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SENATE

MONDAY, March 14, 2016

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend NICHOLAS KEENEY, of Chambers Hill United Methodist Church, Harrisburg, offered the following prayer:

Will you join me in prayer.

Holy God, You created us and charged us with caring for the earth and our neighbors upon it. Bless this Chamber and the lawmakers who will meet here today, for You have called them to the holy task of bringing order, stability, and peacefulness to our common life. It is a difficult and necessary thing to hold together the needs of all Your people in our society. Thank You for those who have joined this task to serve others. Forgive us for the times when we have allowed our own pride to do harm. Teach us humility, that we might work together even with those with whom we disagree. May the Members of this body do their work with dignity and honor creating just laws and allocating funds with fairness. May they protect the vulnerable and the weakest of our neighbors. May they speak to one another with respect and even love. It is a holy calling to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. By Your grace may our work be done well here today. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Keeney, who is the guest today of Senator Folmer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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 AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

February 26, 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 December 14, 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 Auctioneer Examiners, 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 Mary Louise Doyle, Pottstown, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

February 26, 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 December 14, 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 Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, to serve until July 20, 2020, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice K. Scott Baker, Pittsburgh, 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,
DAUPHIN COUNTY

February 26, 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 December 14, 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, Dauphin County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice The Honorable Bernard L. Coates, deceased.

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

February 26, 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 December 14, 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, York County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice The Honorable Thomas H. Kelley, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT COMMISSION

February 26, 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 December 14, 2015, of Leah J. Sheppard, 115 North Street, Apt. 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Public Employee Retirement Commission, to serve until October 27, 2021, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Christ Zervanos, Harrisburg, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 26, 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 December 14, 2015, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Dauphin, Magisterial District 12-1-04, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice The Honorable Marsha C. Stewart, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 26, 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 December 14, 2015, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Venango, Magisterial District 28-3-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice The Honorable Michael D. Snyder, resigned.

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:

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

March 3, 2016

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, 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 James Garmon, Pittsburgh, deceased.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

March 3, 2016

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, 214 Cumberland Street, 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. Whyatt Mondesire, Philadelphia, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

March 3, 2016

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, Brenda L. Rios (Public Member), 1224 N. Third Street, Unit 502, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth 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 Margaret Matisko, Wilkes Barre [sic], whose term expired.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

March 3, 2016

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), 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, 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, resigned.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

March 4, 2016

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, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve until April 15, 2016, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Robert Kingkiner, Kingston, resigned.

TOM WOLF Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

March 4, 2016

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, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice The Honorable Gregory Smith, resigned.

TOM WOLF Governor

JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

March 4, 2016

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 David N. Wecht, resigned.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE [Data Missing] WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER [sic]

March 4, 2016

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 a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Gerald LaValle, Harrisburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

March 4, 2016

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 Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Allegheny, Magisterial District 05-2-35, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice The Honorable Hugh F. McGough, resigned.

TOM WOLF Governor

JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

March 10, 2016

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 Christine L. Donohue, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

March 10, 2016

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, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, to serve for a term of six years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, vice Jeffrey Imboden, Lebanon, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

March 10, 2016

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 Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, vice Michael Green, Wyncote, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**CORRECTIONS TO 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:

MEMBER OF THE BANKING AND
SECURITIES COMMISSION *[sic]*

February 22, 2016

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

Please note that the letter dated February 4, 2016, for the nomination of Leah J. Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a

member of the Banking and Securities Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Gerald Pappert, Plymouth Meeting, resigned, should be corrected to read:

MEMBER OF THE BANKING AND
SECURITIES COMMISSION

Leah J. Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Banking and Securities Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Gerald Pappert, Plymouth Meeting, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

CONTROLLER, BUCKS COUNTY

February 22, 2016

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

Please note that the letter dated February 11, 2016, for the nomination of Leah Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Controller, Bucks County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice Raymond McHugh, Feasterville *[sic]*, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Leah Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Controller, in and for the County of Bucks, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice Raymond McHugh, Feasterville, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

February 22, 2016

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

Please note that the letter dated February 11, 2016, for the nomination of Leah J. Sheppard *[data missing]*, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard Turner, Mercer, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Leah J. Sheppard (Public Member), 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard Turner, Mercer, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TUSTEES *[sic]* OF
THADDEUS STEVENS COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

February 22, 2016

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

Please note that the letter dated February 11, 2016, for the nomination of Mary K. Topper, Esq., 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, to serve until the third Tuesday in *[data missing]* 2021, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Levitski, Lititz, resigned, should be corrected to read:

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THADDEUS STEVENS COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2021, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Levitski, Lititz, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE *[Data Missing]* WESTERN YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT CENTER *[sic]*

March 10, 2016

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

Please note that the letter dated March 8 *[sic]*, 2016, for the nomination of Mary K. Topper, Esq., 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Gerald LaValle, Harrisburg, resigned, should be corrected to read.

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

Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Gerald LaValle, Harrisburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**CORRECTION TO CORRECTION
TO NOMINATION**

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

March 11, 2016

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

Please note that the letter dated March 4, 2016, and corrected on March 10, 2016, for the nomination of Mary K. Topper, Esq., 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Gerald LaValle, Harrisburg, resigned, should be corrected to read.

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

March 8, 2016

Mary K. Topper, Esq., 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Gerald LaValle, 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:

March 4, 2016

Senators RAFFERTY, SCAVELLO, TEPLITZ, EICHELBERGER, COSTA, SABATINA, WOZNIAK, McILHINNEY, HAYWOOD, YUDICHAK, VANCE, HUTCHINSON, BAKER, VOGEL and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1130**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in realty transfer tax, further providing for excluded transactions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 4, 2016.

Senators WARD, BROWNE, TEPLITZ, SCAVELLO, FOLMER, EICHELBERGER, WHITE, VULAKOVICH, SCHWANK, McILHINNEY, RAFFERTY, HAYWOOD, STEFANO, YUDICHAK, RESCHENTHALER, WAGNER, MENSCH, WOZNIAK, VOGEL and SCARNATI presented to the Chair **SB 1131**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in trade and commerce, further providing for the offense of buying or exchanging Federal food order coupons, stamps, authorization cards or access devices and providing for the offense of unauthorized possession of electronic benefits transfer cards.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 4, 2016.

Senators HUTCHINSON, ARGALL, EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, MENSCH and TEPLITZ presented to the Chair **SB 1132**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 1, 1945 (P.L.1242, No.428), known as the State Highway Law, providing for commemorative designations; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 4, 2016.

Senators BAKER, RAFFERTY, SCAVELLO, VANCE, WILEY, TEPLITZ, SCHWANK, WOZNIAK, SABATINA, HAYWOOD, FONTANA, COSTA, WARD, YUDICHAK, BROWNE, GREENLEAF, BARTOLOTTA, FARNESE, BOSCOLA, AUMENT, VOGEL, HUGHES, DINNIMAN and SCARNATI presented to the Chair **SB 1133**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in compensation, further providing for ineligibility for compensation.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 4, 2016.

Senators GREENLEAF, TEPLITZ, LEACH, FARNESE, YUDICHAK, BARTOLOTTA, FONTANA, VANCE, RESCHENTHALER, HAYWOOD, BROWNE, VOGEL and SCARNATI presented to the Chair **SB 1134**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in post-trial matters, further providing for postconviction DNA testing.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 4, 2016.

Senator LEACH presented to the Chair **SB 1138**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in criminal homicide, further providing for the offense of murder.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 4, 2016.

Senators WARD, TEPLITZ, HAYWOOD and VOGEL presented to the Chair **SB 1139**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in county boards of elections, further providing for powers and duties of county boards; in qualifications of electors, further providing for qualifications of electors at primaries; in party organization, further providing for only enrolled electors to vote at primaries or hold party offices; and, in nomination of candidates, further providing for candidates to be nominated and party officers to be elected at primaries.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 4, 2016.

Senators GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, COSTA, YUDICHAK and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 1144**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, providing for the offense of selling or furnishing dextromethorphan to minors.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 4, 2016.

Senators YAW, RESCHENTHALER, BARTOLOTTA, YUDICHAK, WHITE, ALLOWAY, HUTCHINSON, VULAKOVICH and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1145**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 25, 1961 (P.L.825, No.359), known as the Oil and Gas Conservation Law, further providing for applicability, exclusions and construction.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 4, 2016.

Senators AUMENT, EICHELBERGER, RAFFERTY, SCARNATI, GREENLEAF, SCHWANK, MENSCH, VULAKOVICH, YUDICHAK, WAGNER and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1146**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for higher education accountability and transparency.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 4, 2016.

Senators KITCHEN, SCHWANK, HAYWOOD, LEACH, SABATINA and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 1147**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in authorized disposition of offenders, further providing for sentence of persons under the age of 18 for murder, murder of an unborn child and murder of a law enforcement officer.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 4, 2016.

Senators McILHINNEY, BREWSTER, ALLOWAY and SCAVELLO presented to the Chair **SB 1148**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for license costs and fees.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, March 4, 2016.

Senators AUMENT, ALLOWAY, STEFANO, FOLMER, SMUCKER, EICHELBERGER, WAGNER and HUTCHINSON presented to the Chair **SB 1149**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in grounds and buildings, providing for final approval of bid specifications and bids.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 4, 2016.

March 7, 2016

Senators STEFANO, VULAKOVICH, VANCE, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, WAGNER, WHITE, CORMAN, MENSCH and VOGEL presented to the Chair **SB 1129**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting certain payments from the State Treasury and certain activities of Commonwealth departments during a budget impasse; establishing the Budget Impasse Critical Services Fund; and providing for disbursements from the fund and other special funds during a budget impasse.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 7, 2016.

Senators GREENLEAF, HAYWOOD, KITCHEN, WAGNER, COSTA, BARTOLOTTA, FONTANA, FARNESE and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 1135**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in criminal history record information, further providing for use of records for employment.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 2016.

Senators WHITE, BARTOLOTTA and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1136**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1974 (P.L.973, No.319), known as the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974, further providing for definitions and for penalty for ineligible use.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 7, 2016.

Senators WARD, VOGEL, VULAKOVICH, HUTCHINSON, RAFFERTY, DINNIMAN, HAYWOOD and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 1137**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in open meetings, further providing for definitions, for open meetings and for public notice.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 7, 2016.

Senators STEFANO, EICHELBERGER, VULAKOVICH, SCARNATI, MENSCH, RESCHENTHALER, BARTOLOTTA, RAFFERTY, AUMENT, FOLMER, WARD and WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 1140**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in collective bargaining, further providing for definitions; and prohibiting full-time union leave.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 7, 2016.

Senators STEFANO, MENSCH, AUMENT and WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 1141**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in ethics standards and financial disclosure, further providing for restricted activities.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 7, 2016.

Senators YAW, TEPLITZ, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, HUTCHINSON and SCARNATI presented to the Chair **SB 1142**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 6, 1989 (P.L.169, No.32), known as the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act, further providing for Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Board.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 7, 2016.

Senator FOLMER presented to the Chair **SB 1150**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting the Commonwealth, its political subdivisions and certain persons from assisting the armed forces of the United States in the investigation, arrest, prosecution or indefinite detention without charge or trial of any person within the United States under certain Federal laws; and imposing duties on the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, March 7, 2016.

Senators VOGEL, CORMAN, AUMENT, GORDNER, ARGALL, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, FOLMER, RAFFERTY, HUTCHINSON, MENSCH, WHITE, BROOKS, STEFANO and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1151**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of April 1, 1863 (P.L.213, No.227), entitled "An act to accept the grant of Public Lands, by the United States, to the several states, for the endowment of Agricultural Colleges," making an appropriation from a restricted account within the Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 7, 2016.

March 9, 2016

Senators SABATINA, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, VULAKOVICH, COSTA, YUDICHAK, BARTOLOTTA, DINNIMAN, BOSCOLA, HAYWOOD and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1143**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in protection from abuse, further providing for commencement of proceedings.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 9, 2016.

Senators BROWNE, VULAKOVICH, BARTOLOTTA, McGARRIGLE, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, TEPLITZ, COSTA, DINNIMAN, TARTAGLIONE, KITCHEN and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1152**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in other required equipment, further providing for restraint systems; and making an editorial change.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 9, 2016.

Senator VOGEL presented to the Chair **SB 1153**, entitled:

An Act designating a portion of State Routes 108 and 551 in Lawrence County as the Battery B Memorial Highway.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 9, 2016.

Senators VULAKOVICH, FOLMER, BAKER, ARGALL, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE, BOSCOLA, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, FARNESE, FONTANA, GORDNER, HUTCHINSON, KITCHEN, LEACH, McGARRIGLE, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SCARNATI, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, VOGEL, WAGNER, WARD, WHITE, WOZNAK, YAW and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 1154**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 5, 1941 (P.L.752, No.286), known as the Civil Service Act, in selection of employees for entrance to or promotion in the classified service, further providing for ratings of competitors; and, in appointment and promotion of employees in the classified service, further providing for certification and for selection and appointment of eligibles.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 9, 2016.

Senators RESCHENTHALER, SCAVELLO, AUMENT, TEPLITZ, SABATINA, GREENLEAF, VOGEL, YUDICHAK, SCARNATI, WILEY, COSTA, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, DINNIMAN, BARTOLOTTA, ARGALL, BREWSTER, VULAKOVICH, McGARRIGLE, BLAKE, MENSCH, HUTCHINSON, BROWNE, FARNESE, BAKER, WARD and BROOKS presented to the Chair **SB 1155**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for special plates for active members of the armed forces of the United States.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 9, 2016.

March 14, 2016

Senators DINNIMAN, SMUCKER, EICHELBERGER, SCARNATI, GREENLEAF, GORDNER, FOLMER, COSTA, TEPLITZ, BREWSTER, BROWNE, MENSCH and AUMENT presented to the Chair **SB 1159**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, providing for review of the State plan required under the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 14, 2016.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

February 26, 2016

Senators WAGNER, HUTCHINSON, SCARNATI, FOLMER, VULAKOVICH, MENSCH, RESCHENTHALER, GREENLEAF, EICHELBERGER, BARTOLOTTA, AUMENT and SMUCKER presented to the Chair **SR 278**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to propose an amendment entitled the "Regulation Freedom Amendment" to the Constitution of the United States, which shall mandate Congressional approval of any regulation opposed by at least one quarter of the members of the House of Representatives of the United States.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 26, 2016.

Senators EICHELBERGER, VOGEL, WAGNER, WHITE, ARGALL and CORMAN presented to the Chair **SR 291**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution petitioning the Congress of the United States to call a Constitutional Convention limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the Federal Government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the Federal Government and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, February 26, 2016.

March 7, 2016

Senators AUMENT, RESCHENTHALER, BARTOLOTTA, SCAVELLO, SCARNATI, WAGNER, FOLMER, VOGEL, GORDNER, ALLOWAY and WARD presented to the Chair **SR 292**, entitled:

A Resolution amending the Rules of the Senate, further providing for resolutions.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, March 7, 2016.

Senators FOLMER and SCAVELLO presented to the Chair **SR 293**, entitled:

A Resolution protesting Federal Government overreach as first delineated by the Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions authored by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, respectively.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, March 7, 2016.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

KEYSTONE INNOVATION ZONE TAX CREDIT AND TAX CREDIT SALE PROGRAMS

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Community and Economic Development
Harrisburg, PA 17120

February 12, 2016

To the General Assembly
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, PA 17120

The Department of Community & Economic Development is pleased to present the 2015 Annual Legislative Report on the Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ) Tax Credit and Tax Credit Sale programs.

The KIZ Tax Credit Program is putting Governor Wolf's goal of creating a pro-growth business climate in Pennsylvania into action. With a more than 5 percent increase in approved companies, the program awarded nearly \$18 million in tax credits in the 2014-2015 fiscal year. These 239 KIZ-qualified startup companies and entrepreneurs commercialized many new technologies and Pennsylvania-made products.

The energy, enthusiasm, and innovation of these KIZ companies -- along with the network of partners in the KIZs -- are creating a more vibrant economy by accelerating the growth of technology-based business creation.

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

ANNUAL FINANCING STRATEGY REPORT

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Community and Economic Development
Harrisburg, PA 17120

February 16, 2016

To the General Assembly
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: ANNUAL FINANCING STRATEGY REPORT

Enclosed herewith is the report as required by Act 12 of 2004 that sets forth in detail an Annual Financing Strategy Report for business financing and Economic Stimulus programs that are administered by the department for Fiscal Year 2016-17. This document includes the Department's goals, objectives and strategy for each of the programs outlined in Act 12.

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

AUDITOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

February 29, 2016

The Honorable Joseph Scarnati
President Pro Tempore
Senate of Pennsylvania
292 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati:

In accordance with the provisions of Article VIII of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act (Act 1 of 1999, as amended), the Auditor General is required on or before each March 1 and September 1 to make certifications to the Governor and the General Assembly of:

- The average annual tax revenues deposited in all funds in the five preceding fiscal years;
- The amount of outstanding net debt as of the end of the preceding fiscal year;
- The amount of net debt as of the certification date;
- The difference between the limitation upon all net debt outstanding as provided in Section 7(a)(4) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and the amount of net debt as of the certification date;
- The amount of such debt scheduled to be repaid during the remainder of the fiscal year in which the certificates are being issued;
- The amount of debt authorized by law to be issued, but not yet incurred; and
- The amount of outstanding obligations excluded from outstanding debt as self-sustaining pursuant to Section 7(c)(1), (2) and (3) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

A duplicate original of my certificate is enclosed.

Sincerely,
EUGENE A. DePASQUALE
Auditor General

AUDITOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE
Pursuant to
ARTICLE VIII, Section 7(a)(4)
of the
CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA
and
Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act

To the Governor and The General Assembly:

I, Eugene A. DePasquale, Auditor General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 7(a)(4) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act (Act 1 of 1999, as amended) certify as follows:

- The average annual tax revenues deposited in all funds in the five fiscal years ended preceding the date of February 29, 2016 \$36,290,613,411
- (i) The amount of outstanding net debt as of the end of the preceding fiscal year \$10,848,292,333
 - (ii) The amount of such net debt as of February 29, 2016 \$10,371,204,228
 - (iii) The difference between the limitation upon all net debt outstanding as provided in Article VIII, Section 7(a)(4) of the

Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the amount of such net debt as of the date of February 29, 2016 \$53,137,369,241

- (iv) The amount of such debt scheduled to be repaid during the remainder of the current fiscal year \$205,150,000
- (v) The amount of debt authorized by law to be issued, but not yet incurred \$114,530,373,968
- (vi) The amount of outstanding obligations excluded from outstanding debt as self-sustaining pursuant to Article VIII, Section 7(c)(1), (2) and (3) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania \$9,715,314,612

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Auditor General, this 29th day of February 2016.

EUGENE A. DePASQUALE
Auditor General
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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

**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATE
FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

March 2016

To the General Assembly
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Enclosed herewith is the annual report of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's State Food Purchase Program.

Sincerely,
CHARLES W. QUINNAN
Legislative Director

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

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

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

- Mr. J. Andrew Crompton to serve in his stead as a member of the Joint Committee on Documents.
- Mr. William T. Hunt II as a member of the Geospatial Coordinating Board.
- Mr. Danny W. Ramer as the Municipal Authority member to the Geospatial Coordinating Board.

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 Wagner, and a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, March 14, 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, March 21, 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, March 21, 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-49

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

NAY-0

A 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce that today is a special day. Our friend and colleague, Senator Wiley, is celebrating a birthday. So, happy birthday to Senator Wiley.

(Applause.)

I can see a look of jealousy from Senator Fontana, who celebrated his birthday on Saturday. So, also happy birthday to Senator Fontana.

(Applause.)

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

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize Jeffrey Hunt, who is seated in the gallery today. Jeff, a Lower Paxton Township resident, is a constituent of mine, and Wednesday will be his last day working here after dedicating more than two decades of service to the Senate of Pennsylvania. Jeff is here today with his wife, Rosemary, his daughter, Caitlin, and his mother-in-law, Eleanor Sichak. He also has a son, Christopher, who is a junior at Penn State, who could not be here today.

Jeff was employed with the Republican Communications Office for 21 years prior to joining the Senate Page room as a legislative Page this past year. Jeff is a graduate of Penn State University and served his country in the United States Army for 3 years. Between his service in the Communications Office and the Page room, Jeff is a familiar face around the Capitol. I know he will be missed by those of us, whether Senators or staff, who are used to seeing him regularly.

Both the Communications Office and Page room play important roles in ensuring that this legislative body runs efficiently, and Jeff's contributions to the Senate over the last two decades are very much appreciated. I want to thank Jeff for his service to our country and for his many years of loyalty to the Senate of Pennsylvania. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Jeff for his years of service and wishing him a long and enjoyable retirement.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lycoming, Senator Yaw.

Senator YAW. Mr. President, I rise today to offer my best wishes to Jeff Hunt, who has been a longtime member of the Republican Caucus. Jeff is retiring on Wednesday with over 21 years of dedicated service to the State Senate. As has been noted, I think it is important to recognize that he is an Army veteran also. He served the Senate, the Republican Caucus, as a videographer. Jeff has helped me showcase the people, the places, and communities throughout my legislative district for my monthly television program on many occasions. Aside from my staff and Clare, our video producer, I cannot think of any other person who has traveled my district more than Jeff. As a matter of fact, he should be thanking me for all of the wonderful tours that I have given him the opportunity to participate in. For example, we have climbed on Marcellus Shale drilling rigs, we have looked at natural gas pipelines, we visited the Sullivan County Museum in Eagles Mere. We looked at the toboggan slide in Eagles Mere. We highlighted our rail industry by taking a train trip on one occasion. We have made snowboards and we have toured maple syrup production in Bradford County. Incidentally, for those of you who do not know, March is maple syrup month in Pennsylvania. I can think of many other events, including the Farm Show and agriculture progress days, where Jeff has also spent the majority of his time during the months of January and August showcasing those events for the Senate Republican Caucus.

As is often acknowledged here in the Senate, we could never do our jobs as well as we do without the support of our fellow staff members. We especially need those staff members who make us look good on TV. I know Jeff has also been a big help and has assisted many of our Members here over two decades. He has proven to be an important asset over the years and he will most surely be missed. The decision to retire is never easy, and I know Jeff is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Rosemary, and his children, Chris and Caitlin, and, of course, many friends.

Mr. President, it is my pleasure today to publicly thank Jeff for his dedicated service to the Caucus, to the Pennsylvania Senate, to me, and to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and wish him the very, very best in his upcoming retirement.

The PRESIDENT. On behalf of the Senate, thank you, Jeff Hunt. Jeff, you look too young to retire. Congratulations to you and your family.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR PATRICIA H. VANCE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. I am alerted that Senator Vance's guests have arrived. For the purpose of--we are getting sick of this--recognizing champions again, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Cumberland, Senator Vance.

Senator VANCE. Mr. President, today I have the distinct pleasure of introducing the Mechanicsburg Area High School Marching Band. The band captured the 2015 Class V U.S. Bands National Championship on November 7, 2015, at MetLife Stadium. It compiled a score of 97.363 to outscore 63 other bands. The band also received awards for best color guard, best overall effect, and best visual. The 119 performers are led by Director Ben Goldsborough and 23 other staff. The band and instructors are in the gallery. Please give them a very warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Vance, the championship band, please rise so that we may welcome and congratulate you.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ELISABETH J. BAKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I am proud today to rise to introduce student athletes from Dallas High School in Luzerne County. They are members of the Boys' Cross Country team, who won the PIAA Class AA Boys' Team 2015 State Cross Country Championship. They are under the guidance of head coach Matt Samuel. The team is comprised of Adam Borton, Jason Culp, Joshua Jarden, Robert Martin, Stephen Postupak, Mitchell Rome, Josh Wyandt, and Jack Zardecki.

In addition, I am proud to introduce Ally Rome, who is the 2015 PIAA Class AA Girls' Individual State Champion. Ally is a senior and she captured her second consecutive State title. She will be furthering her academic and athletic career at Princeton University this fall.

I am very proud to recognize these outstanding young men and young woman, who are great examples of hard work, com-

mitment, and determination. I ask the Senate to please join me in offering our warm Senate welcome to our State champions.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the champions, Dallas Boys' Cross Country and Ally Rome, please rise so that we may salute you.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR MICHAEL J. FOLMER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, I rise to introduce our Chaplain today, the Reverend Nicholas Keeney. Reverend Keeney grew up on a farm in Wyalusing, Pennsylvania. He earned a degree in economics from Alfred University before receiving a Master of Divinity from Duke University. He has served churches in North Carolina, New York, and now Pennsylvania. Pastor Nick and his wife, Brookye, are the proud parents of two sons, A.J. and Clark, and have a miniature dachshund, Augie. Pastor Nick is passionate about the way that his congregation connects to and serves their neighborhoods. On his days off, he enjoys hiking with his family, playing golf, and enjoying a motorcycle ride. Senators, please join me in a warm Senate welcome for our Chaplain today, Reverend Nicholas Keeney.

The PRESIDENT. Will the guest of Senator Folmer, Reverend Keeney, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. Thank you for your prayer.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHELE BROOKS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Mercer, Senator Brooks.

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, I extend a warm welcome to former Senator Bob Robbins and his wife, Cindy, who are seated in the gallery. Could we have a round of applause for them.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Robbins and his wife, Cindy. Of course, we miss Senator Robbins here, but we have an able replacement who carries on his great legacy of service.

(Applause.)

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Wozniak.

Senator WOZNIAK. Mr. President, on March 7, 2016, a very good friend of mine and a former Senator, Bill Stewart, passed away of a heart attack while on business in Cleveland. He served in the House of Representatives from 1977 to 1987, when he replaced Mark Singel here in the Senate in 1987, and served until 1996, when I was elected. He worked at Bethlehem Steel as an electrician. He was a small businessman, an ally of labor, he loved his children, and especially his wife, Kitty. His son, last May, died of a heart attack also, at age 40. He is survived by Kitty, his wife; his son, Chris, who is a trainer for the Penguins; and two grandchildren.

He enjoyed his office. He was one of the wittiest people I ever knew. It is interesting, we live in a very difficult political cli-

mate, he could read through the political rhetoric and read those tea leaves. He will be sadly missed. He was very energetic for us in Johnstown dealing with the 911 system, the community college without walls, which is now our community college, and also dealing with a lot of issues while in the Senate dealing with brownfields. So his legacy will live on with his good works. I want to spend a moment of time and have a moment of silence in respect for a former colleague and a friend, Senator Bill Stewart.

The PRESIDENT. A moment of silence will now be honored in memory and in thoughts to our former colleague, Senator Stewart, on behalf of Senator Wozniak.

(Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of the Honorable WILLIAM J. STEWART.)

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, before we move on to the next order of business, if I could make a couple of remarks. I did not get the opportunity to serve with Senator Stewart, but I did know him fairly well. I worked in Harrisburg as a staff person for United States Senator Rick Santorum at the time and I spent some time here at the Capitol. Senator Stewart, who did not need to give me any time of day, was always very courteous in his time with me and was very kind. He was a gentleman to work with. We have a fraternity--maybe that would be incorrect with gender--sorority or fraternity here in the Senate that when you serve in this body, it is a special place to serve. When one of us passes, it affects all of us. From our side of the aisle I want to say what a nice man he was. He was always very courteous to everyone who came to his office, whether they were important or not. He always extended the olive branch to people.

So, we will miss him here as well, but as all Members of the Senate are, they are here for public service, and that was what Senator Stewart was here for. I know Senator Wozniak filled his shoes very well, but he left a mark in his district, in Johnstown in particular, and he will be missed.

Thank you, Mr. President.

REQUEST FOR 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 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, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus immediately.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, could we be at ease for a minute?

The PRESIDENT. The Senate will be at ease.

(The Senate was at ease.)

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, can I amend my request? If possible, Mr. President, first, I would like to have an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive

Nominations to be held in the Rules room, then followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a 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.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The SECRETARY. Permission has been granted for the Committee on Appropriations to meet today off the floor to consider House Bill No. 1801.

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess from the Senate for purposes of off-the-floor meetings of the Committee on Appropriations and of the Committee on Banking and Insurance to be held in the Rules room.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on Appropriations and of the Committee on Banking and Insurance, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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 Mensch.

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

CALENDAR

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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 837 (Pr. No. 1556) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing certain financial institutions to conduct savings promotion raffles; and providing for enforcement by the Department of Banking and Securities.

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

HB 837 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 837, Printer's No. 1556, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1013 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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 third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 31 (Pr. No. 1553) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1990 (P.L.404, No.98), known as the Real Estate Appraisers Certification Act, further providing for powers and duties of the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, for application and qualifications, for reciprocity and for certification renewal, licensure renewal and records.

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.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED

SB 50 (Pr. No. 1420) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

Senator SCHWANK offered the following amendment No. A5957:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by striking out the semicolon after "Agriculture"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by inserting after "and ": the Legislative Reference Bureau;

Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by inserting after "penalties": ; and establishing an account

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 9 through 18; pages 2 through 8, lines 1 through 30; page 9, lines 1 through 3; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

Section 2. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have

the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Account." The Plant Pest Management Account established in section 9.

"Agricultural pilot program." The program under section 3 to research the growth, cultivation, marketing and sale of industrial hemp to ensure that institutions of higher education, and sites and persons utilized by the institutions of higher education, grow or cultivate industrial hemp as authorized under this act.

"Department." The Department of Agriculture of the Commonwealth.

"Industrial hemp." The plant *cannabis sativa* L. and any part of the plant, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3% on a dry weight basis.

"Institution of higher education." An institution which:

(1) meets the definition set forth in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-329, 20 U.S.C. § 1001); and
(2) is located in this Commonwealth.

"Secretary." The Secretary of Agriculture of the Commonwealth.
Section 3. Industrial hemp.

(a) Authority.--Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the department may implement the agricultural pilot program to research industrial hemp consistent with this act and Federal law.

(b) Permits.--An institution of higher education, or a person that supplies services to the institution of higher education to implement or operate the agricultural pilot program, may apply to the department for a permit under section 4(3).

(c) Oilseed.--Industrial hemp shall be recognized as an oilseed in this Commonwealth.

(d) Prohibition.--A person may not grow, cultivate, market or sell industrial hemp unless all of the following apply:

(1) The person is part of the agricultural pilot program pursuant to a contract with an institution of higher education.
(2) The person has a permit under section 4(3).

Section 4. Department.

The department has the following powers and duties:

(1) To develop and implement the agricultural pilot program in this Commonwealth.

(2) To promulgate regulations under section 5.

(3) Subject to the Controlled Substances Act (Public Law 91-513, 84 Stat. 1236), the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (Public Law 107-110, 20 U.S.C. § 7101 et seq.), 41 U.S.C. Ch. 81 (relating to drug-free workplace) and notwithstanding the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, and 18 Pa.C.S. § 7508(a)(1) (relating to drug trafficking sentencing and penalties), to issue, renew, deny, revoke, suspend or refuse to renew a permit as follows:

(i) For an institution of higher education to conduct research relating to the cultivation or marketing of industrial hemp.

(ii) For a person that contracts with the department or an institution of higher education as necessary to implement the agricultural pilot program.

(4) To establish requirements for the use or reuse of seeds, crops or products produced as the end result of the agricultural pilot program.

(5) To adopt and publish permit fees, which do not exceed the actual cost of administering this act.

(6) To create and maintain a database of institutions of higher education and persons that have permits under paragraph (3).

(7) To inspect facilities, sites, seeds, plants, individual growers and persons or things utilized as part of the agricultural pilot program to ensure compliance with this act and regulations promulgated under this act.

(8) To ensure that no industrial hemp is grown, cultivated, marketed or sold except in accordance with this act.

Section 5. Regulations.

(a) Authority.--The department may promulgate regulations to ensure compliance with this act and policies and procedures of the department. Regulations include the following:

(1) Research.

(2) Notwithstanding 3 Pa.C.S. Ch. 71 (relating to seed) and regulations promulgated under that chapter, labeling, packaging and testing of industrial hemp and industrial hemp seeds.

(3) Applications and other information required to be submit-

ted to the department.

(4) Marketing and advertising of industrial hemp.

(b) Temporary regulations.--

(1) Within three months of the effective date of this paragraph, in order to facilitate the implementation of this section, the department may promulgate temporary regulations.

(2) Temporary regulations shall not be subject to any of the following:

(i) Sections 201, 202, 203, 204 and 205 of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), referred to as the Commonwealth Documents Law.

(ii) Sections 204(b) and 301(10) of the act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164), known as the Commonwealth Attorneys Act.

(iii) The act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act.

(3) Temporary regulations shall expire two years after the effective date of this section.

Section 6. Contracted persons.

An institution of higher education holding a permit to conduct an agricultural pilot program may contract with entities and individual growers to the extent necessary to carry out the agricultural pilot program. The contract terms must incorporate the provisions of the permit. The entity or individual grower shall be subject to the terms and requirements of the permit issued to the institution of higher education and to enforcement by the department for a violation of any of the following:

(1) This act.

(2) A regulation issued under this act.

(3) The permit.

Section 7. Noncriminal offense.

The department may assess a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for a violation of this act.

Section 8. Criminal penalties.

A person that violates section 3(d) commits a summary offense.

Section 9. Account.

(a) Deposit.--Money received from licensing, permitting fees, fines and penalties under this act shall be paid into a special restricted account in the General Fund known as the Plant Pest Management Account. All money deposited in the account is appropriated to the department for the purposes of this act and the act of December 16, 1992 (P.L.1228, No.162), known as the Plant Pest Act, and may not replace money appropriated to the account as provided in subsection (b).

(b) Supplements.--The account may be supplemented by money received from the following sources:

(1) State money appropriated to the department for purposes of this act.

(2) Federal money appropriated to the department for purposes of this act.

(3) Gifts and other contributions from public or private sources for purposes of this act.

Section 10. Expiration.

(a) Federal action.--If the United States Department of Agriculture is authorized to regulate industrial hemp, the secretary shall transmit notice of the authorization to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

(b) Date.--This act shall expire 60 days after publication of the notice under subsection (a).

Section 11. Effective date.

This act shall take effect as follows:

(1) The following provisions shall take effect immediately:

(i) Section 3(a).

(ii) Section 4(1) and (2).

(iii) Section 5.

(iv) Section 10.

(v) This section.

(2) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60 days.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, the amendment is technical in nature and agreed to.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?
It was agreed to.
On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration, as amended?
It was agreed to.
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 488, SB 805, SB 979, HB 1168, HB 1229 and HB 1660 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

HB 150 AND HB 1329 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 150, Printer's No. 2573; and House Bill No. 1329, Printer's No. 1883, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.
The motion was agreed to by voice vote.
The PRESIDENT. The bills will be placed on the Calendar.

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

Senator ALLOWAY, 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 AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

February 26, 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 December 14, 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 Auctioneer Examiners, 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 Mary Louise Doyle, Pottstown, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

February 26, 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 December 14, 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 Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, to serve until July 20, 2020, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice K. Scott Baker, Pittsburgh, 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, DAUPHIN COUNTY

February 26, 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 December 14, 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, Dauphin County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice The Honorable Bernard L. Coates, deceased.

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

February 26, 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 December 14, 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, York County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice The Honorable Thomas H. Kelley, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT COMMISSION

February 26, 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 December 14, 2015, of Leah J. Sheppard, 115 North Street, Apt. 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Public Employee Retirement Commission, to serve until October 27, 2021, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Christ Zervanos, Harrisburg, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 26, 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 December 14, 2015, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Dauphin, Magisterial District 12-1-04, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice The Honorable Marsha C. Stewart, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 26, 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 December 14, 2015, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Venango, Magisterial District 28-3-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice The Honorable Michael D. Snyder, resigned.

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 ALLOWAY. 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.

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES
AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

November 18, 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, Keri Ellis, 190 Carriage Lane, Pittsburgh 15241, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

November 18, 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, Erik Scully, 10550 Grubbs Road, Wexford 15090, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

November 18, 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, Barry Berkowitz, 109 Steele Way, Huntingdon Valley 19006, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

November 18, 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, Alfred Whitcomb, One Donald Street, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTS LICENSURE BOARD

November 18, 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, Douglas Carney, 474 Granite Terrace, Springfield 19064, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Architects Licensure Board, 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 Howard Graves, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTS LICENSURE BOARD

November 18, 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, John Hill, 12 Spring Wood Drive, Allentown 18104, Lehigh County, Sixteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Architects Licensure Board, 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF BARBER EXAMINERS

November 18, 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, John Christopher, 1690 Wood Road, Hummelstown 17036, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

November 18, 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, J. Gerard Halloran, 3565 Primrose Road, Philadelphia 19134, Philadelphia County, Fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic, 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 Joseph Grice, Mars, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

November 18, 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, Michael S. Swank, 1807 Barrington Drive, York 17408, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic, 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 Kathleen McConnell, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

November 18, 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, William D. Aukerman, 136 Lakewood Road, Greensburg 15601, Westmoreland County, Thirtieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic, 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 Jonathan McCullough, Holland, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

November 18, 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, Stephen A. Wallin, 1700 Cambridge Circle, Southampton 19866, Bucks County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

November 18, 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, Elisa Gonzalez, 7900 Lindbergh Blvd., Apartment 4808, Philadelphia 19153, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve until *[sic]* for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Angelina Morgan, Exeter, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

November 18, 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, Barbara Fowler (Public Member), 245 Conway Street, Carlisle 17013, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, to serve until October 6, 2020, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Dallas Stoy, Lewisberry, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

November 18, 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, Shawn Casey, D.M.D., 168 South Highland Drive, Pittston 18640, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, to serve for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Douglas Marinak, D.D.S., Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

November 18, 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, Andrew S. Matta, D.M.D., 3305 South Parkside Drive, New Castle 16105, Lawrence County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, to serve for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Edmund Effort, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

November 18, 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, Edward J. Rak (Public Member), 3222 Sundale Drive, Glenshaw 15116, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MASSAGE THERAPY

November 18, 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 Meyers, 408 Hill Circle, Reading 19607, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Thomas Kramer, Lancaster, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MEDICINE

November 18, 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, John M. Mitchell, 3509 Tyson Road, Newtown Square 19073, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, 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 George Roberts, Edinboro, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MEDICINE

November 18, 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, Evon Sutton (Public Member), 5527 Chancellor Street, Philadelphia 19139, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, 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 Solomon Isaacson, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MEDICINE

November 18, 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, Bruce Goodman, M.D., 1635 Mitchell Road, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District,

for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, 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 Andrew Behnke, M.D., Carlisle, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

November 18, 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, Kessey Kieselhorst, 4 Heather Hill Drive, Danville 17821, Montour County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Kathleen Dwyer, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

November 18, 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, Sherri Luchs, R.N., 6154 Spring Knoll Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joanne Sorensen, R.N., Russell, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

November 18, 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, Diane Baldi, R.N., 821 Columbia Street, Scranton 18509, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

November 18, 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, Kimberly D. Cobaugh, 125 Beech Lane, Indiana 15701, Indiana County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF OPTOMETRY

January 29, 2016

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, Anthony Diecidue, O.D., 103 McMichaels Drive, Stroudsburg 18360, Monroe County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve until March 20, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Lawrence Sylvester, O.D., Chambersburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

November 18, 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, John B. Bulger, D.O., 219 Abbey Road, Danville 17821, Montour County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, 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 Rohit Agrawal, D.O., Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

November 18, 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, Randy G. Litman, D.O., 864 Garfield Avenue, Lansdale 19446, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve until October 15, 2016, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Maria DeMario, D.O., Media, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

November 18, 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, David Palmer, C.C.P., 1084 Tomaino Drive, Pittsburgh 15220, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve until March 11, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ian Rosenberg, Pittsburgh, deceased.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

November 18, 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, Burton Mark, D.O., 25 Stoneridge Road, Thornton 19373, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

November 18, 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, David M. Kozich, D.P.T., 42 Sassafras Court, Mountain Top 18707, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for reappointment 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

November 18, 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, Armand Ferrara, Jr., 118 Howard Street, Charleroi 15022, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve until June 11, 2017, and until his successor is appointed

and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice W. Greg Rothman, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF
CERTIFIED REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

November 18, 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, Eric M. Lehmayr, 8 Elmwood Blvd., York 17403, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

November 18, 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, Marilyn Painter (Public Member), 30 Love Place, Pittsburgh 15218, Allegheny County, Forty-third 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 her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Theresa Craley, Dallastown, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

November 18, 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, Renee J. Cardone, 40 College Avenue, Trappe 19426, Montgomery County, Twenty-fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment 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 her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

November 18, 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, Ann Roman, 153 Butternut Road, Shavertown 18708, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, 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.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

November 18, 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, Louis Sieminski, Ph.D., 730 Hampton Road, Shavertown 18708, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, 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 James Shafer, Au.D., York, whose term expired.

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 conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, 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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

November 18, 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, Tom Garg, V.M.D., 145 Shelbourne Lane, Phoenixville 19460, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, 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 Steven Radbill, V.M.D., Huntingdon Valley, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I request that the nominations just read by the Clerk be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator ALLOWAY, That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering certain nominations made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I call from the table certain nominations and ask for their consideration.

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

November 18, 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, Keri Ellis, 109 Carriage Lane, Pittsburgh 15241, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, 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.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

November 18, 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, Erik Scully, 10550 Grubbs Road, Wexford 15090, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, 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.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

November 18, 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, Barry Berkowitz, 109 Steele Way, Huntingdon Valley 19006, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

November 18, 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, Alfred Whitcomb, One Donald Street, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTS LICENSURE BOARD

November 18, 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, Douglas Carney, 474 Granite Terrace, Springfield 19064, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Architects Licensure Board, 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 Howard Graves, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTS LICENSURE BOARD

November 18, 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, John Hill, 12 Spring Wood Drive, Allentown 18104, Lehigh County, Sixteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Architects Licensure Board, 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF BARBER EXAMINERS

November 18, 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, John Christopher, 1690 Wood Road, Hummelstown 17036, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

November 18, 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, J. Gerard Halloran, 3565 Primrose Road, Philadelphia 19134, Philadelphia County, Fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic, 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 Joseph Grice, Mars, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

November 18, 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, Michael S. Swank, 1807 Barrington Drive, York 17408, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic, 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 Kathleen McConnell, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

November 18, 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, William D. Aukerman, 136 Lakewood Road, Greensburg 15601, Westmoreland County, Thirti-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic, 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 Jonathan McCullough, Holland, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

November 18, 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, Stephen A. Wallin, 1700 Cambridge Circle, Southampton 19866, Bucks County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

November 18, 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, Elisa Gonzalez, 7900 Lindbergh Blvd., Apartment 4808, Philadelphia 19153, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve until *[sic]* for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Angelina Morgan, Exeter, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

November 18, 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, Barbara Fowler (Public Member), 245 Conway Street, Carlisle 17013, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, to serve until October 6, 2020, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Dallas Stoy, Lewisberry, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

November 18, 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, Shawn Casey, D.M.D., 168 South Highland Drive, Pittston 18640, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, to serve for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Douglas Marinak, D.D.S., Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

November 18, 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, Andrew S. Matta, D.M.D., 3305 South Parkside Drive, New Castle 16105, Lawrence County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, to serve for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Edmund Effort, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

November 18, 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, Edward J. Rak (Public Member), 3222 Sundale Drive, Glenshaw 15116, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MASSAGE THERAPY

November 18, 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 Meyers, 408 Hill Circle, Reading 19607, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Thomas Kramer, Lancaster, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MEDICINE

November 18, 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, John M. Mitchell, 3509 Tyson Road, Newtown Square 19073, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine,

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 George Roberts, Edinboro, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MEDICINE

November 18, 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, Evon Sutton (Public Member), 5527 Chancellor Street, Philadelphia 19139, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, 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 Solomon Isaacson, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MEDICINE

November 18, 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, Bruce Goodman, M.D., 1635 Mitchell Road, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, 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 Andrew Behnke, M.D., Carlisle, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

November 18, 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, Kessey Kieselhorst, 4 Heather Hill Drive, Danville 17821, Montour County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Kathleen Dwyer, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

November 18, 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, Sherri Luchs, R.N., 6154 Spring Knoll Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joanne Sorensen, R.N., Russell, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

November 18, 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, Diane Baldi, R.N., 821 Columbia Street, Scranton 18509, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

November 18, 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, Kimberly D. Cobaugh, 125 Beech Lane, Indiana 15701, Indiana County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF OPTOMETRY

January 29, 2016

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, Anthony Diecidue, O.D., 103 McMichaels Drive, Stroudsburg 18360, Monroe County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve until March 20, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Lawrence Sylvester, O.D., Chambersburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

November 18, 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, John B. Bulger, D.O., 219 Abbey Road, Danville 17821, Montour County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, 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 Rohit Agrawal, D.O., Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

November 18, 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, Randy G. Litman, D.O., 864 Garfield Avenue, Lansdale 19446, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve until October 15, 2016, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Maria DeMario, D.O., Media, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

November 18, 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, David Palmer, C.C.P., 1084 Tomaino Drive, Pittsburgh 15220, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve until March 11, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ian Rosenberg, Pittsburgh, deceased.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

November 18, 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, Burton Mark, D.O., 25 Stoneridge Road, Thornton 19373, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for

reappointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

November 18, 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, David M. Kozich, D.P.T., 42 Sassafras Court, Mountain Top 18707, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for reappointment 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

November 18, 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, Armand Ferrara, Jr., 118 Howard Street, Charleroi 15022, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve until June 11, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice W. Greg Rothman, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF
CERTIFIED REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

November 18, 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, Eric M. Lehmayr, 8 Elmwood Blvd., York 17403, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

November 18, 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, Marilyn Painter (Public Member), 30 Love Place, Pittsburgh 15218, Allegheny County, Forty-third 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 her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Theresa Craley, Dallastown, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

November 18, 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, Renee J. Cardone, 40 College Avenue, Trappe 19426, Montgomery County, Twenty-fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment 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 her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

November 18, 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, Ann Roman, 153 Butternut Road, Shavertown 18708, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

November 18, 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, Louis Sieminski, Ph.D., 730 Hampton Road, Shavertown 18708, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, 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 James Shafer, Au.D., York, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

November 18, 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, 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 John Hickey, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

November 18, 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, Tom Garg, V.M.D., 145 Shelbourne Lane, Phoenixville 19460, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, 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 Steven Radbill, V.M.D., Huntingdon Valley, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

On the question,
Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

Senator WHITE, from the Committee on Banking and Insurance, reported the following bills:

SB 1142 (Pr. No. 1598) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of July 6, 1989 (P.L.169, No.32), known as the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act, further providing for Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Board.

HB 1638 (Pr. No. 2443)

An Act amending the act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1713, No.367), known as the Motor Vehicle Physical Damage Appraiser Act, further providing for compliance with act.

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

HB 1801 (Pr. No. 2761)

Making a supplemental appropriation from the General Fund to the Department of Corrections for the purpose of State correctional institutions for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016.

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

HB 838 (Pr. No. 2656) (Rereported) (Concurrence)

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of Garrett Road over the Darby Creek, Upper Darby Township, Delaware County, as the Honorable Nicholas A. Micozzie Bridge; designating the section of Pennsylvania Route 849 in Newport, Perry County, as the United States Navy Petty Officer 1st Class A. Louis De Lancey Memorial Highway; designating the 700 to 800 block of U.S. Route 13, also known as the Chester Pike, in Prospect Park Borough, Delaware County, as the Officers Luke Arlington Conner and J. Horace Callaghan Memorial Highway; and making a related repeal.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senator COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 295**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing February 29, 2016, as "Rare Disease Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I offer this resolution designating February 29, 2016, as "Rare Disease Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, the last day in February is always

recognized as Rare Disease Awareness Day, and since we were not in Session on that day, I did not want to let the occasion pass without recognizing the important day and, more importantly, the Pennsylvania families who are loving and supporting someone with a rare disease. For many families, their lives have been changed forever by the diagnosis of a rare disease. These diseases are conditions that affect fewer than 200,000 Americans at any given time. Many of these conditions have genetic origin, and more than 50 percent of them are diagnosed in our children. Today, Mr. President, my request for recognition of Rare Disease Awareness Day is on their behalf.

Many of these rare diseases are seldom discussed, but that needs to change. The more we raise awareness of these diseases like Pompe disease or Krabbe disease, maybe the sooner we will find a cure. Families like the Brackbills and their daughter, Tori, from right here in Harrisburg, and the Krabbe Foundation are fighting every day toward a cure on behalf of those children. These are just a few of the examples, Mr. President. These families need our support and they need our help raising awareness as they work with medical teams to find effective treatments that hopefully and ultimately lead to a cure. I am asking that you, Mr. President, and my colleagues join me today and every year on the last day of February doing the same.

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 RAFFERTY, BLAKE, WILEY, GREENLEAF, McGARRIGLE, WOZNIAC, DINNIMAN, ARGALL, FARNESE, YUDICHAK, WARD, WHITE, SABATINA, BROWNE, HUTCHINSON, TEPLITZ, COSTA, MENSCH, FONTANA, BAKER, VULAKOVICH, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE and McILHINNEY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 296**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2016 as "Irish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair, with trepidation, notices green ties out there. He is already jealous of his colleagues who are about to offer a very special resolution. Who shall go first? In a good, kind Irish gesture, Senator Blake has deferred to his colleague, friend, and fellow Irishman, the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Rafferty.

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, faith and begorrah. It is an honor to be here this afternoon with my friend and colleague, Senator Blake. This is something that I have done since I was a Member of the Senate with you, Mr. President, when you were a Member of the rank and file here in the Senate, and it is a nice tradition to continue.

We celebrate our Irish ancestry this month. It is a time for us to reflect in many ways on a joyous occasion, but also a very solemn and religious occasion. Our ancestors fled Ireland due to famine, political persecution, and religious persecution and came

to the United States of America for a better life for themselves and for their families. We know the Irish American history throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Many of them were miners, many of them built the railroads, many of them worked in industry throughout the Commonwealth, and, of course, the Irish are known for staffing the religious orders of priesthood, for the police officers, and for government officials.

Mr. President, as we celebrate this month, we need to take time to reflect on the Irish American involvement in the founding of this country and for the endurance to make sure this country lasted through strife, from the colonel who led the Pennsylvania Longrifles, who was an Irishman, to Gettysburg, where the Irish Brigade certainly stood at the forefront in protecting the Union and turning back the Confederate tide. General Meade, who, himself, was of Irish ancestry, headed the Union forces that day, and for the many who have served this country in a noble way, and continue to serve this country in a noble way.

Each of us, we hope, in our actions for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reflect the great St. Patrick, the apostle of Ireland, who was kidnapped and taken prisoner to Ireland, fell in love with the country and the people, and took a pagan country and made it a bastion of Christianity. It is that same selfless service and living faith in our actions that really is characteristic of Irish Americans. I am proud to stand here today with Senator Blake to ask for unanimous support on this resolution for the month of March 2016 to honor Irish Americans here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, I am honored to stand with my colleague, Senator Rafferty, and ask for unanimous support of this resolution to celebrate Irish heritage. As Senator Rafferty said, the fortitude, the grace, the faith, and the perseverance of the Irish is woven into our own country here in the United States of America and certainly woven into our own State of Pennsylvania. In 1964, Robert F. Kennedy, in his first public speech after the assassination of his brother, the President, came to Scranton to the 22nd Senatorial District and delivered what is, indeed, a most remarkable and impassioned speech. He talked about life not always being so good for the Irish, in the old country or here in the U.S. He called attention to that black day in February of 1847 when it was announced in the House of Commons that 15,000 Irish were dying of starvation every day. The Irish have suffered subjugation in their own land and discrimination here, but perseverance and faith achieved independence for the Irish Republic. The Good Friday Agreement, which was facilitated in part by George Mitchell, a former U.S. Senator, has created an economic and social cooperation between the UK, Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland that lasts until this day.

No one who knows the story of the Irish would say it was easy here, but it is worth noting that all of the wealth of our legacy stems from an island in the far Atlantic that has a population one-fourth that of Pennsylvania. This past Saturday, Senator Rafferty and I were able to enjoy a big Irish celebration in Scranton with the second-largest St. Patrick's Day parade in the nation. It was a gorgeous day, 10 deep, and the crowds were so proud in celebrating their Irish heritage. Again, perseverance and

faith, the two hallmarks of the Irish heritage that have put such a mark on us here in Pennsylvania.

I tell you also, Mr. President, to close up my remarks, this past week I had a chance to listen to a wonderful speech by the Irish ambassador to the United Nations, David Donoghue, who was at the University of Scranton. He talked about how Ireland is such a trusted broker in the United Nations. They are a trusted broker because of the history and legacy that they have had. The Irish troops can go and stand on the wall between Syria and Israel, but because they are not a member of NATO, it does not upset our Russian friends. The point is they are very, very special and they are trusted. The most recent unanimous consent strategy in the United Nations going to 2030 was brokered in part by the Irish ambassador to the UN. So the prominence to which Ireland has risen is really worldwide.

I am delighted to be with my friend and colleague, Senator Rafferty, to ask for unanimous support to acknowledge this month for Irish heritage, and in the Gaelic language I can say to the Irish in Gaelic: Go raibh maith agat. Thank you very much.

The PRESIDENT. I could not have said it better myself. I apologize, once again, for not having my green tie on, Senator Rafferty, but I will every day the rest of this week and the week after.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators BAKER, GREENLEAF, SCAVELLO, RAFFERTY, AUMENT, DINNIMAN, TEPLITZ, SABATINA, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, WOZNIAK, EICHELBERGER, BREWSTER, VULAKOVICH, BARTOLOTTA, HAYWOOD, FONTANA, BLAKE, COSTA, WARD, WHITE, FARNESE, BOSCOLA, MENSCH, RESCHENTHALER and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 297**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 13 through 19, 2016, as "Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce this resolution to raise awareness about pulmonary disease, a leading public health issue here in the Commonwealth and around our nation, and to take time to honor the rehab specialists who are observing March 13 through 19, 2016, as "Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week" in Pennsylvania. The theme for this year's observance is, "Some Things Take Your Breath Away, Others Give It Back." Pulmonary disease is the third-leading cause of death in the Commonwealth. We are fortunate to have dedicated professionals who work with those with chronic breathing problems and lung disease to help improve their quality of life and overall well-being. So I appreciate everyone's support for our efforts to raise awareness, and I ask for unanimous support for this important resolution.

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 TEPLITZ, SABATINA, GREENLEAF, EICHELBERGER, DINNIMAN, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, SCHWANK, VULAKOVICH, HUGHES, FARNESE, HUTCHINSON, COSTA, RESCHENTHALER, BROWNE and HAYWOOD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 298**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 14, 2016, as "Charter Day" 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 recognizes today, March 14, 2016, as "Charter Day" in Pennsylvania. The charter in Charter Day refers to the charter that King Charles II of Great Britain granted Pennsylvania's Founder, William Penn, on March 4, 1681. William Penn's charter exists as the formal beginning of the colony and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. William Penn wrote a frame of government for this Commonwealth that established a democratic system that later formed the crux of the Constitution of the United States. It is important for all of the citizens of Pennsylvania to understand the overall history of our Commonwealth and how the principles of governance here can be traced back to the beliefs of William Penn.

So, Mr. President, as we celebrate our Commonwealth's 335th birthday, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Pennsylvania's history and heritage by recognizing today, March 14, 2016, as Charter Day 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.

Senators VULAKOVICH, BAKER, COSTA, ARGALL, BARTOLOTTA, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, FARNESE, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, HUTCHINSON, KITCHEN, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SABATINA, SCAVELLO, TEPLITZ, WHITE, YUDICHAK, WARD, HUGHES and AUMENT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 299**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2016 as "American Red Cross Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to ask my colleagues to support this resolution designating March as

"American Red Cross Month" in Pennsylvania. The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton in 1881, and since then it has been at the forefront of helping Americans prevent, prepare for, and respond to large and small disasters. Today's Red Cross is focused on providing compassionate care in five critical areas: people affected by disasters, support for members of the military and their families, blood collection processing and distribution, health and safety education and training, and international relief and development.

The resolution that Senator Baker, Senator Costa, and I are introducing recognizes the important role that the American Red Cross plays in communities across Pennsylvania. In fact, the Red Cross responded to 2,479 disasters in 2015 and provides assistance to families impacted by disaster in all 67 counties. As every one of us is aware, this represents a year-round effort, since disasters do not take a holiday or vacation. While the disaster response efforts are in some ways the most visible part of the Red Cross mission, we should not forget the important role that the organization plays in providing a number of training courses in our communities. More than 225,000 Pennsylvanians have received training through first aid, CPR, water safety, and other programs. This year's focus is on "No More Fire Deaths" with the American Red Cross partnering with the local fire departments to insure that anyone that needs a working smoke alarm can get one.

I personally want to thank the 7,252 Pennsylvanians who served as volunteers for the American Red Cross in 2015. Their efforts truly are appreciated, and it is with them in mind that I offer this resolution. Mr. President, I conclude by asking my colleagues to join me in saluting the American Red Cross and its 44 member chapters with an affirmative vote on this resolution. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for supporting the Red Cross and all of the great things that the Red Cross does, along with your colleagues who cosponsored the resolution, Senator Baker and Senator Costa.

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 Mabel Elizabeth Smith and to George Washington Lodge No. 143, Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mervin Fansler by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Allen L. Fox, Sr., by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief David A. Faust by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Dr. Sam Saxton by Senators Browne, Boscola, and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the members and coaches of Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School Football Team by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elizabeth Dyer, Veronica E. Shoemaker, Sarah E. Dent, Elizabeth Henning and to Monica C. Amarante by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ashley Moll and to Erin G. Bitting by Senator McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Steven Weaner, Kyle David Roberts, Matthew Chalupa, Joseph Long, Tyler Joswick and to Nicholas Maestrale by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Mercer Museum by Senators Greenleaf, Mensch, and Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the members and coaches of the Peters Township High School Junior Varsity Dance Team and to the members and coaches of the Peters Township High School Varsity Dance Team by Senator Reschenthaler.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brookville High School Wrestling Team by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sacred Heart School of Bath by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert A. Masi, Jr., Eleanor D. Hess and to Fay-Penn Economic Development Council by Senator Stefano.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James Lozier by Senators Stefano and Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Beth Samuel Jewish Center by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David K. Webb by Senator Wagner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gary A. Poborsky, Joseph Mangarella, Virginia Yerty, Thomas M. Kurtz, Elizabeth Jeanne Gleason and to Frank Quitoni by Senator Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tommy Flaim 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 Thomas A. Jenkins, to the family of the late James T. Kozemchak, Jr., to the family of the late Raymond J. La Tournous and to the family of the late Nicholas Wayne Sorbelli by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Margaret Feeley by Senator Boscola.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Daniel A. Walker by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Ruth M. McGrath and to the family of the late Gene Friedman by Senator Schwank.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late William Forrest Gambrel by Senator Tartaglione.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Arthur L. Berger and to the family of the late Patricia Mutzabaugh by Senator Teplitz.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late James H. McCullen III by Senators Tomlinson and McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late John Edward Horan by Senator Wiley.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Thomas L. Priestman by Senator Yudichak.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator SABATINA. 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 1142, HB 1638 and HB 1801.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016

8:45 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider Senate Bill No. 1123; and House Bill No. 806)	Room 8E-A East Wing
9:00 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (H) and AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (S) (joint public hearing on the impact of partial agriculture funding)	Room 8E-A East Wing
10:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 1122 and 1159; and House Bills No. 423 and 1734)	Room 461 Main Capitol
11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 579, 870, 1031 and 1135; and House Bills No. 215 and 665)	Room 8E-B East Wing
12:00 P.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bill No. 881; and House Bill No. 1326)	Room 461 Main Capitol
12:30 P.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 930 and 1154; and House Bills No. 342, 826 and 1618)	Room 8E-B East Wing
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider House Bill No. 1327)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Room
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 983, 1014 and 1108; and House Bills No. 1154, 1319 and 1801)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016

9:00 A.M.	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (S) and TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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	DEVELOPMENT (H) (joint hearing on PA Tourism: Economic Impact, Budget (FY16-17), Marketing, Branding, Partnerships and Heritage Areas)	
10:00 A.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (to consider Senate Resolution No. 267; and House Bills No. 59 and 264)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 52, 973, 1040, 1152 and 1155; and Senate Resolution No. 261; and House Bill No. 1087)	Room 8E-B East Wing
<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016</u>		
9:00 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bill No. 703; and a public hearing to examine the future of apprenticeship programs in Pennsylvania)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Shada Mahone, 26 years old; Jerry Shelton, 35 years old; Tina Shelton, 37 years old; Chanetta Powell, 25 years old, along with her unborn child; and Brittany Powell, 27 years old - each of these individuals was tragically gunned down in the community of Wilkinsburg in Allegheny County last Wednesday evening. Mr. President, each name quickly becomes a statistic in our environment and our communities. These are the faces of the victims of the growing violence in each of our communities. Last Wednesday it was in Wilkinsburg, the mass shooting that I referenced, and earlier today or last evening it was in Homestead, where a murder-suicide occurred. Three people were shot and two were murdered. And if we think it cannot happen in each of our own little small towns, this is evidence that it can.

We all share, Mr. President, in my view, the responsibility to help our communities heal, and recently I participated in community meetings this weekend to try to do that. While it was refreshing to be able to participate and help folks grieve in the community and be a part of that grieving, we all need to recognize, both in our communities and here, that we need to come together and work together before tragedy strikes. Collectively, we need to build our communities and support families who are living in those communities, and one may ask what it is that we could do here in Harrisburg that allows for the ability to help folks in our communities address some of these issues, like gun violence that I just referenced, and the horrible situation that occurred last Wednesday evening, or how it is that we can deal with the drug epidemic that has taken over our counties. Allegheny County, Westmoreland, you name it, each of our counties across Pennsylvania is suffering along those lines as well.

Mr. President, in my view, there is a lot we can do. First and foremost, as elected representatives of the people in those communities who have been impacted, those today and those who will ultimately be impacted at some later point in time and those folks who are struggling with many of the things that they need to try to do, to try to find a job, to be able to try to find a solution to a particular problem that they are dealing with, whether it be an addiction to a drug, whether it is addiction to alcohol, or whether it is simply not having the ability to be prepared to find

an appropriate job to support a family, there are things that we can do first and foremost in our communities to serve as facilitators to be able to connect folks who need these types of services to those services.

There are also things we can do here in Harrisburg, Mr. President, and that is where I would like to take the conversation today. While our hearts grieve for the men and women across this Commonwealth and across this country who lose their lives to gun violence and the other things I mentioned, there are things that we can do as a Commonwealth to be able to work to try to make sure that we assist as many folks as possible to help them. Finding a job requires a couple of things. It requires the level of investment in education that I think is going to allow for folks to be able to attain the education that they need, most importantly starting with our young kids, our young children. Early learning programs and preschool programs. Early learning programs, which I have said on this floor countless times are, to me, the best investment we can make, because if we do not work with folks to build the appropriate foundation, we will not allow folks to build upon that foundation to allow folks to grow and flourish.

Even K through 12 needs to make certain that the schools they attend are schools that are significant and they make a difference and that they mean well in terms of the education that they are providing. This particular community of Wilkinsburg that I reference has been suffering for a number of years with respect to, in my view, a lack of investment in education, ultimately culminating this fall with the closing of their high school. Fortunately, we have been able to work with the community, myself and Representative Gainey and Representative Wheatley, along with the city of Pittsburgh School District and Dr. Linda Lane, to be able to transition students from that school into the city of Pittsburgh School District, which I think will provide them with opportunities and hope, the ability to be able to get a first-class education and then continue to grow and flourish. It goes beyond that. It goes to higher education and providing opportunities in today's world where you need some type of a degree or certificate that reflects your ability to have a higher degree of learning beyond high school, or experience or training. Those resources need to be there and support needs to come from this Commonwealth along those lines.

Probably, Mr. President, the area where I think we are lacking the most in a number of these communities relates to the areas of what I refer to as human service programs. The major changes that have taken place over the years with respect to human service programs, not having community programs, whether it be drug and alcohol programs that were an integral part of the community that provided the wrap-around services and identified folks who had issues that needed to be dealt with, those are the types of programs that we have lost focus on and we have not been able to fund properly over the past several years. We continue to fight to want to make those investments, to be able to have pride for the programs, the social service agencies, and the wrap-around services to men and women and teens, in particular, in our communities to allow them the opportunity to have a place to go when they have issues that they are dealing with, whether it be drug or alcohol related.

Mr. President, with respect to mental illness, we have seen what has happened throughout this country with individuals who have had access to weapons who are suffering from mental illness. I know our former colleague who worked with many of us

here in this Senate, Congressman Tim Murphy, has been at the forefront of that conversation in Washington, D.C. We certainly hope that he is able to get other folks to listen and understand what he is trying to say, because it is an important conversation that has to take place. Again, Mr. President, it is something that, here in this General Assembly in Pennsylvania, we have not provided adequate resources for the past several years, and those programs, those community programs, those community networks, the conversations that need to take place in the community with providers and people who are working the streets understand and know that those programs are there, but yet, there is nobody there to be able to reach out to the folks who need our help. They need the help of government, and that is where government comes in.

Finally, Mr. President, in the area of jobs, if we want to work with folks to be able to help them build themselves up and bring themselves up, help them not resort to a life of crime, we have to be able to provide jobs and we have to have an understanding about what that means when we want to be able to provide jobs. That means we invest in our communities and neighborhoods, we invest in the rehabilitation of our neighborhoods, but more importantly, we let folks know that there is a path for men and women who want to be able to be part of the workforce, that there is a way in which we can do that. There are a variety of ways to achieve that. Investments in higher education, I referenced earlier, but more specifically into our community colleges in programs through the workforce programs that provide resources to help grab folks off the streets, get them the appropriate level of training, get them to understand what it means to be a solid and good employee, to be able to go to work, have a family, own a home, and be part of a community. That is what is lacking in many of these communities that we are dealing with. It is our responsibility to look at all of those issues and to make certain that we make the appropriate level of investments, that we have the appropriate level of commitment to work with individual organizations and men and women who are leaders in those communities.

Mr. President, at the services I attended over the weekend, I saw countless men and women who came to the podium and talked about the programs that they have participated in, how it is that they have worked day in and day out trying to get kids off the streets, trying to get young men and women in the right direction, trying to work with them to find out what it is that makes folks angry and why they go down the path that they go down. I learned a lot over the course of this weekend with respect to this, that there are so many people who want to do the right thing, but we need to assist them and supplement what it is that they are doing. They are doing the day-to-day grunt work, we have the ability to provide the resources to a community like Homestead or Wilkinsburg or any other community throughout the region and Commonwealth to be able to work with them. In my view, those are the ways in which we can diminish and beat back some of this violent crime that we see taking place in our communities across Pennsylvania.

So I appreciate my colleagues allowing me the opportunity to talk a little bit about a horrific incident that took place in the Pittsburgh region over the weekend, but more importantly, extend my sympathies certainly to the family members, and, quite frankly, this was a situation where there were many family members who lost their lives. At the end of the day, Mr. President, we

have to figure out a way to stop this violence and we have to figure out a way to work with organizations and provide resources to programs that allow us to be able to get our hands into the middle of what is going on and be able to work with folks and help them down an appropriate path as we go forward. So, on behalf of myself and my family, and my colleagues here, we extend our deepest, deepest sympathies to the Mahone, Shelton, and Powell families for their horrific loss and pray to God that as we go forward, we will figure out a way to make this all work.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair acknowledges that we must find a solution. The Chair joins you, Senator Costa, in sending out our deepest sympathies and prayers to the Mahone, Shelton, and Powell families, to the greater Wilkinsburg, Homestead, and Pittsburgh area.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, if I may, I thank you for having a representative at the services over the course of the weekend. It was very meaningful and very helpful for you to be there. So, thank you very much for that.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Costa, and you can count on us in anything you need to do to solve this problem in the future. Thank you.

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 Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 4:43 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.