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No. 4

**SENATE**

TUESDAY, January 26, 2016

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

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Reverend CARMEN G. BOLOCK, of St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church, Duryea, offered the following prayer:

Good afternoon. Let us take a moment and place ourselves in the presence of almighty God.

Bless You, Lord God, King of the universe; we offer praise and thanks. We thank You for the restful sleep You have given us through the night. Allow us to rise this day to serve You throughout it. May this day be blessed with light, sunshine, and the glory of all Your creation. Be with us now as we discuss and talk about the decisions which are necessary for the good of Your people and the glory of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. May You serve all of those in need. We ask that You be with those in parts of our State who are buried under this snow. Be with them to make sure that they have sufficient housing, clothing, and food. Bless all we do each day, Lord, to the glory of Your name and the good of Your world. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Father Bolock, who is the guest today of Senator Blake.

**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

January 26, 2016

TO: President and All Members of the Senate  
FROM: Senator JOE SCARNATI  
President Pro Tempore  
RE: Session  
Tuesday, January 26, 2016

Consistent with the recess motion on January 20, the Senate is recalled to session at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2016.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**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 STATE BOARD  
OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

January 22, 2016

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 29, 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 Funeral Directors, to serve until February 6, 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Donald Murphy, Camp Hill, 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,  
BUCKS COUNTY**

January 22, 2016

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 November 30, 2015, of 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.

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

January 22, 2016

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 November 12, 2015, of Mary K. Topper, Esq., 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 2018, vice The Honorable Chris R. Wogan, Jr., resigned.

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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

January 22, 2016

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 November 30, 2015, of 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.

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 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

January 22, 2016

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 November 30, 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 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.

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 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

January 22, 2016

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 November 30, 2015, of 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.

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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

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

January 22, 2016

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 November 30, 2015, of 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.

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 SOCIAL  
WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

January 22, 2016

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 November 30, 2015, of 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.

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 WARREN STATE HOSPITAL

January 22, 2016

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 29, 2015, of Leah J. Sheppard, 115 North Street, Apt. 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Warren State Hospital, to serve until January 19, 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kathy Glarner, North Warren, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

#### MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

January 22, 2016

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 29, 2015, of Leah J. Sheppard, 115 North Street, Apt. 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Armstrong, Magisterial District 33-3-04, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice The Honorable Samuel R. Goldstrohm, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

#### CORRECTION TO NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

#### MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

January 20, 2016

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

Please note that the letter dated January 15, 2016, for the nomination of Kirk Davis, 1709 Crestline Street, Pittsburgh 15221, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve until October 1, 2016, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Glenn Martin, Harrisburg, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Kirk Davis, 1709 Crestline Street, Pittsburgh 15221, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, 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 Glenn Martin, Harrisburg, 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:

January 21, 2016

Senators ARGALL, SCHWANK, VOGEL, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, BARTOLOTTA and RESCHENTHALER presented to the Chair **SB 1110**, entitled:

An Act regulating controlled plants and noxious weeds; establishing the Controlled Plant and Noxious Weed Committee; providing for powers and duties of the Controlled Plant and Noxious Weed Committee; imposing powers and duties on the Secretary of Agriculture and municipalities; prescribing penalties; establishing a category of controlled plants and providing for the permitting of controlled plants intended to be grown for biomass and biofuel production or for other beneficial purposes; and repealing the Noxious Weed Control Law.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, January 21, 2016.

Senator FOLMER presented to the Chair **SB 1111**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting certain individuals from providing support in the implementation of certain sections of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, January 21, 2016.

Senators WARD, BROWNE, TEPLITZ, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, FARNESE, MENSCH, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, SABATINA, BROOKS and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 1113**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in administration, further providing for committee.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, January 21, 2016.

Senators YAW, WARD, SCHWANK, HUTCHINSON, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, BARTOLOTTA, YUDICHAK, VOGEL, MENSCH, SCARNATI and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1114**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L.1535, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, further providing for official plans.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, January 21, 2016.

January 22, 2016

Senators SCAVELLO, McILHINNEY, ARGALL, TEPLITZ, VULAKOVICH, RAFFERTY, BARTOLOTTA, STEFANO, RESCHENTHALER and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1115**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for dogs pursuing, injuring or killing big game.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, January 22, 2016.

**GENERAL COMMUNICATION**

**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CATASTROPHIC LOSS BENEFITS CONTINUATION FUND**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Insurance Department  
1326 Strawberry Square  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

To: The General Assembly  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

From: TERESA D. MILLER  
Insurance Commissioner

RANDY ALBRIGHT  
Secretary, Governor's Office of the Budget

Date: January 14, 2016

Re: Annual Report of the Status of the Catastrophic Loss Benefits Continuation Fund

Pursuant to Act 24 of 1989, the Department is pleased to present the annual report of the status of the Catastrophic Loss Benefits Continuation Fund of the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Should any questions arise regarding these statistics, members should feel free to contact me, Acting Deputy Insurance Commissioner Laura Slaymaker, or our legislative office at (717) 783-2500.

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

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Brewster, Senator Kitchen, Senator Leach, and Senator Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa requests legislative leaves for Senator Brewster, Senator Kitchen, Senator Leach, and Senator Williams. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Senator COSTA asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator HAYWOOD and Senator WILEY, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**WEEKLY RECESS**

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

In the Senate, January 26, 2016

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, February 8, 2016, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, February 8, 2016, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

**YEA-47**

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

**NAY-0**

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE**

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

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

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

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT F. TEPLITZ PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, I welcome several guests to the Senate Chamber today. From the Dauphin County Technical School, I welcome Administrative Director Dr. Peggy Grimm, Assistant Director Sandy Traylor, and Principal Jon Fox. From Cumberland-Perry Area Vocational Technical School, I welcome Administrative Director Justin Bruhn and Principal Dr. Lesli Shuman.

Both of these schools are full-time, comprehensive public career and technical high schools serving students in my Senate district. They focus on the students' academics but also career preparation. My guests are all here today in support of a resolution that I will be introducing later this afternoon recognizing the month of February 2016 as "Career and Technical Education Month" in Pennsylvania.

So, Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in welcoming my guests to the Senate today.

The PRESIDENT. Will the guests of Senator Teplitz, as you are already standing, be recognized and greeted with our customary warm Senate welcome.

(Applause.)

### GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN P. BLAKE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, it is a real honor for me to welcome our Chaplain for the Senate today, the Reverend Father Carmen Bolock, Pastor of St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church, and his beautiful wife, Patricia, who has also joined him here to the Capitol today. The Reverend is a native of Scranton, graduated from Scranton Central Public School, and was also a 1978 University of Scranton graduate. He attended the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, and then attended St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Indiana. He later spent time at Savonarola Theological Seminary of the Polish National Catholic Church in Scranton. Mr. President, it would be remiss of me not to point out the extraordinary legacy of the Polish National Catholic Church in Scranton. It was founded there in 1897. The Reverend has been serving as pastor of St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church in Duryea since 2009. Father Bolock and his wife, Patricia, will celebrate 25 years of marriage in September, and they are very proud of their son, Nicholas.

I do want to point out, if I could for my colleagues in the Senate, the Reverend and I spoke in my office before coming up to the Senate floor. He talked a little about his experience at St. Mary's and a very important accomplishment that he has been able to achieve, which is a four-borough ministerium which involves two communities on the Lackawanna County side of the border and two communities on the Luzerne County side of the border - Old Forge, Moosic, Duryea, and Avoca. The Reverend has been able to bring both Catholic and non-Catholic representation together, introducing faith communities in a way to help their neighbors. It is a very, very special accomplishment. I am very proud to have Reverend Bolock here. Please welcome him with a warm Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Blake, Father Bolock and Mrs. Patricia Bolock, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

### CALENDAR

#### SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

##### HB 153 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

**HB 153 (Pr. No. 1318)** -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 3 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator CORMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

##### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**HB 153 (Pr. No. 1318)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reducing the size of the General Assembly.

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.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The SECRETARY. Permission has been granted for the Senate Committee on Appropriations to meet today off the floor to consider Senate Bill No. 50, Senate Bill No. 889, and House Bill No. 153.

### 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 Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room, followed by a Senate Republican caucus.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request Senate Democrats meet in our caucus room after the meeting.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, 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.

### 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 White, and a legislative leave for Senator Ward.

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

### CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

#### THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

##### PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 1106** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 56 (Pr. No. 1464) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 57, SB 489, HB 561, SB 606, SB 691, HB 837 and SB 1013 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1201 (Pr. No. 1576) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act repealing the act of May 21, 1943 (P.L.279, No.131), entitled "An act authorizing the Department of Highways and counties, cities, boroughs, towns and townships to adopt and take over as public roads and highways, certain highways taken over, located, extended or constructed by the Federal Government or any agency thereof, in the exercise of the war power, and providing the procedure therefor."

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-47

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1296 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 126, SB 127, SB 201, HB 400, SB 488, SB 568, SB 805, HB 950 and SB 976 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1056 (Pr. No. 1438) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, enacting the Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act; making related repeals; and making editorial changes.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1086, SB 1104, SB 1108, HB 1199, HB 1229, HB 1484 and HB 1660 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Senator CORMAN, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported communications from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, recalling the following nominations, which were read by the Clerk as follows:

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

January 15, 2016

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 November 18, 2015, of David Chisolm, 105 East Walnut Park Drive, Philadelphia 19120, Philadelphia County, Third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, 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 John Payne, North Huntingdon, whose term expired.

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 FUNERAL DIRECTORS

January 22, 2016

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 29, 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 Funeral Directors, to serve until February 6, 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Donald Murphy, Camp Hill, 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,  
BUCKS COUNTY

January 22, 2016

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 November 30, 2015, of 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.

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

January 22, 2016

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 November 12, 2015, of Mary K. Topper, Esq., 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 2018, vice The Honorable Chris R. Wogan, Jr., resigned.

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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

January 22, 2016

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 November 30, 2015, of 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.

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 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

January 22, 2016

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 November 30, 2015, of 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.

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 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

January 22, 2016

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 November 30, 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 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.

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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

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

January 22, 2016

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 November 30, 2015, of 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.

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 EXAMINERS  
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

January 15, 2016

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 November 18, 2015, of Darlene Techentin (Public Member), 110 Greenbriar Drive North, Bath 18014, Northampton County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice William McIlwaine, Millersville, whose term expired.

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 PHYSICAL THERAPY

January 15, 2016

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 November 18, 2015, of Marque't Green, 3901 North Smedley Street, Philadelphia 19140, Philadelphia County, Third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John Noone, Exton, whose term expired.

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 SOCIAL  
WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

January 22, 2016

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 November 30, 2015, of 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.

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 VEHICLE  
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

January 15, 2016

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 November 18, 2015, of Kirk Davis, 1709 Crestline Street, Pittsburgh 15221, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve until October 1, 2016, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John Hickey, Mechanicsburg, 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 VEHICLE  
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

January 15, 2016

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 November 18, 2015, of Lee B. Heffner, 75 Sunrise Road, Reinholds 17569, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, 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 Glenn Martin, Harrisburg, 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 WARREN STATE HOSPITAL

January 22, 2016

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 29, 2015, of Leah J. Sheppard, 115 North Street, Apt. 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Warren State Hospital, to serve until January 19, 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kathy Glarner, North Warren, resigned.



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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

January 22, 2016

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 29, 2015, of Leah J. Sheppard, 115 North Street, Apt. 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Armstrong, Magisterial District 33-3-04, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice The Honorable Samuel R. Goldstrohm, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

January 22, 2016

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 29, 2015, of Leah J. Sheppard, 115 North Street, Apt. 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Dauphin, Magisterial District 12-2-04, to serve until the first Monday of January 2016, vice The Honorable Robert Jennings III, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

January 22, 2016

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 29, 2015, of Leah J. Sheppard, 115 North Street, Apt. 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Lancaster, Magisterial District 02-2-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice The Honorable Kelly S. Bellentine, removed from office.

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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

**NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR**

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request that the nominations just read by the Clerk be returned to His Excellency, the Governor.

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

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be returned to the Governor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

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

**SB 50 (Pr. No. 1420) (Rereported)**

An Act establishing an industrial hemp industry in this Commonwealth; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Agriculture; and prescribing penalties.

**SB 889 (Pr. No. 1519) (Amended) (Rereported)**

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), referred to as the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, extending benefits to certain employees of the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission; and making editorial changes.

**HB 153 (Pr. No. 1318) (Rereported)**

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reducing the size of the General Assembly.

Senator CORMAN, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following bill:

**SB 166 (Pr. No. 1517) (Amended) (Rereported) (Concurrence)**

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in criminal history record information, further providing for general regulations and providing for order for limited access; and, in governance of the system, providing for petition for expungement or order for limited access fee.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

**SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, FARNESE, YUDICHAK, ARGALL, DINNIMAN, HAYWOOD, KITCHEN, SABATINA, SCHWANK, WOZNIAK, AUMENT, BAKER, EICHELBERGER, RAFFERTY, SCAVELLO, VULAKOVICH, WHITE and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 268**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of January 2016 as "National Blood Donor Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, this resolution designates January 2016 as "National Blood Donor Month." Victims of trauma, surgery patients, and organ transplant recipients all need blood to stay alive. Despite advancements in research and technology, there is still no medical substitute or replacement for human blood. Throughout our country, a patient is in need of blood every 3 seconds, and one unit of donated blood can save up to three lives. Volunteers provide nearly all of the nation's blood supply. According to Miller-Keystone Blood Center in my district, over 50 percent of the U.S. population are eligible to donate blood, but only 5 percent actually do. So I congratulate that 5 percent.

Each year around this time, blood centers across Pennsylvania have difficulty finding an adequate supply. Busy November and December schedules lead to fewer blood drives or donations. Yet there is a rise in blood demand due to illnesses and accidents from inclement weather or hazardous road conditions, like today and yesterday, as the whole Mid-Atlantic region is dealing with the wake of this historic winter storm. Mr. President, I believe that education is key to providing long-term solutions and preventing shortages within the blood banks and centers statewide. For many, this is literally a matter of life or death.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman for her work on a very important issue.

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

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

Senators TEPLITZ, DINNIMAN, WOZNIAK, SABATINA, GREENLEAF, McGARRIGLE, FARNESE, BROWNE, GORDNER, SCHWANK, YUDICHAK, FOLMER, BOSCOLA, EICHELBERGER, RESCHENTHALER, COSTA, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, HUGHES and WHITE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 269**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of February 2016 as "Career and Technical Education Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, my resolution designates the month of February 2016 as "Career and Technical Education Month" in Pennsylvania. This resolution serves to increase public understanding and appreciation of the value of this educational option. Career and technical education serves the needs of business and industry by delivering programs that meet national skill standards and offer recognized credentials. It also helps students prepare for postsecondary opportunities and provide them with high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand career choices. Career and Technical Education Month also serves to

increase public understanding and appreciation of the value of career and technical education.

It is also important to acknowledge organizations like the Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Administrators that strive to promote excellence in career and technical education through leadership, advocacy, and service, and also schools like the ones that were represented by my guests this morning, the Dauphin County Technical School and the Cumberland-Perry Area Vocational Technical School, who do a great job in educating our students and preparing them for college and/or the workforce.

So, Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in designating the month of February 2016 as Career and Technical Education Month in Pennsylvania.

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.

Senator TOMLINSON, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 270**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of January 31 through February 6, 2016, as "Physician Anesthesiologist Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Tomlinson.

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, I rise to offer this resolution designating the week of January 31 through February 6, 2016, as "Physician Anesthesiologist Week" here in Pennsylvania. The Commonwealth has strong roots in the field of anesthesiology, beginning in 1773 when Joseph Priestly first discovered nitrous oxide, which is still used as an anesthetic today. Today, physician anesthesiologists play a critical role in patient well-being before, during, and after surgical procedures. In Pennsylvania, more than 1.8 million procedures are performed with anesthesia, and the procedures have become safer thanks to dedicated and well-trained professionals.

The Pennsylvania Society of Anesthesiologists now has more than 1,400 members dedicated to promoting the highest standards in their field and providing outstanding medical attention to patients. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to thank these dedicated medical professionals for their work and recognize the contributions they make to the quality of healthcare in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania today.

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.

Senators SCHWANK and VOGEL, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 271**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of January 31 through February 6, 2016, as "Pennsylvania Young Farmers' Association Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Berks, Senator Schwank, one of the most dominant Senators of the Farm Show and one of the leaders of all farming issues.

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I appreciate that. That is very kind of you. Many of us are very familiar with the Future Farmers of America, or FFA, but very few of us, I think, know that in every agricultural science program in the Commonwealth and many States throughout the nation, there is another group called the Young Farmers' Association. It is an organization committed to lifelong learning. I think we understand that to be a successful farmer in this day and age, you need to continuously learn new techniques, learn about technology, and share information with your fellow agriculturalists, if you will.

So we do have a very, very strong statewide association of Pennsylvania Young Farmers. They are going to be meeting this week in Reading, Pennsylvania, Berks County, one of our most important counties, of course, for agriculture, January 31 through February 6, and that will be their annual convention. I think it would be wise for us, Mr. President, as Senators who are very concerned with agriculture and the productivity of this wonderful industry and how important it is to Pennsylvania's economy, to welcome and to congratulate the Pennsylvania Young Farmers on holding their annual convention, wish them well, and for certainly more success as they continue their goals to inform and educate farmers throughout the Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman. It is so important to recognize young people who are carrying on the great tradition of agriculture, one of our leading industries in Pennsylvania, and farming. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman for all her great work on the issue and also congratulates our Young Farmers and recognizes their upcoming convention.

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 Joseph Spielbauer by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Saint Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pine Grove by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William Henry Dunn by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sue Butz-Stavin by Senators Boscola, Browne, and Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Libby Baker-Mikesell and to Jayson Skylar Sheaffer by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Emily Kelly and to Pennsylvania American Water's Rock Run Water Treatment Plant by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sergeant William D. Baker by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Gloria M. Ernst by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Pottstown Area Senior Center by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elena LaQuatra and to Sydney Dolanch by Senator Reschenthaler.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Faith Christian School of Roseto by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Schumacher by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charles E. Berk by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. James Jay Tracy by Senator Wiley.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Helen Wilkes and to Jeffery Berlew 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 Honorable Gifford S. Cappellini, to the family of the late Edward C. Transue IV, to the family of the late Angelo P. DeCesaris and to the family of the late Edmund J. Rose by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Roger G. Reibman by Senator Boscola.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Joseph J. Milisits by Senator Scavello.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

#### SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016

|            |   |                        |
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| 11:00 A.M. | GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bills No. 979 and 1115; and House Bill No. 1168) | Room 8E-B<br>East Wing |
|            | <b>CANCELLED</b>  |                        |

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016

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| 9:30 A.M. | BANKING AND INSURANCE (public hearing on House Bill No. 1638)          | Hrg. Rm. 1<br>North Off. |
| 1:30 P.M. | TRANSPORTATION (public hearing on Clearing Snow and Ice from Vehicles) | Hrg. Rm. 1<br>North Off. |

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016

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| 9:00 A.M. | AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 1055) | Room 8E-B<br>East Wing |
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#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016

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| 10:00 A.M. | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Governor's Office/Governor's Budget Office/Executive Offices) | Hrg. Rm. 1<br>North Off. |
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| 1:00 P.M.                          | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Independent Fiscal Office - Economic Outlook & Revenue Overview) | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| 3:00 P.M.                          | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Health)  | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| <u>TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2016</u>   |   |                       |
| 10:00 A.M.                         | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Judiciary)   | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| 1:00 P.M.                          | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Treasury Department)   | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| 3:00 P.M.                          | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Auditor General)   | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| <u>WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2016</u> |   |                       |
| 10:00 A.M.                         | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Conservation and Natural Resources)                | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| 1:00 P.M.                          | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - State Police/Homeland Security)                                  | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| 3:00 P.M.                          | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs)                           | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| <u>THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2016</u>  |   |                       |
| 10:00 A.M.                         | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Environmental Protection)                          | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| 1:00 P.M.                          | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Community & Economic Development)                  | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| 3:00 P.M.                          | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Attorney General)  | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| <u>MONDAY FEBRUARY 29, 2016</u>    |   |                       |
| 10:00 A.M.                         | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Corrections/Board of Probation and Parole)         | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| 1:00 P.M.                          | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Transportation)                                    | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| 3:00 P.M.                          | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Aging)   | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| <u>TUESDAY MARCH 1, 2016</u>       |   |                       |
| 10:00 A.M.                         | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of General Services)                                  | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| 1:00 P.M.                          | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Labor & Industry)                                  | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| 3:00 P.M.                          | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Agriculture)                                       | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| <u>WEDNESDAY MARCH 2, 2016</u>     |   |                       |
| 10:00 A.M.                         | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - State Related Universities)                                      | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| 1:00 P.M.                          | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PA State System of Higher Education)                             | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| 3:00 P.M.                          | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PA Emergency Management Agency/Fire Commissioner)                | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016

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| 10:00 A.M.                    | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Human Services)                | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| 1:00 P.M.                     | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Revenue/Lottery)               | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| 3:00 P.M.                     | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Military and Veterans Affairs) | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| <u>TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016</u> |   |                       |
| 10:00 A.M.                    | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Education)                     | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
| 1:00 P.M.                     | APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PA Liquor Control Board)                     | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |

**PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Folmer.

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, on May 12, 2015, we passed, in this esteemed body, with an overwhelming vote, Senate Bill No. 3. It is now January 26, 2016, and we still have not gotten a vote out of the House. I was told that we were going to get a vote in October. I was told then we were going to get a vote in November, and definitely by the first week of December. Those months have come and gone and it is now, as I said, January 26, 2016.

Now, I am told that I need to be patient, that the DEA is loosening their restrictions on the purview of cannabis, especially related to medical purposes, and that the Pennsylvania Medical Society wrote a letter to the FDA asking them to reschedule cannabis from a Schedule I to a Schedule II, or whatever. I am told that we need to just relax, we need to not do anything because we want to make sure that we can get the studies done, and we want to make sure that we do not cause any harm. Let us talk about that harm that we do not want to cause, because we would legalize the compassionate access of cannabis to patients. Let us talk about the heroin addiction problem that we have going on, not only in this country, but in this State. Should we be surprised that we have this problem? I do not think so. The United States makes up about 5 percent of the world's population, but we use over 75 percent of the prescription opiates for various reasons, which are highly addictive and physically addictive. If we have a heroin addiction problem, which we do have--I am not saying if, because we do have--it is not because of the term "marijuana," but it is because of heroin's little cousins, Oxycontin, Percocet, Vicodin, and so forth. So, if we are not worried about harm--and here is the other thing, we have to wait for the FDA, but the FDA has now allowed 12-year-olds access to Oxycontin. So, maybe we want to make sure that the heroin addiction problem gets even greater.

Here is what is crazy. In every State that uses cannabis for chronic pain management, their prescription drug overdoses are down 25 percent in the first 5 years. So, no harm? Where is the harm? Here is the other harm: the FDA-approved drugs and medications that mothers, parents, and fathers are able to give to their children who are suffering through various forms of epilepsy, these medications can cause a heart to stop beating, can even cause death, and definitely cognitive disabilities to the brain. So,

we have to wait for no harm? The side effects of cannabis are maybe an increase of appetite, maybe drowsiness. I just do not get it.

Here is the other thing. If we are so worried about cannabis, and, granted, what I am about to tell you is anecdotal, and that is the big argument, Mike, you are just bringing me this anecdotal evidence. Well, to me, anecdotal evidence is real people. I am going to talk about a little girl, and no, I am not talking about Charlotte Figi, who became the poster child of the medical cannabis movement back when Dr. Sanjay Gupta did his special on CNN. I am going to talk about and keep her nameless, but I would be glad to introduce you, if you do not believe me, to this little girl who lives right here in the Harrisburg area, who for the last 16 months, this little girl's seizures have dissipated, all but gone away. When I hear arguments that the THC in some of these medications that some of these parents are finding are working best for their children's epilepsy is damaging and harmful, this little girl, who was told that she was never going to be able to read, she was never going to be able to learn math, not more than about 2 months ago was given an IEP into remedial math and remedial reading. So, this has not only helped to stop her seizures, but it has helped the cognitive ability of this child to function to as near normalcy as possible. So, where is that harm?

Now, let us talk about the harm for our veterans. Approximately 22 to 23 veterans commit suicide every day. A lot of these poor soldiers are suffering from PTSD, and when you speak to some of the parents, loved ones, wives and/or husbands of a veteran who is suffering from PTSD and see the basketful of medication that they are able to take that are FDA approved, and all they want is safe, compassionate access to cannabis to help them through those episodes. The problem is that some of the side effects of those medications that they are allowed to take causes greater depression and/or even suicidal thoughts, which ends up in suicides.

So again, what are we waiting for? I do not get it. I believe all of this talk that we need more studies, we need to wait on the FDA, we need to wait on the DEA, is nothing more than delay tactics. Meanwhile, patients, whether they are children suffering from epilepsy, whether they are soldiers suffering from PTSD, veterans who put their lives on the line to fight for their country, or folks suffering from multiple sclerosis, or arthritis, the list could go on and on, they are still waiting. This wait and this delay needs to end, and it needs to end now.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for his important advocacy.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Farnese.

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about the recent good news regarding Planned Parenthood. As I am sure many of you are aware, a Texas grand jury cleared Planned Parenthood of any wrongdoing following the surfacing of undercover videos last year. Instead, the grand jury indicted the antiabortion activists who made the videos, citing their criminal behavior in collecting the footage. After the undercover videos came out last year, Mr. President, I, along with other folks, urged others to take caution when judging Planned Parenthood and to, instead, focus on providing affordable, safe access to healthcare for men and women.

To continue that mission, I have reintroduced Senate Bill No. 1105, visiting and working at reproductive healthcare facilities. Today, when people who oppose the rights of women to access reproductive healthcare are willing to go to extremes to deny those rights, these protections are more important than ever. Patients seeking family planning and reproductive health services are often verbally and physically harassed and intimidated. As a volunteer escort for women into healthcare facilities, I have seen personally firsthand experiences of violent confrontations between patients and demonstrators. The look of fear on those women's faces, Mr. President, was unforgettable. Scared and alone, these women faced hateful words and physical confrontations. No one should have to face fear and intimidation just to access healthcare, and my bill, Senate Bill No. 1105, aims to make that possible.

In the last 5 years, we have seen increasingly violent attacks on reproductive healthcare facilities. Counting the recent killings in Colorado Springs, there have been 11 murders and 28 attempted murders in attacks targeting reproductive healthcare providers in the United States and Canada. This is unacceptable, and my bill makes it clear that we will not tolerate these senseless acts in Pennsylvania. My legislation would provide safe access to reproductive healthcare facilities, prevent harassment and intimidation of patients and clinic staff, and combat deliberate obstruction of clinic entrances. My bill also carefully balances the fundamental First Amendment rights of lawful protesters with the right to safe access and affordable healthcare. I have no interest, Mr. President, and I have said this many times, both last Session when I dealt with this legislation, and during this legislative Session when I introduced Senate Bill No. 1105, in banning peaceful protests, but when folks cross the line and hurt a patient or doctor, they will be facing serious jail time and fines.

Senate Bill No. 1105 is part of the women's healthcare caucus's agenda for women's health, and I look forward to support from both sides of the aisle on this very important issue.

Thank you, Mr. President.

## HOUSE MESSAGE

### HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 494**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

## BILL SIGNED

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

### SB 494.

## RECESS

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 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 5:24 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.