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SENATE

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend REED L. MOORE, of First Unity Church of God in Christ, Jeannette, offered the following prayer:

Eternal Father, most gracious God, we are grateful and thankful for what You have done. Even as we come, Lord, to the Senate, we ask, Lord, that thy blessings be upon every decision, Lord, that You bless each one who is here today. We thank You, Father, for Your goodness and we ask, Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ that You continue, Lord, to bless all governments in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Moore, who is the guest today of Senator Ward.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator VOGEL, from the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, reported the following bills:

SB 1123 (Pr. No. 1544)

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in weights and measures, further providing for standards for automotive fuel.

HB 806 (Pr. No. 2948) (Amended)

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 land devoted to agricultural use, agricultural reserve, and/or forest reserve, for responsibilities of department and for responsibilities of county assessor in establishing use values.

Senator TOMLINSON, from the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported the following bills:

SB 881 (Pr. No. 1604) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for the definition of public utility.

HB 1326 (Pr. No. 2396)

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rates and distribution systems, providing for valuation of acquired water and wastewater systems for ratemaking purposes.

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

SB 1122 (Pr. No. 1536)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in community colleges, further providing for election or appointment and term and organization of board of trustees.

SB 1159 (Pr. No. 1595)

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.

HB 423 (Pr. No. 458)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, providing for administration of epinephrine auto-injectors by school bus drivers.

HB 1734 (Pr. No. 2598)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in certification of teachers, further providing for continuing professional development, for program of continuing professional education and for charter schools.

Senator GREENLEAF, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following bills:

SB 579 (Pr. No. 1605) (Amended)

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 22 (Detectives and Private Police), 23 (Domestic Relations), 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), 44 (Law and Justice) and 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, providing for short title of title; codifying provisions relating to the Pennsylvania

Commission on Crime and Delinquency, to sheriffs and to crimes victims; and making editorial changes and related repeals.

SB 1031 (Pr. No. 1606) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for conflicts of interest; and repealing and adding provisions relating to independent counsel.

HB 665 (Pr. No. 1187)

An Act amending Titles 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) and 57 (Notaries Public) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers of attorney, further providing for general provisions; and, in Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, further providing for short form certificates, for implementation of power of attorney and for durable powers of attorney.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Aument, Senator Browne, Senator Folmer, and Senator Stefano.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Aument, Senator Browne, Senator Folmer, and Senator Stefano. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of November 23, 2015, and November 24, 2015, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of November 23, 2015, and November 24, 2015.

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

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

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

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

**GUESTS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Jefferson, Senator Scarnati.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce some of my constituents from Tioga County who are joining us in the gallery. They are in Harrisburg today and paid a visit to myself and to the House of Representatives. They are the Leadership Tioga County program. The mission of Leadership Tioga County is to recruit, train, encourage, and develop caring individuals to participate in community leadership activities and responsibilities throughout Tioga County. I thank them for traveling here to Harrisburg today. It is a long trip, and I ask my colleagues to offer them a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Scarnati from Leadership Tioga County please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR CAMERA BARTOLOTTA
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington, Senator Bartolotta.

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, I rise to recognize our guest Chaplain for today, Reverend Reed Moore, who is from my dear friend Senator Ward's district, neighboring my own. He resides in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He is a pastor at the First Unity Church of God in Christ. I ask for a warm welcome from the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Bartolotta please rise. Reverend, thank you for your prayers.

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

**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, it is my pleasure today to introduce members of the Tri-State Society of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation. It is a multidisciplinary professional association that serves Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey. They are all here today to help us observe Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from March 13 through March 19. Our resolution was adopted yesterday, and we honor the dedicated specialists who work to help curb lung disease, the third-leading cause of death here in the Commonwealth and across the nation.

So, please join me in welcoming our professionals who are with us today: Nadine Greco from Wayne Memorial Hospital in

Honesdale, Ruth Akers from Bryn Mawr Hospital, Sue Aciri and Lynne Xhilone from Pinnacle Health in Harrisburg, Michael Zehner from Penn State Hershey Medical Center, Stephen Lerner from Life Systems International Medical, and Pat Comoss from Nursing Enrichment Consultants. Please join me in welcoming our special guests who are here to help us recognize this important awareness presentation.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Baker, the pulmonary specialists, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I am introducing a group of women. First, I want to talk about the leaders who are here. These are women I admire who are members of the Junior League of Reading. The Junior League is an organization that seeks to develop the potential of women and positively impact the community through issue-based initiatives. Their current work focuses on youth leadership development and civic engagement for the next generation.

They have brought with them today young women who are participating in their Young Women's Summit. These young women utilize leadership and team-building skills to create community service projects that address issues such as bullying, helping senior citizens, recycling, working with the Armed Forces, children with serious illnesses, and the homeless. I am sure that with the support they receive from their peers and mentors in Junior League, we will be seeing many of their faces here in the Capitol again. If these young women are our future, Mr. President, our future is very bright indeed. Please join me in welcoming the members of the Junior League of Reading as well as the young participants in their Young Women's Summit. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Schwank from the Junior League of Reading and the participants of the Young Women's Summit please rise so that we may welcome you to the Senate.

It is great to have our young women here, Senator Schwank.
(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR RANDY VULAKOVICH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, today I am being shadowed by Isaac Moench, a home schooled graduate from Perry County. He is the son of Tim and Tricia Moench. He has an interest in government and the public policymaking process in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, I ask for a warm welcome for my

guest today, Isaac Moench.

The PRESIDENT. Will the guest of Senator Vulakovich, Isaac Moench, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, I also recognize the volunteers of the American Red Cross Pennsylvania Chapter, from the eastern, central, and western regions. In our gallery, we have around 50 volunteers who are generous enough to donate their time to help the Red Cross be the successful organization that it is. They are here in the Capitol today to celebrate March as Red Cross Month. Yesterday, we adopted a resolution, and this morning Senator Baker, Senator Costa, and I presented a citation to them. Could we please give them a nice warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would our great Red Cross volunteers, the guests of Senator Vulakovich, please rise so that we may acknowledge the great job you do.

I was happy to join you, Senator, with our great volunteers on the Rotunda steps. We cannot forget the Red Cross, not just today but all year long.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR LLOYD K. SMUCKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Smucker.

Senator SMUCKER. Mr. President, I am very pleased to introduce a very special constituent of mine here today. In fact, he lives in my household. My son, Nicholas, is here serving as a guest Page. We took advantage of the opportunity of the State Museum providing a look at the original charter of William Penn and so we enjoyed a visit there. Nicholas is spending the day here serving as a guest Page as well.

Nicholas is 13 years old and he is my youngest. He is in 7th grade at Lampeter-Strasburg's Martin Meylin Middle School. Some of his interests are that he enjoys playing drums and runs cross country and track. He says he wants to grow up to do computer coding and designing video games. Nicholas says he will not be a politician when he grows up, although he does love to debate, and he participated in Model UN over the summer and loved that. So, we will see. If you would extend a warm welcome to my son, Nicholas, I would appreciate it.

The PRESIDENT. Would Senator Smucker's son, Nicholas, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Senate floor.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN N. WOZNIAK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator WOZNIAK. Mr. President, it was my pleasure to have some young people and some adults in my office today from Penn/Ag Extension and 4-H, and something in health. I had that in my mind and I forgot it. Anyway, they are from 4-H - heart, hands, health and--well, there is nobody here who can help me out. There is nobody on the floor who knows the four H's. But, they are up in the balcony, nice young people from Cambria County and from Bedford County, all in high school, down here

seeking what everybody seeks when they come to the Capitol lobbying, to release some of the funds to help out the ag extensions and 4-H's. So, I ask the Senate of Pennsylvania to give them a nice warm welcome, including the transplant from Cumberland, Maryland.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the young special guests of Senator Wozniak please rise so that we may welcome you to the Senate. (Applause.)

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 as well.

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

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

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 Ward, and legislative leaves for Senator Baker, Senator Vance, and Senator White.

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

CALENDAR

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 838 (Pr. No. 2656) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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 Offi-

cers Luke Arlington Conner and J. Horace Callaghan Memorial Highway; and making a related repeal.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate amendments to House Bill No. 838?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate amendments to House Bill No. 838.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YEA-49

Alloway	Eichelberger	Mensch	Vogel
Argall	Farnese	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 Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 50 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 57 (Pr. No. 49) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rates, further providing for sliding scale of rates and adjustments; and, in natural gas competition, further providing for duties of natural gas distribution companies.

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

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9, the bill was laid on the table.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 150, SB 606 and HB 837 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1013 (Pr. No. 1427) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for voluntary veterans' preference in private employment.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 1013. I thank Senator Hughes for working with me and the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness on advancing this important piece of legislation. While Pennsylvania local governments have had veterans preference for a number of years, without this legislation, private sector businesses are not able to set up similar policies for recruitment and retention of those who have served in the military. Twenty-seven States, including Washington, which was the first State, have passed laws to recruit and retain veterans within the private sector.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to those veterans who served the nation in times of peril, and hiring a veteran is not just a noble idea, but it is important to note that a veteran is likely to possess courage, consistency, habits of obedience, and fidelity, qualities that are important in any field of work. Again, I thank Senator Hughes for championing this legislation. I look forward to moving this bill through the House.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, briefly, let me also say thank you to the Members of the committee, and thank you to Senator Vulakovich for helping and working with us to move this legislation forward. It allows for private employers to adopt and apply a veterans hiring preference. It covers veterans, their spouses, disabled veterans, surviving spouses of a veteran, and it is completely voluntary for the private employer.

I will not prolong the conversation, but this is a good piece of legislation to help deal with those men and women who have put their lives on the line to allow us to be in this Chamber to do

what it is that we do, which is to speak to democracy and all of the good values that come from it.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-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 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.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMITTED

HB 1801 (Pr. No. 2761) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act 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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 488, SB 805, SB 979, SB 1142, HB 1168 and HB 1229 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED AND REREFERRED

HB 1329 (Pr. No. 1883) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act requiring certain hospitals to allow patients an opportunity to designate caregivers in patients' medical records and imposing duties on hospitals.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator BROOKS offered the following amendment No. A6086:

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 1 and 2, by striking out ", in a time frame that is consistent with the discharge planning process provided by regulation"

Amend Bill, page 3, line 13, by striking out "In the event that" and inserting:

If

Amend Bill, page 3, line 17, by striking out "In the event that" and inserting:

If

Amend Bill, page 3, line 27, by striking out "and related regulations"

Amend Bill, page 4, line 1, by inserting after "provide" where it occurs the second time:

medical

Amend Bill, page 4, line 4, by inserting after "of" where it occurs the first time:

a

Amend Bill, page 4, line 11, by striking out "before" and inserting: prior to

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 13 and 14, by striking out "an individual as"

Amend Bill, page 5, line 1, by striking out "attempt" and inserting: notification

Amend Bill, page 5, lines 7 and 8, by striking out ", if any,"

Amend Bill, page 5, line 14, by striking out "In the event" and inserting:

If

Amend Bill, page 5, line 26, by striking out "supports" and inserting:

support services

Amend Bill, page 6, line 13, by striking out the comma after "hospital"

Amend Bill, page 6, line 14, by striking out "after-care task," and inserting:

task

Amend Bill, page 7, lines 9 and 10, by striking out ":

(1) To" and inserting:

to

Amend Bill, page 7, line 13, by striking out the period after "relationship" and inserting:

or require any commercial health insurance policy or program to provide reimbursement for after-care assistance provided by a lay caregiver.

Amend Bill, page 7, lines 14 through 30; page 8, lines 1 and 2; by striking out all of said lines on said pages

Amend Bill, page 8, line 7, by striking out "Joint State Government Commission" and inserting:

Legislative Budget and Finance Committee

Amend Bill, page 8, lines 9 and 10, by striking out "Joint State Government Commission" and inserting:

Legislative Budget and Finance Committee

Amend Bill, page 8, line 14, by striking out "Joint State Government Commission" and inserting:

Legislative Budget and Finance Committee

Amend Bill, page 8, lines 14 and 15, by striking out "all key stakeholders, including, but not limited to,"

Amend Bill, page 8, line 16, by striking out "and hospitals." and inserting:

, other health care professionals, hospitals and other health care facilities.

Amend Bill, page 8, lines 17 and 18, by striking out "Joint State Government Commission" and inserting:

Legislative Budget and Finance Committee

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1638 (Pr. No. 2443) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1660 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

RECESS

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

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

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of off-the-floor meetings of the Committee on Appropriations and of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 340 (Pr. No. 1608) (Rereported) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in indebtedness and borrowing, further providing for definitions, for classification and authority to issue bonds and notes, for cost of project and for exclusion of other self-liquidating debt to determine net nonelectoral debt or net lease rental debt; providing for preliminary filings with the department prior to the issuance of certain debt; further providing for small borrowing for capital purposes,

for debt statement, for submission to department, for certificate of approval of transcript, for effect of failure of timely action by department and for records of department; and providing for duties of participants in transactions relating to incurring debt and issuing bonds and notes.

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

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

SB 342 (Pr. No. 1383) (Rereported)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SB 1014 (Pr. No. 1272) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for period of registration.

SB 1108 (Pr. No. 1503) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for classes of licenses and for examination of applicant for driver's license; in special vehicles and pedestrians, providing for certain passengers prohibited in autocycles; and, in accidents and accident reports, further providing for accident report forms and for department to compile, tabulate and analyze accident reports.

HB 1154 (Pr. No. 1966) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for display of registration plate.

HB 1319 (Pr. No. 2219) (Rereported)

An Act providing for the taxation or the exemption from taxation of amounts and events relating to the Pennsylvania ABLE Savings Program.

HB 1801 (Pr. No. 2968) (Rereported) (Amended)

A Supplement to the act of December 29, 2015 (P.L. , No.10A), entitled "An act to provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive and Judicial Departments, the State Government Support Agencies and the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, for certain institutions and organizations, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; to provide appropriations from the State Lottery Fund, the Tobacco Settlement Fund, the Aviation Restricted Account, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund, the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Tuition Account Guaranteed Savings Program Fund, the Banking Fund, the Firearm Records Check Fund, the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund, the Oil and Gas Lease Fund, the Home Improvement Account, the Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act Enforcement Fund, the Insurance Regulation and Oversight Fund, the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development Restricted Receipt Account and the Justice Reinvestment Fund to the Executive Department; to provide appropriations from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, for the proper operation of several departments of the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend Motor License Fund money; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive Department of the Commonwealth and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds from the General Fund and the State Lottery Fund for the Executive Department of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014," further providing for additions to appropriations and replacement of appropriations from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive Department, the General Assembly and Government Support Agencies of the Commonwealth and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, for certain institutions and organizations and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; providing for replacement of appropriations from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to the Executive Department; further providing for additions to appropriations from the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development Restricted Receipt Account to the Executive Department; and providing for required lapsing of money in the General Fund.

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

HB 1327 (Pr. No. 2969) (Rereported) (Amended) (Concurrence)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in financially distressed municipalities, providing for financial recovery; in oil and gas wells, providing for the Environmental Stewardship Fund; in tax credits, providing for Department of Community and Economic Development; in special funds, further providing for funding, for State Workers' Insurance Board, for expiration and for other grants; in additional special funds, further providing for use of the Tobacco Settlement Fund and for distributions from the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund and providing for miscellaneous limitations and transfers and for the Natural Gas Infrastructure Development Fund; in general budget implementation, further providing for the Department of Community and Economic Development, for the Department of Environmental Protection and for the Department of General Services, providing for the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, further providing for the Department of Human Services, for the Pennsylvania State Police and for the Environmental Quality Board, and providing for the Commonwealth Financing Authority; providing for school district debt refinancing bonds; providing for 2015-2016 budget implementation; making a related repeal; and making editorial changes.

Senator FOLMER, from the Committee on State Government, reported as following bills:

SB 930 (Pr. No. 1607) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for diverse and disadvantaged businesses.

SB 1154 (Pr. No. 1593)

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.

HB 342 (Pr. No. 1050)

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in nomination of candidates, further providing for number of signers required for nomination petitions of candidates at primaries.

HB 826 (Pr. No. 1841)

An Act amending Titles 45 (Legal Notices) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, requiring executive orders to have a fiscal note; in effectiveness of documents, further providing for effective date of documents; in Independent Fiscal Office, requiring the Independent Fiscal Office to prepare fiscal notes for executive orders; and making an inconsistent repeal of certain provisions of The Administrative Code of 1929.

HB 1618 (Pr. No. 2569)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, establishing the Office of State Inspector General.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators TEPLITZ, SABATINA, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, SCHWANK, VULAKOVICH, HUGHES, FARNESE, WARD, WHITE, HUTCHINSON, MENSCH, COSTA, RESCHENTHALER, VOGEL, BROWNE and HAYWOOD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 300**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of April 2016 as "Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, my resolution recognizes the month of April 2016 as "Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month" in Pennsylvania. Animal welfare in the United States changed forever in 1866 when the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, or ASPCA, was founded by animal rights activist Henry Bergh. The ASPCA protects and assists animals in need and promotes their humane care and treatment.

The organization has also fought for landmark anticruelty laws and has worked diligently to insure their enforcement, as well as supported local communities in their own fights against animal cruelty. As part of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month, animal lovers and pets are encouraged to wear orange, as I am, the official ASPCA color.

So, Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing April 2016 as Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month to show our support for our animal friends and to the many people who insure their well-being.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senator TOMLINSON, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 301**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of March 2016 as "National Athletic Training Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, I offer this resolution designating the month of March 2016 as "National Athletic Training Month." Licensed athletic trainers have a long history of providing quality healthcare for athletes and persons engaged in physical activity. The National Athletic Trainers Association represents and supports more than 30,000 members of the athletic training profession employed throughout the country.

I ask for your support of this resolution that recognizes public awareness of athletic trainers and promoting licensed athletic trainers as an ally in the health profession.

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 HUTCHINSON, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BROOKS, BROWNE, COSTA, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, SCAVELLO, TARTAGLIONE, TEPLITZ and VULAKOVICH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 302**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 20 through 26, 2016, as "Maple Producers Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Venango, Senator Hutchinson.

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I rise today to ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote on this resolution recognizing

the week of March 20 through 26, 2016, as "Maple Producers Week" here in Pennsylvania. The maple syrup industry has a rich and long history in Pennsylvania. Native American tribes in North America were the first to have produced maple syrup and maple sugar. When the Europeans came to America, they learned from the Native Americans how to farm the syrup from the trees and they began to harvest it themselves. Over the next 250 years, this harvesting grew into the industry that we have today.

Today, the northeast region of the United States is one of the top maple syrup producing regions in the world, and Pennsylvania contributes significantly to this production. As a Commonwealth, we produce more than 160,000 gallons of maple syrup from over 600,000 taps. The sap that is tapped from these trees is then used in Pennsylvania to make numerous different food products, most importantly, maple syrup. Mr. President, adoption of this resolution raises awareness and knowledge of this crucial industry in Pennsylvania, which in turn helps us to grow and strengthen the industry's presence in our State. I ask my colleagues for their support.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for a very interesting resolution. I love maple syrup and it is great to know that about Pennsylvania being a leader.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators WILEY, SABATINA, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, RAFFERTY, SCAVELLO, COSTA, FONTANA, SCHWANK, MENSCH, FARNESE, VULAKOVICH and AUMENT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 303**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 20 through 26, 2016, as "Poison Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator WILEY. Mr. President, today I rise to ask unanimous support for this resolution designating the week of March 13, 2016, as "Poison Prevention Week" in the Commonwealth. I offer this resolution to not only help raise awareness of the staggering frequency of accidental poisonings, but also to recognize the important work of poison control centers across the Commonwealth and the nation, work that is currently in jeopardy due to the suspension of funding during this budget impasse.

Ninety-four percent of accidental poisonings occur in the home, with a majority of exposures being unintentional. Half of the nearly 2 million calls to poison control centers each year are for exposure and ingestion among children age 5 or under. The leading causes of non-medication exposure calls to poison control centers for children age 5 and under are cosmetics, personal care products, household cleaning substances, pesticides, and plants. Additionally, a tremendous number of children are seen in an emergency department setting for accidental medication exposures, with many children requiring further hospitalization. The American Association of Poison Control Centers supports

the nation's 55 poison centers, as well as providing information, advocacy, education, and research. Poison control centers are staffed 24 hours a day with trained personnel who provide life-saving instructions and resources to callers.

According to Safe Kids Worldwide, a global organization dedicated to preventing injuries to children, each dollar spent at a poison control center saves approximately \$7 to \$15 in unnecessary healthcare expenses. In the 49th Senatorial District, in which I serve, Safe Kids Erie plays an important role in poison prevention in the greater Erie community. Under the direction of long-term coordinator Patty Puline, Safe Kids Erie has been working with local parents and families to raise awareness of injury prevention since 1991 with over 200 member agencies. I am proud and honored to be one of the founding members of Safe Kids Erie and to continue to support the great work that is done to protect the children and families in the 49th Senatorial District.

Mr. President, the prevention of accidental poisoning can be accomplished in a few simple steps, and I ask that my colleagues not only join me in supporting this resolution, but also further support organizations and movements like Safe Kids in their own districts. Thank you.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators SCHWANK, TEPLITZ, FONTANA, SABATINA, ARGALL, WOZNIAK, BREWSTER, BLAKE, VULAKOVICH, RAFFERTY, BROWNE, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, COSTA, FARNESE, BOSCOLA, MENSCH, RESCHENTHALER, AUMENT and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 304**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2016 as "Fibromuscular Dysplasia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote.

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 Noah Racioppa by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to members and coaches of the Pottsville Area High School Boys' Basketball Team, members and coaches of the Minersville Area High School Boys' Basketball Team and to the members and coaches of the Minersville Area High School Girls' Basketball Team by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mary Emily Vint, Charles M. Kraus III and to Elva Jane Stauffer by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Penn State Shenango by Senator Brooks.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to DeSales University by Senators Browne, Boscola, and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Hayden Hilday and to the members and coaches of the Mifflin County High School Wrestling Team by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Keep Huntingdon County Beautiful, Keep Juniata County Beautiful and Pennsylvania CleanWays of Mifflin County by Senators Corman and Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Azad J. Niroomand by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the citizens of Crescent Township by Senator Reschenthaler.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Trooper Bradley K. Wilson by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief Charles Dowell, Chief Patrick O'Rourke, Karen E. Hoover and to Nancy J. Thompson by Senator Teplitz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Eric Sorensen and to Livengrin by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Richard A. Ortoski by Senator Wiley.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Estelle Lillian Wilson by Senator Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Commission on Economic Opportunity by Senators Yudichak and Baker.

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 Ruth Bogdon Lacek by Senators Baker and Yudichak.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Catherine McDowell by Senator Kitchen.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Christopher William Robinson by Senator Williams.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Honorable William John Stewart by Senator Wozniak.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator WILEY. 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 579, SB 881, SB 930, SB 1031, SB 1122, SB 1123, SB 1154, SB 1159, HB 342, HB 423, HB 665, HB 806, HB 826, HB 1326, HB 1618 and HB 1734.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016

9:00 A.M.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND
RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (S)
and TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL

Hrg. Rm. 1
North Off.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016

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.

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 Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at 11 a.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 5:33 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.