regard to the operation of this office once Attorney General Kane's license was suspended. Without clear directive from the court, the issue reverts to whether the office is operational and fulfilling its duties under law. Again, the testimony of the executive deputies indicated that the office was operational.

Moreover, the view of the executive deputies, offered at the November 18 public hearing, is that the statute was never meant to apply to the Attorney General personally. Rather, the General Assembly intended such duties to fall upon the office as a whole. As such, there is no evidence before the Special Committee on Senate Address demonstrating that the Office of Attorney General does not have the authority to perform the Attorney General's statutory responsibilities.

As a result of my careful consideration of all testimony and evidence presented to the Special Committee, I find that the Special Committee did not receive sufficient evidence to recommend that the Senate move forward with due notice and a full hearing pursuant to Article 6, Section 7, on the subject whether or not Attorney General Kane can serve as Pennsylvania Attorney General with a temporarily suspended law license.

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 Pileggi, and a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Pileggi, and a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of September 30, 2015, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of September 30, 2015.

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

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

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes this important date of December 4. It is a very special day. It is the birthday of two of our Members. Happy birthday to Senator Bartolotta, and happy birthday to Senator Tomlinson.

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Education to be held in the Rules room, to be followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the meeting of the Committee on Education, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus as well.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Education, to be followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY**

The SECRETARY. Permission has been granted for the Committee on Finance to meet today off the floor to consider Senate Bill No. 1082.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

RECESS

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

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

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Finance to be held in the Rules room, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

CALENDAR

BILLS VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1000 and **SB 1001** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

**PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL
OVER IN ORDER**

SB 1073 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 57, HB 447, SB 489, SB 606, SB 691, HB 837 and **HB 857** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 891 (Pr. No. 1413) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 21, 1937 (P.L.774, No.211), referred to as the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Act, further providing for emergency vehicles.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

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

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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

HB 907 (Pr. No. 2335) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 909 and SB 936 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1071 (Pr. No. 1410) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education), 51 (Military Affairs) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, extensively revising pension provisions: for the Public School Employees' Retirement System, in the areas of preliminary provisions, of membership, contributions and benefits, of School Employee's Defined Contribution Plan and of administration and miscellaneous provisions; for health insurance for retired school employees, in the area of preliminary provisions; for military pensions, in the area of military leave of absence; for boards and offices, in the area of Independent Fiscal Office; for the State Employees' Retirement System, in the areas of preliminary provisions, of membership, credited service, classes of service and eligibility for benefits, of State Employees' Defined Contribution Plan, of contributions, of benefits and of administration, funds, accounts, general provisions; and providing, as to the revisions, for construction and administration, for applicability, for funding, for liability, for State Employee member statements and for State Employees Retirement Board obligations.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a negative vote on Senate Bill No. 1071. Thank you.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 1071.

And the question recurring, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-30

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

NAY-20

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

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1161 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

HB 1279 (Pr. No. 2570) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a section of Christopher Columbus Boulevard between Oregon Avenue and Washington Avenue in the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, as the William J. Guarnere and Edward "Babe" Heffron Memorial Boulevard; designating a portion of US Route 222 in Lancaster County as the Senator Noah W. Wenger Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1029 over the Tunkhannock Creek, Nicholson Township, Wyoming County, as the Jody Allen Cron Memorial Bridge; designating Exit 113, State Ramp 8001, from Interstate 79 onto State Route 208, in Springfield Township, Mercer County, as the Lieutenant Colonel Michael E. McLaughlin Veterans Ramp; designating the interchange of State Route 43 at the Mon-Fayette Expressway Interchange with State Route 88, known as Exit 28, in Washington County as the Marine Cpl. Thomas R. Matty Memorial Interchange; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1013, known as Knupp Road, over the Hypocrite Creek, Fairfield Township, Westmoreland County, as the PFC Leroy D. "Whitey" Schaller Bridge; designating a portion of State Route 711 in New Florence Borough through St. Clair Township, Westmoreland County, as the Veterans Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 88 over Muddy Creek, Cumberland Township, Greene County, as the Army Specialist Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge carrying U.S. Route 322 over the east branch of the Brandywine Creek in West Bradford and East Caln Townships, Chester County, as the Robbie and Ryan Miller Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge located on State Route 34 that connects the banks of the Juniata River in Newport, Perry County, as the Paul Reider bridge; and designating a portion of State Route 2029 and 2049, also known as Bath Road, in Bristol Township, Bucks County, as the Sergeant George Stuckey Memorial Road; and making a related repeal.

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration? Senator RAFFERTY offered the following amendment No. A4513:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 12 through 21, by striking out "DESIGNATING THE INTERCHANGE OF" in line 12, all of lines 13 through 20 and "COUNTY, AS THE VETERANS HIGHWAY;" in line 21

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 24 through 27; page 2, lines 1 through 6; by striking out "DESIGNATING THE BRIDGE" in line 24, all of lines 25 through 27 on page 1, all of lines 1 through 5 and "STUCKEY MEMORIAL ROAD;" in line 6 on page 2

Amend Bill, page 5, lines 24 through 30; page 6, lines 1 through 28; by striking out all of said lines on said pages

Amend Bill, page 6, line 29, by striking out "7" and inserting:

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Amend Bill, page 8, lines 2 through 30; page 9, lines 1 through 30; page 10, lines 1 through 17; by striking out all of said lines on said pages

Amend Bill, page 10, line 18, by striking out "11" and inserting:

6

Amend Bill, page 10, line 18, by striking out "THE" and inserting: Section 4 of the

Amend Bill, page 11, line 9, by striking out "12" and inserting:

7

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1332 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 1335 (Pr. No. 1817) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for emergency telephones along Pennsylvania Turnpike.

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

HB 1335 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 1335, Printer's No. 1817, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1340 and **HB 1603** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 49, SB 126, SB 127, HB 150, SB 201 and **HB 400** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

HB 602 (Pr. No. 716) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania National Guard, further providing for the pay of officers and enlisted personnel in active State service.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 604 (Pr. No. 597) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in special licenses and permits, further providing for Lake Erie fishing permits.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 731 and **SB 805** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 917 (Pr. No. 1096) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in juvenile matters, providing for interagency information sharing.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 941 (Pr. No. 1244) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in Commonwealth agency fees, further providing for distillery of historical significance license fee reduction.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 952 and **SB 976** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 986 (Pr. No. 1414) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for civil immunity of person rescuing minor from motor vehicle.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1013, SB 1022 and SB 1054 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 1067 (Pr. No. 1404) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veterans' pensions and benefits, further providing for amputee and paralyzed veteran's pension.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1068, HB 1170, HB 1195 and HB 1201 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 1278 (Pr. No. 1836) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in other required equipment, further providing for television equipment.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMITTED

HB 1327 (Pr. No. 1788) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in special funds, further providing for State Workers' Insurance Board investments and for a related expiration provision.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1329 and HB 1341 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator SMUCKER, from the Committee on Education, reported the following bills:

HB 139 (Pr. No. 123)

An Act amending the act of January 28, 1988 (P.L.24, No.11), known as the Private Academic Schools Act, further providing for definitions, for State Board of Private Academic Schools, for powers and duties of board, for application for license, for issuance and renewal of license, for directory of private academic schools, for requirements for licensure and operation, for enforcement, refusal, suspension or revocation of license and for promulgation of rules and regulations.

HB 158 (Pr. No. 692)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for secretary declaration of emergencies.

HB 805 (Pr. No. 1843)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in professional employees, further providing for temporary professional employees, for contracts, execution and form, for causes for suspension and for persons to be suspended and to receive tenure, for collective bargaining agreements and for timing of appeal of suspension; and making editorial changes.

Senator EICHELBERGER, from the Committee on Finance, reported the following bill:

SB 1082 (Pr. No. 1450)

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education), 51 (Military Affairs) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, extensively revising pension provisions: for the Public School Employees' Retirement System, in the areas of preliminary provisions, of membership, contributions and benefits, of School Employee's Defined Contribution Plan and of administration and miscellaneous provisions; for health insurance for retired school employees, in the area of preliminary provisions; for military pensions, in the area of military leave of absence; for boards and offices, in the area of Independent Fiscal Office; for the State Employees' Retirement System, in the areas of preliminary provisions, of membership, credited service, classes of service and eligibility for benefits, of State Employees' Defined Contribution Plan, of contributions, of benefits and of administration, funds, accounts, general provisions; and providing, as to the revisions, for construction and administration, for applicability, for funding, for liability, for State Employee member statements and for State Employees Retirement Board obligations.

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 Chief Dwayne L. Smith by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christopher Lebo by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Master Sergeant Dianna C. McGuirk by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert Anthony Barringer by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Laurie Dutz by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Siegel and to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Smith by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Judith Moser by Senators Hutchinson, Vogel, and White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Barton Norman Tucker by Senator McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael Files Palumbo by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Thomas Krizmanich by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Joseph Yannuzzi and to Austie's Family Restaurant by Senator Yudichak.

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 Robert P. Daday by Senator Boscola.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Alma White by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Stephen R. Eckert by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Reverend Joseph F. Hogan, Sr., by Senator Tomlinson.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator RESCHENTHALER. 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 1082, HB 139, HB 158 and HB 805.

And said bills having been considered for the first time, Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for second consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2015

Off the Floor EDUCATION (to consider House Bills No.139, 158 and 805) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

Off the Floor RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 524; and certain Executive Nominations) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015

Off the Floor LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider House Bill No. 1690) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

Off the Floor PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (to consider House Bill No. 1322) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

Off the Floor RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 524; and certain Executive Nominations) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015

Off the Floor AGING AND YOUTH (to consider House Bill No. 777) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015

9:30 A.M. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing on Act 537, also known as the PA Sewage Facilities Act) Room 8E-B East Wing

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015

10:00 A.M. VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Bill No. 56; and Senate Resolutions No. 156, 254 and 255) Room 461 Main Capitol

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

RESIGNATION OF MEMBER FROM STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

December 4, 2015

The Honorable Joseph B. Scarnati, III
President Pro Tempore
Room 292, Main Capitol
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati:

Effective immediately, I resign my position as a member of the Intergovernmental Operations Committee.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the working families of Pennsylvania in this role.

Sincerely,

DAVID G. ARGALL
29th Senatorial District

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SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

December 4, 2015

The Honorable Joe Scarnati
President Pro Tempore
Room 292 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati:

Effective immediately, I resign my position as member of the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the working families of Pennsylvania in this role.

Very truly yours,

PATRICK M. BROWNE, Chairman
Appropriations Committee
16th Legislative District

**RESIGNATION OF MEMBER FROM
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE**

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SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

December 4, 2015

Honorable Joe Scarnati
President Pro Tempore
Senate of Pennsylvania
292 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati:

Effective immediately, I resign my position as a member of the Game and Fisheries Committee. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

JOHN R. GORDNER

**RESIGNATION OF MEMBER FROM
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE**

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SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

December 4, 2015

Senator Joe Scarnati
President Pro Tempore
Room 292 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati:

Effective immediately, I resign my position as a member of the Law & Justice Committee.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the working families of Pennsylvania in this role.

Sincerely,

SCOTT R. WAGNER
Senator, 28th District, York County

**RESIGNATION OF MEMBER FROM
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE**

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SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

December 4, 2015

Senator Joseph Scarnati
President Pro Tempore
292 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati:

Effective immediately, I resign my position as a member of the Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the working families of Pennsylvania in this role.

Sincerely,

DON WHITE
Senator, 41st District

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO
STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE**

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

Senator Guy L. Reschenthaler as a member of the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance, as a member of the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development, as a member of the Committee on Game and Fisheries, as a member of the Committee on Intergovernmental Operations, and as a member of the Committee on Law and Justice.

BILLS SIGNED

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

SB 283, SB 398, SB 756, SB 1045, SB 1046, HB 477 and HB 698.

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Saturday, December 5, 2015, at 11 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:21 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.