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SENATE

TUESDAY, March 22, 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 DR. KENNY CRAIG, Pastor of Chambersburg Baptist Church, Chambersburg, offered the following prayer:

Today we thank You for all that You have done for us. We thank You for this beautiful day You have given to us. We thank You for these young people who are here. We pray blessings upon them and especially those who are athletes, that You watch over them and help them to do the best job they can. We thank You for those who are here that have taken an interest in the things that are taking place today. We pray that You help them to watch and to listen with a discerning ear.

Father, we thank You for our representatives. We pray blessings upon them that You grant them wisdom of how to handle each situation that comes up. That You give them Your direction for each of the issues, that they would focus on it in an honorable way. We thank You for providing protection over them and that You give guidance. We ask You to be with everything that takes place today. Help it to bring glory and honor to You. We give You the praise, honor, and glory for all of that. For we ask this in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Dr. Craig, who is the guest today of Senator Alloway.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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 22, 2016

Senators SABATINA, VULAKOVICH, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, COSTA, FOLMER, FONTANA, BARTOLOTTA, RESCHENTHALER, TARTAGLIONE, KITCHEN, BREWSTER, BROWNE, HUGHES and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1156**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for definitions, for disposition and expunction of unfounded reports and general protective services reports, for employees having contact with children and adoptive and foster parents, for volunteers having contact with children and for recertification.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 22, 2016.

Senators SCHWANK, COSTA, SABATINA, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, BLAKE, FARNESE, HAYWOOD and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 1158**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting emergency medical and health care services surprise billing.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 22, 2016

Senators TEPLITZ and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 1164**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Citizens Compensation Commission; providing for its powers and duties; and repealing provisions of the Public Official Compensation Law.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 22, 2016.

Senators TOMLINSON, RAFFERTY, SCARNATI, BARTOLOTTA, COSTA, SABATINA, SCAVELLO, GREENLEAF and FOLMER presented to the Chair **SB 1167**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 21, 1937 (P.L.774, No.211), referred to as the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Act, providing for reduced toll rates for disabled veterans.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 22, 2016.

Senators FONTANA, TEPLITZ, FARNESE, WARD and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 1169**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in Commonwealth budget procedures, providing for impasse negotiation.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 22, 2016.

Senators ARGALL, GREENLEAF and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 1170**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Neighborhood Restoration Act; and providing for powers and duties of the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 22, 2016.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

March 22, 2016

Senators STEFANO, FOLMER, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, MENSCH, VOGEL, WARD, WAGNER and VULAKOVICH presented to the Chair **SR 294**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a study examining the use of evidence-based decision making by the Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, March 22, 2016.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

March 22, 2016

HB 914, 1103 and 1605 -- Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy.

HB 1398 -- Committee on Judiciary.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

2014 ANNUAL LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE PROGRAM REPORT

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
P.O. Box 2063
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

March 7, 2016

Ms. Megan Martin
Secretary - Parliamentarian of the Senate
Senate Post Office Box 203053
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

Dear Ms. Martin:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is pleased to present to you its Annual Low-Level Radioactive Waste Program Report to the General Assembly and the Appalachian Compact Commission. This report covers the calendar year 2014.

The report provides a summary of the current activities of the Appalachian States Low-Level Waste Compact (compact), a list of all low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) generators in the compact, and the amounts of LLRW disposed by volume. It also contains a discussion of LLRW generation trends, LLRW in storage, waste minimization and financial statistics relating to all aspects of the compact.

The Pennsylvania Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Act (Act 1988-12) requires that this report be prepared each year. The enclosed report is based on data from the U.S. Department of Energy's Manifest Information Management System (MIMS). MIMS is a national database that contains the actual volume and radioactivity of LLRW disposed of at four existing LLRW disposal facilities in the country. The information on waste in storage was obtained directly from the LLRW generators.

As we did with the previous year's report, DEP once again is distributing the report electronically and providing a link for accessing the report online. The report can be found in the DEP eLibrary at www.dep.pa.gov. Select tools; eLibrary; Publications; Radiation Protection; Low-Level Radioactive Waste Program Annual Reports. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Clark, Director of Legislative Affairs, by email at saraclark@pa.gov or by telephone at 717-783-8303.

Thank you for your interest in this report and for continuing to partner with DEP to promote a clean environment and safer communities for all Pennsylvanians.

Respectfully,

JOHN QUIGLEY
Secretary

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 1144 (Pr. No. 1573)

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.

HB 12 (Pr. No. 2472)

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions relating to divorce, further providing for definitions; and, in dissolution of marital status, further providing for grounds for divorce, for counseling and for decree of court.

HB 215 (Pr. No. 3017) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offense of neglect of care-dependent person; and providing for the offense of abuse of care-dependent person.

Senator VULAKOVICH, from the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, reported the following bills:

SB 847 (Pr. No. 1639) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for State Veterans' Commission.

HB 1310 (Pr. No. 1774)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in emergency telephone service, providing for prohibited release of information.

Senator RAFFERTY, from the Committee on Transportation, reported the following bills:

SB 1153 (Pr. No. 1592)

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

HB 970 (Pr. No. 1945)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, further providing for restricted account, for Snowmobile and ATV Advisory Committee, for operation on private or State property, for operation by persons under age sixteen, for mufflers and noise control and for enforcement personnel and procedures.

HB 1200 (Pr. No. 2567)

An Act amending the act of March 26, 1903 (P.L.71, No.71), entitled "An act relating to the location, construction and maintenance of viaducts and bridges in cities and adjacent territory; empowering the several cities of this Commonwealth to construct, or have constructed, bridges or viaducts over rivers, creeks, streams, railroads and private lands, or over and across any of them, for public highways, and to procure locations therefor by purchase or condemnation proceedings, whether the same be wholly within, or partly within and partly without, the city limits; authorizing said cities to unite and enter into a contract or contracts with the county commissioners of the proper county, and with railroad, street railway, and other companies and parties interested, or with any of them, for the erection, construction and maintenance of said viaducts and bridges, and for the payment of the damages caused by their location and erection; and forbidding any railroad company to pass under any such viaduct or bridge, without contributing to the cost of maintenance thereof," repealing provisions relating to contracts with railroads for maintenance of viaducts and bridges.

HB 1407 (Pr. No. 2771)

An Act designating a bridge on State Route 2014 over the Muncy Creek in Muncy Creek Township, Lycoming County, as the Private Walter L. Smith Spanish-American War Memorial Bridge; and designating a portion of State Route 2044 in Lycoming County as the Lance Corporal William F. Merrill Vietnam Veterans Highway.

HB 1709 (Pr. No. 2821)

An Act designating the bridge carrying State Route 2005 (Business Route 222) over the Schuylkill River, Riverfront Drive and Norfolk Southern Railroad in the City of Reading, Berks County, commonly referred to as the Bingaman Street Bridge, as the 65th U.S. Infantry Regiment, Borinqueneers Memorial Bridge.

Senator BAKER, from the Committee on Labor and Industry, reported the following bill:

SB 703 (Pr. No. 1638) (Amended)

An Act providing for plumbing contractors licensure; establishing the State Board of Plumbing Contractors and providing for its powers and duties; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry; establishing fees, fines and civil penalties; establishing the Plumbing Contractors Licensure Account; and making an appropriation.

Senator SCAVELLO, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries, reported the following bills:

SB 374 (Pr. No. 1641) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for tagging and reporting big game kills.

SB 1115 (Pr. No. 1640) (Amended)

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

HB 1452 (Pr. No. 3015) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Game Commission, further providing for junior hunter projects; and, in hunting and furtaking licenses, providing for a volunteer instructor license and further providing for license costs and fees and for unlawful acts concerning licenses.

Senator YAW, from the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, reported the following bills:

SB 1041 (Pr. No. 1344)

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), known as the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, in recycling and waste reduction, further providing for municipal implementation of recycling programs; and, in enforcement and remedies, further providing for affirmative defense.

SB 1114 (Pr. No. 1514)

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

HB 1712 (Pr. No. 2772)

An Act establishing the Private Dam Financial Assurance Program and the Private Dam Financial Assurance Fund.

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

SB 359 (Pr. No. 1642) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in enforcing attendance, further providing for definitions; providing for attendance policy at charter and cyber charter schools; further providing for reports of enrollments, attendance and withdrawals and public and private schools, and for penalties for violation of compulsory attendance requirements; providing for procedure by school when child habitually truant, for procedure upon filing of citation and for penalties for violating compulsory school attendance requirements; and repealing provisions relating to suspension of operating privilege.

HB 1574 (Pr. No. 3016) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of December 15, 1986 (P.L.1595, No.175), known as the Antihazing Law, further providing for definitions and for enforcement.

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 Brooks, and a legislative leave for Senator McIlhinney.

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator CORMAN asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator WARD, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

Senator FONTANA asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator KITCHEN, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of December 7, 2015; December 8, 2015; December 9, 2015; and December 10, 2015, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of December 7, 2015; December 8, 2015; December 9, 2015; and December 10, 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-47

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN R. GORDNER
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, it is my honor to present today the Class AA State Championship Football Team, the Southern Columbia Tigers. The Tigers won the State champion-

ship this past December against Aliquippa by a score of 49-14. The offense and defense were in full force on that day, the defense causing seven turnovers on that victory against Aliquippa. This is a special team led by a special group of seniors, but in addition, this is the seventh State title that Southern Columbia has won, which is a record here in Pennsylvania. No school has won more State titles than the Southern Columbia Tigers.

They are led by head coach Jim Roth. Jim Roth has coached for 32 years. He has never had a losing season in those 32 years. He has amassed 381 career wins, which is the fourth-highest number of career wins by any football coach. Again, he is the only football coach in the State to have won seven State titles.

Along with the football team today are the cheerleaders, who have been with them throughout the entire season, cheering on the team and the folks who attend the games. They are led by Mrs. Roth, who is here. So, it is my privilege to introduce to you the seven-time State champions, Southern Columbia Tigers and their coach, Jim Roth.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Gordner, the State Champion Southern Columbia Tigers, their coach, Jim Roth, and cheerleaders please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. Congratulations, and great to have you with us.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR LLOYD K. SMUCKER
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator SMUCKER. Mr. President, it is an honor for me to present to the Senate today one of the winningest basketball coaches in history. He is on the floor joined by his team, other members of Franklin & Marshall, assistant coaches, and his wife, Kathy, who helped make this milestone possible for him. Franklin & Marshall College Coach Glenn Robinson reached a career high point of 900 wins this past January, surpassing Indiana's Bobby Knight in games won and ranking him third in the nation. Now, if you want a visual of what 900 wins look like, Franklin & Marshall's magazine this month features a great spread of Coach Robinson, and in the photo he is surrounded by 900 basketballs. So, it is quite a visual.

The 900th win was against Swarthmore, and he was quick to downplay that as just another win, but that victory put him in an exclusive club. With that win, Robinson joined Duke's Mike Krzyzewski, Philadelphia University's Herb Magee, and former Indiana University's "The General" Bobby Knight as the only coaches to win 900 or more NCAA games. Robinson was already, at that time, the most victorious coach in NCAA Division III's history. For Robinson, the wins are a testament to the talented players, assistant coaches, and members from the F&M community he has been fortunate enough to work with over his 45 years at the helm of the Diplomats men's basketball program.

His resume of accomplishments will allow him to stand out among some of the greatest to ever coach the game at any level. I am going to read a list of some of his accomplishments. He is a 12-time National Association of Basketball Coaches Region Coach of the Year, 12-time Conference Coach of the Year, 1991 Basketball Times Division III Coach of the Year, 2009 D3Hoops.com Coach of the Year, 93 postseason victories, 42

NCAA Tournament victories, 26 seasons with 20 or more wins, 23 NCAA Division III Tournament appearances, 16 trips to the Division III Sweet 16, 10 trips to the Elite Eight, 5 trips to the Final Four, 1 NCAA title game appearance, and 25 players selected for All-American honors. However, when you talk to Coach Robinson, he views the most important accomplishment as all but three players who earned a varsity letter in basketball have earned a degree, a statistic of which few, if any, other colleges in the nation can boast.

In celebration of this 900-win milestone and his four-and-a-half decades of support for his student athletes, I ask the Senate to join me in honoring Coach Glenn Robinson and the Franklin & Marshall men's basketball team. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. This is a tremendous moment, and we are going to continue to build the momentum because now other Senators also want to follow your lead and recognize Coach Robinson and the great players from Franklin & Marshall.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator Teplitz.

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, I do not want to repeat what my colleague from Lancaster County said. I do want to dispel the notion that I played for Coach Robinson while I was a student at Franklin & Marshall. I am very pleased anytime we are able to commend such a great institution and the great people associated with it. I was really pleased to see Coach Robinson here to be celebrated, deservedly, for his accomplishment and to see members of the current team here who are very fortunate to attend F&M and also to play for a gentleman and a coach such as Coach Robinson.

All of us who have been privileged to attend Franklin & Marshall leave there really with some of the best years of our life behind us, and it is great to see folks continue to honor that name and that legacy. Coach Robinson certainly has done that, and I am sure that as he continues in his career coaching there he will continue to do so. To the members of the team, whether you go on to continue playing basketball or whatever it is you do next, you will continue to honor the legacy of our school. So, go Diplomats, and congratulations, Coach Robinson.

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I arrived at Franklin & Marshall, F&M, in 1975 and I tried out for the JV basketball team, of which I was accepted. Then, of course, my family--my dad who played at Penn State--my mom and all were gathered at that moment when I would be promoted to the varsity team in the next year. Unfortunately for me, Donnie Marsh, who was of extraordinary talents, had taken on the tutelage of Coach Robinson at the time and learned how to shoot beyond just simply dunking the basketball. Then, in my class, a young guy who was 5'5", Bobby Manaskie, I will never forget, we competed all year long on JV and he won out in terms of the point guard position. Then when it became my turn to compete at the varsity level, the coach was kind enough to make sure that I did not have three frustrating years of trying out for varsity. So the first year I tried out, he made sure that the message was sent loud and clear, do not come back.

I will tell you, though, coaches have the responsibility in today's society to deliver good news and bad news. It is how you deliver the bad news that defines the character of not only the

student or the athlete with whom you interact, but the person and the man who is delivering it. I am proud to stand on this floor now as a Member of the Senate because of the education I received at Franklin & Marshall College. But a significant measure, even though I was cut, I stayed very close to the team because I had friends on the team, the coach allowed us to play at practice time to get beat up by the team, they were ranked number three or four during the time, they were extraordinary, and he allowed us to interact with him as a man. I will tell you, to a person, an extraordinary husband, extraordinary friend, extraordinary parent, and an extraordinary mentor is whom we are honoring today. It is not just the 900 wins, but how he got to 900 wins that speaks to what kind of person he is.

So, Coach, we are glad to see you, and that you are in good health. I am still smarting from being cut from the team. I will get over it sometime, but most importantly, I tip my hat to how you have conducted the entirety of your life. We could not bestow upon the Commonwealth a greater honor to a person who upholds the character, the values, and the trust of Pennsylvanians the way you have. God bless you, Coach.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Smucker, from the great school of Franklin & Marshall that Senator Teplitz and Senator Williams attended, Coach Robinson, and your great players and your lovely wife, Kathy, please rise and be welcomed here to the Pennsylvania Senate, and your coaching team as well. Thank you for everything you have done. On to 901, coach. Oh, 912? On to 1,000.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR LISA M. BOSCOLA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I also have some State champions here with us today. I am honored to recognize the Emmaus High School Field Hockey Team, their parents, and their assistant coach as my guests today. Their team won the 2015 PIAA State Class AAA Field Hockey Championship. Now, this is an astounding achievement. They had an undefeated season with a record 27 wins, and this is the school's 27th consecutive district championship. Quite amazing. I commend their coaching staff under the leadership of Head Coach Sue Butz-Stavin. Sue could not be here today but was honored as coach of the year by MAX Field Hockey. Their assistant coach, Natalie Deacon, is here with them today, as well as some of the girls' parents.

They worked so hard throughout this season, really together as a team, and fought their way to a stellar overtime victory in the State championship game. Mr. President, it was such a pleasure to meet these girls and talk with them. They also met with Governor Wolf for a long period of time, and took a photo with him as well. It is quite a memorable opportunity. So, I congratulate these students, these girls. They are the total package. They are fun, they are feisty, they are hardworking, they are smart, and God bless them, I love them. I thank them and say, thank you Emmaus, you made Emmaus proud, you made this Commonwealth proud, and I ask the Senate to give them its usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the championship Emmaus High School Field Hockey Team, the guests of my feisty friend, Senator Boscola, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MARIO M. SCAVELLO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monroe, Senator Scavello.

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, I do not get the opportunity to stand up here that much. Lately, I have not had many winners. I am always jealous of Senator Vance, who is always up here with one or two winners, and I am told, in telling her this story, that she will have three here next week.

I am going to really enjoy this day because we had a tremendous accomplishment at East Stroudsburg University. It is my honor to introduce to the floor of the Senate and to recognize the East Stroudsburg University Field Hockey Team on their hard work and dedication that led to the 2015 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference and NCAA Division II Championship Team. We have here Coach Sandy Miller--by the way, she has told me privately that she will have 900 pucks, you know, 900 victories, she will have 900 pucks, so, Coach Miller, it is a challenge--and the rest of the coaching staff, Robert Wouters and Katie Ord, as well as the athletic director, Josh Looney, and the chief of staff, Miguel Barbosa.

This very talented team--well-deserved congratulations. I have to tell you, I have seen them interact here in the Capitol and you really get a sense of team because it is a team the way they work together. To give you an example, today is a young lady's birthday, one of the team members, and one of the parents of another team member who lives here locally made cupcakes, so for her birthday they had a cupcake party downstairs. You do not see that too often, when you see kids really enjoying playing together and working as a team, and that is a testament to the coaching staff and, of course, to the parents of each one of these young ladies.

I am going to, if I may, they defeated Merrimack College in overtime by a 1-0 score. They finished the season with a record of 19 wins and 3 losses. Now, I am told that if you have a 0, maybe the competition was not as great, but Merrimack is a great school. My daughter played field hockey and Merrimack was always a tough team. But East Stroudsburg University, for the first time, was able to win a championship in field hockey. The team also won the 2015 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Field Hockey Championship by defeating Millersville University. Under the expert guidance of the coaches, the team was comprised of Danielle Ard, Lindsay Blum, Sabrina Burke, Hannah Caplan, Ashley Ceschini, Ashley Chioda--and if I mispronounce, I apologize--Amanda Crampton--I think that I am doing pretty good, however--Samantha DeVivo, Kristen English, Morgan Firestone, Halle Frisco, Paige Harrold, Caitlin Hoover, Samantha Hosford, Emily Howell, Alyson LeBlanc, Desiray Mack, Makenna Marhefka, Sydney McCarthy, Marisa Miro, the birthday girl Myesha Molitoris, Tiffany Regman, Ally Roth, Melanie Shambaugh, Kelli Shapiro, Rebecca Snyder, Robin Stevenson, Allison Trafford, Karisa Turner, and Amanda Wnorowski.

I would appreciate it if the Senate would give their warm welcome to the champions of the 2015 NCAA Division II Field Hockey Team from East Stroudsburg University.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Scavello, the East Stroudsburg University Girls' Field Hockey champions and the birthday girl, Myesha, and the coaches, please rise so we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR RYAN P. AUMENT PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, today it is my pleasure to introduce my guest, Derek "DJ" Eide. DJ is an eighth-grade student at Landisville Intermediate School in the Hempfield School District, where he takes honors classes and greatly enjoys his time on the tech squad, WLMS crew, and partaking in other technology-related tasks for the school. He has also played the trumpet since fourth grade and participates in the middle school band, as well as the Hempfield Marching Knights High School Marching Band. DJ enjoys playing lacrosse, and this year will be his seventh year playing for the Black Knights Lacrosse Club, where he plays defense. Outside of school and sports activities, DJ enjoys working with his grandfather in the summer and learning more about computers and technology.

Please join me in welcoming DJ to the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Aument, DJ Eide, please rise so that we can welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ARTHUR L. HAYWOOD PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, today is Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., Sorority Day in Harrisburg. I am proud to have a resolution, which I will introduce at the appropriate time, but wanted to say today the following: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has a long history of service to the community. Beginning in 1908, Howard University student Ethel Hedgeman founded Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., to bring together a network of like-minded women to lift each other up. This was the first black Greek letter sorority, and now there are more than 280,000 collegiate members across 980 chapters around the world. Their motto, "To be supreme in service to all mankind."

In recent decades, they have funded scholarships, improved the reading skills of over 16,000 children, added the largest number of minorities to the national bone marrow registry, and in the past have pushed for anti-lynching legislation shortly after they were founded. They have continued their service to mankind and their caring for our community through their support of legislation to uplift our community. They serve as a fine example of what a collective commitment to service can create.

So, I ask for a warm welcome for the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., who are here with us in the gallery today.

The PRESIDENT. Will the beautiful young ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha, the guests of Senator Haywood, 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, today I recognize a very special guest seated in the gallery. My guest today is Kelly Cary, a sophomore at the University of Pittsburgh who is shadowing my office today as part of the University of Pittsburgh Institute of Politics Legislator for a Day program.

Kelly is majoring in urban studies with a minor in legal studies. Kelly is currently a legal intern at the American Civil Liberties Union, where she processes legal complaints and presents potential cases to an attorney. She also serves on the constitution writing committee in the pre-law fraternity Phi Alpha Delta. In the community, Kelly volunteers at the Boys' and Girls' Club and campaigned for suicide prevention through the Out of the Darkness Walk. Kelly is a very bright and motivated young lady who has a promising future ahead of her. Mr. President, please help me to extend a very warm Senate welcome to my guest, Kelly Cary.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Will Senator Bartolotta's guest, Kelly Cary, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

GUEST OF SENATOR JAY COSTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, before I take a moment to introduce my guest, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge and recognize a young lady who is here with us today as part of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the work that they do. Mr. President, our very own, as we like to call her, PUC Chairwoman Gladys Brown, who for many years now has coordinated today's events and activities for the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha, or AKA, I guess I should refer to them as. We had a very good conversation about policy matters and issues important to the young ladies, but also important to this Commonwealth as well.

So I ask my colleagues to give a round of applause for Gladys for again bringing together all of these wonderful women and continuing this great program. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Everyone's favorite, Gladys Brown. Please rise.

(Applause.)

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I am also pleased to introduce a student who is visiting us today as part of the Institute of Politics Legislator for a Day program. As was mentioned, the Institute conducts the Legislator for a Day program each spring to provide undergraduate students with the opportunity to shadow a Member of the General Assembly to really gain insight into the legislative process but also the roles and functions of the State Senators and House of Representatives Members.

With me today, Mr. President, I have the great pleasure of being shadowed by a young lady by the name of Kayla Burnham. Kayla is a junior at the University of Pittsburgh majoring in political science. I note that Kayla is a graduate of Montgomery County Community College, and as folks in this room know, I am a proud graduate of our Allegheny County Community College, and I applaud her for working to continue her education at the University of Pittsburgh. She has worked in the past as an intern in the office of State Representative Matt Bradford, and during the recent political campaign season, she worked on the campaign of now-sitting Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Christine Donohue. She also volunteers at Laurel House, where she is a youth mentor for young adults affected by domestic violence. Kayla is a member of the Pi Sigma Alpha and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Societies. After completing her bachelor's degree at the University of Pittsburgh, she is very much interested in pursuing either a graduate degree in public policy or attending the University of Pittsburgh School of Law to become an attorney.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to give a warm Senate welcome to University of Pittsburgh student Kayla, who is here today with us.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Kayla Burnham, the wonderful guest of Senator Costa, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR GUY RESCHENTHALER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator RESCHENTHALER. Mr. President, it is my distinct honor to welcome two honored guests to the Senate of Pennsylvania. The first is Elizabeth Chadwick, or Ellie, as my staff has come to know her. Ellie is here today as an intern in my Mt. Lebanon district office through the prestigious Institute of Politics internship program at the University of Pittsburgh. Ellie is a junior at Pitt currently studying political science with a focus in American politics, and in her short time in my office she has become a significant contributor to my office's operations.

My second guest is Arnold Epstein, managing partner of Brennan, Robins & Daley, a law firm where I am currently serving of counsel. Brennan, Robins & Daley was founded by two former Navy JAGs. It is my pleasure to work with Arnold at a firm that carries on the principles and values I learned as a former Navy JAG officer. Like Ellie, Arnold is visiting the General Assembly on behalf of the University of Pittsburgh's Pitt Day at the Capitol. Arnold is a 35-year adjunct professor at the University of Pittsburgh.

Mr. President and colleagues, please join me in giving my honored guests a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Reschenthaler, my fellow JAG as well, Arnold Epstein, and Elizabeth "Ellie" Chadwick, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR RANDY VULAKOVICH
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, I would like to introduce someone who shadowed me today, Emily Ahlin. Emily is a junior at the University of Pittsburgh majoring in political science with a certificate in Russian and East European Studies. Emily was a first-year mentor for the university's Office of Student Affairs, where she developed social programming for first-year students. Currently, she serves as a programming chair for the Pitt Active Minds, a chapter of an organization dedicated to promoting the discussion of mental health. Emily was also the recipient of the University of Pittsburgh's Blue Stars Red Carpet "Courage Award" Blue Star in 2015. Emily is interested in foreign affairs and one day hopes to be able to offer her expertise to policymakers. I ask that the Senate give our usual warm welcome to this young lady. I think she has a bright future ahead of her.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Vulakovich, Emily, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania 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 immediately for a caucus.

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

AFTER RECESS

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Brooks has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Ward has returned, and her personal leave is cancelled.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Smucker.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Gordner requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Smucker. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

RECESS

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of holding two off-the-floor meetings, first being the Committee on Appropriations, followed by the Committee on Finance, both to be held in the Rules room at the rear of the Chamber.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on Appropriations to be followed by the Committee on Finance, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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 GORDNER.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 150, SB 606, HB 665, HB 826, HB 837 and SB 881 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

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

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

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-48

Alloway	Dinniman	McIlhinney	Tomlinson
Argall	Eichelberger	Mensch	Vance
Aument	Farnese	Rafferty	Vogel
Baker	Folmer	Resenthaler	Vulakovich

Bartolotta	Fontana	Sabatina	Wagner
Blake	Gordner	Scarnati	Ward
Boscola	Greenleaf	Scavello	White
Brewster	Haywood	Schwank	Wiley
Brooks	Hughes	Smucker	Williams
Browne	Hutchinson	Stefano	Wozniak
Corman	Leach	Tartaglione	Yaw
Costa	McGarrigle	Teplitz	Yudichak

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.

BILL AMENDED

SB 1104 (Pr. No. 1498) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in orphans' court divisions, further providing for nonmandatory exercise of jurisdiction through orphans' court division; in wills, further providing for rules of interpretation; in dispositions independent of letters, family exemption, probate of wills and grant of letters, providing for submission to jurisdiction; in administration and personal representatives, further providing for continuation of business and for incorporation of estate's business; in accounts and distribution, further providing for determination of title to decedent's interest in real estate; in health care, further providing for definitions, for authority of health care agent and for relation of health care agent to court-appointed guardian and other agents; in powers of attorney, further providing for general provisions, for form of power of attorney, for implementation of power of attorney, for durable powers of attorney and for account; providing for meaning and effect of power of attorney and for jurisdiction and venue; in estates, further providing for release or disclaimer of powers or interests; in estates, providing for release of powers and interests and disclaimer of powers; providing for powers of appointment; in trusts, further providing for nonjudicial settlement agreements - UTC 111, for representation of parties in interest in general, for division of trusts, for resignation of trustee and filing resignation, for duty to inform and report, for limitation of action against trustee and for powers, duties and liabilities identical with personal representatives; codifying provisions of the Charitable Instruments Act of 1971; in principal and income, further providing for charitable trusts; and making a related repeal.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator GREENLEAF offered the following amendment No. A6262:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 13, by inserting after "definitions," for when health care power of attorney is operative,

Amend Bill, page 1, line 16, by inserting after "provisions," for authority that requires specific and general grant of authority,

Amend Bill, page 12, line 16, by inserting after "Sections " : 5454(d),

Amend Bill, page 12, by inserting between lines 17 and 18: § 5454. When health care power of attorney operative.

(d) Duration.--Unless the health care power of attorney states a time of termination, [it is valid until revoked by the principal or the principal's guardian of the person, notwithstanding the lapse of time since its execution.] notwithstanding the lapse of time since the health care power of attorney was executed, the health care power of attorney is valid until revoked by any of the following:

- (1) The principal.
- (2) The court.

(3) If authorized by the court, the principal's guardian of the person.

Amend Bill, page 13, line 20, by striking out "and 5602(a)"

Amend Bill, page 13, line 20, by striking out "are" and inserting: is

Amend Bill, page 14, lines 12 through 17, by striking out "For" in line 12 and all of lines 13 through 17

Amend Bill, page 14, by inserting between lines 18 and 19:

Section 6.1. Section 5601.4(c), (d) and (e) of Title 20 are amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

§ 5601.4. Authority that requires specific and general grant of authority.

(c) Scope of authority.--Subject to subsections (a), (b), (d), (d.1) and (e), if a power of attorney grants to an agent authority to do all acts that a principal is authorized to perform, the agent has all of the powers which may be incorporated by reference pursuant to section 5602(a).

(d) Gifts.--

(1) Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, [a grant of authority to make a gift is subject to section 5603(a.1) (relating to implementation of power of attorney).] the power to make limited gifts or other language in a power of attorney granting general authority with respect to gifts authorizes the agent only to:

(I) Make outright to or for the benefit of a person, a gift of any of the principal's property, including by the exercise of a presently exercisable general power of appointment held by the principal:

(A) in an amount per donee not to exceed the annual dollar limits of the Federal gift tax exclusion under section 2503(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 2503(b)), without regard to whether the Federal gift tax exclusion applies to the gift; or

(B) if the principal's spouse agrees to consent to a split gift pursuant to section 2513 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. § 2513), in an amount per donee not to exceed twice the annual Federal gift tax exclusion limit.

(ii) Consent, pursuant to section 2513 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to the splitting of a gift made by the principal's spouse in an amount per donee not to exceed the aggregate annual gift tax exclusions for both spouses.

(2) An agent may make a gift of the principal's property only as the agent determines is consistent with the principal's objectives if actually known by the agent and, if unknown, as the agent determines is consistent with the principal's best interest based on all relevant factors, including:

(I) The value and nature of the principal's property.

(ii) The principal's foreseeable obligations and need for maintenance.

(iii) Minimization of taxes, including income, estate, inheritance, generation-skipping transfer and gift taxes.

(iv) Eligibility for a benefit, program or assistance under a statute or regulation.

(v) The principal's personal history of making or joining in making gifts.

(3) As used in this subsection, the phrase "a gift for the benefit of a person" includes a gift to a trust, an account under Chapter 53 (relating to Pennsylvania Uniform Transfers to Minors Act) and a tuition savings account or prepaid tuition plan as defined under section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. § 529).

(d.1) Disclaimers.--

(1) Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, the grant of the power to disclaim any interest in property or a grant of general authority with disclaimers authorizes the agent to release or disclaim any interest in property on behalf of the principal in accordance with Chapter 62 (relating to disclaimers) or section 6103.1 (relating to release of powers and interests and disclaimer of powers), provided that any disclaimer under Chapter 62 shall be in accordance with the provisions of section 6202 (relating to disclaimers by fiduciaries or agents) in the case of a principal who is an incapacitated person at the time of the execution of the disclaimer.

(2) An agent may make a disclaimer as the agent determines is consistent with the principal's objectives if actually known by the agent and, if unknown, as the agent determines is consistent with the principal's best interest based on all relevant factors, including:

- (i) The value and nature of the principal's property.
- (ii) The principal's foreseeable obligations and need for maintenance.
- (iii) Minimization of taxes, including income, estate, inheritance, generation-skipping transfer and gift taxes.
- (iv) Eligibility for a benefit, program or assistance under a statute or regulation.
- (v) The principal's personal history of making or joining in making gifts.

(e) Similar or overlapping subjects.--Subject to subsections (a), (b) [and] (d) and (d.1), if the subjects over which authority is granted in a power of attorney are similar or overlap, the broadest authority controls.

Section 6.2. Section 5602(a) of Title 20 is amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 15, line 29, by striking out "5603(d)" and inserting:

5603(a.1), (d)

Amend Bill, page 16, by inserting between lines 2 and 3:

[(a.1) Power to make limited gifts.--

(1) Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, the power to make limited gifts or other language in a power of attorney granting general authority with respect to gifts authorizes the agent only to:

(I) Make outright to or for the benefit of a person, a gift of any of the principal's property, including by the exercise of a presently exercisable general power of appointment held by the principal:

(A) in an amount per donee not to exceed the annual dollar limits of the Federal gift tax exclusion under section 2503(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 2503(b)), without regard to whether the Federal gift tax exclusion applies to the gift; or

(B) if the principal's spouse agrees to consent to a split gift pursuant to section 2513 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. § 2513), in an amount per donee not to exceed twice the annual Federal gift tax exclusion limit.

(ii) Consent, pursuant to section 2513 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to the splitting of a gift made by the principal's spouse in an amount per donee not to exceed the aggregate annual gift tax exclusions for both spouses.

(2) An agent may make a gift of the principal's property only as the agent determines is consistent with the principal's objectives if actually known by the agent and, if unknown, as the agent determines is consistent with the principal's best interest based on all relevant factors, including:

- (i) The value and nature of the principal's property.
- (ii) The principal's foreseeable obligations and need for maintenance.

(iii) Minimization of taxes, including income, estate, inheritance, generation-skipping transfer and gift taxes.

(iv) Eligibility for a benefit, program or assistance under a statute or regulation.

(v) The principal's personal history of making or joining in making gifts.

(3) As used in this subsection, the phrase "a gift for the benefit of a person" includes a gift to a trust, an account under Chapter 53 (relating to Pennsylvania Uniform Transfers to Minors Act) and a tuition savings account or prepaid tuition plan as defined under section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. § 529).]

Amend Bill, page 19, lines 17 through 21, by striking out all of said lines

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

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, this bill and the accompanying amendment are a result of the Joint State Government Commission Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bankers

Association, and the Pennsylvania Association of Elder Law Attorneys, all of which have had input in both the bill itself and various parts of the amendment. The amendment basically, I think, is almost technical, removing language in regard to commercial powers of attorney, removing implied powers, and anything that would take out uncertainties of what the powers of attorney are. So, I ask for an affirmative vote on the amendment.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?
It was agreed to.

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1108 (Pr. No. 1503) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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-48

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

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1123 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 1199 (Pr. No. 1574) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act repealing the act of May 27, 1965 (P.L.63, No.50), entitled "An act authorizing the Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, to erect and maintain a bridge over the Monongahela River in Washington and Allegheny Counties, and to provide the necessary approaches and connections with State highways; empowering counties to pay certain damages, and making an appropriation."

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1319 and **HB 1326** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 1484 (Pr. No. 2097) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 30, 1987 (P.L.375, No.75), entitled, "An act providing for the designation of certain trees and land on the grounds of the State Capitol in Harrisburg as "Soldiers' Grove" in honor of war veterans; imposing duties upon the Department of General Services; and making an appropriation," further providing for duties of Department of General Services; and providing for preservation of "Soldiers' Grove" and for construction.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1638 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 52, HB 59, HB 264, SB 340, SB 341, SB 342, HB 342, SB 343, SB 344 and **HB 423** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 488 (Pr. No. 1508) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 579 (Pr. No. 1605) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 805, HB 806, SB 973, SB 979, SB 1014, SB 1040 and **HB 1087** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1122 (Pr. No. 1536) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

SB 1152 (Pr. No. 1591) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1154 and **HB 1154** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 1155 (Pr. No. 1617) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1159 and HB 1168 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 1229 (Pr. No. 1614) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the overpass on State Route 3145 over Interstate 376, BMS 02-3145-0010-0537, in the Market District at Settlers Ridge, Robinson Township, Allegheny County, as the Roy F. Johns, Jr., Overpass.

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

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

BILL REREFERRED

HB 1618 (Pr. No. 2569) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 1660 (Pr. No. 2438) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 403 over the Two Lick Creek, Clymer Borough, Indiana County, as the Sergeant James Robert Pantall Memorial Bridge.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1734 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 261, ADOPTED

Senator GORDNER, without objection, called up from page 9 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 261**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to support a Passenger Facility Charges (PFC) increase for commercial airports controlled by public agencies.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-45

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

NAY-3

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolution is adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 421 (Pr. No. 337)

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.

SB 601 (Pr. No. 594)

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

HB 147 (Pr. No. 139)

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for exemptions and special provisions.

HB 1330 (Pr. No. 1812)

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, in fiscal affairs, further providing for limits on counties of the second class.

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

SB 180 (Pr. No. 112) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in anatomical gifts, further providing for definitions, for persons who may execute anatomical gift, for persons who may become donees and purposes for which anatomical gifts may be made, for manner of executing anatomical gifts, for amendment or revocation of gift, for rights and duties at death, for requests for anatomical gifts, for use of driver's license or identification card to indicate organ or tissue donation, for the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund contributions, for the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and

Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund, for confidentiality requirement and for prohibited activities; providing for promotion of organ and tissue donation; establishing the Donate Life PA Registry; providing for facilitation of anatomical gift from decedent who death is under investigation, for collaboration among departments and organ procurement organizations, for information relative to organ and tissue donation, for requirements for physician and nurse training relative to organ and tissue donation and recovery, for uniformity of application and construction and for relation to Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act; and repealing provisions relating to corneal transplants.

SB 289 (Pr. No. 173) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of April 8, 1949 (P.L.418, No.58), entitled, "An act to provide for and regulate the accumulation, investment, and expenditure of funds by cities, boroughs, incorporated towns and townships for preparing plans for sewage disposal systems, and for the construction, improvement or replacement of sewage disposal systems for which plans have been approved by the Sanitary Water Board of the Commonwealth," further providing for definitions, for creation of a Sewage Disposal System Fund and for expenditure of fund; providing for expenditure of public funds for private lateral sewer lines; and further providing for grants of moneys.

HB 31 (Pr. No. 1553) (Rereported)

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.

HB 1802 (Pr. No. 2762)

An Act making an appropriation from the General Fund to the Executive Offices for the purpose of child advocacy centers for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators HAYWOOD, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, TEPLITZ, COSTA, SCHWANK, FONTANA, BREWSTER, FARNESE, HUGHES and VULAKOVICH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 309**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 22, 2016, as "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators GORDNER, DINNIMAN, TEPLITZ, WOZNIAK, SABATINA, GREENLEAF, HAYWOOD, RAFFERTY, HUTCHINSON, BROWNE, FONTANA, COSTA, SCHWANK, MENSCH, YUDICHAK, WHITE, FARNESE, FOLMER, BARTOLOTTA, BAKER, HUGHES and VULAKOVICH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 310**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of April 2016 as "Financial Literacy Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senator GORDNER, on behalf of Senators WHITE, MENSCH, BROWNE, RESCHENTHALER, GREENLEAF, EICHELBERGER, TEPLITZ, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY,

BAKER, YAW, DINNIMAN, ARGALL, SABATINA, FONTANA, COSTA, SCAVELLO, VULAKOVICH, BARTOLOTTA, HUTCHINSON, McILHINNEY, HUGHES and HAYWOOD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 311**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2016 as "Community Banking Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators TEPLITZ, WOZNIAK, SABATINA, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, SCHWANK, VULAKOVICH, FARNESE, WHITE, COSTA, RESCHENTHALER and HAYWOOD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 312**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2016 as "Distracted Driving Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, Senator Wozniak and I introduce this resolution recognizing the month of April 2016 as "Distracted Driving Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving, thereby endangering driver, passenger, and bystander safety. Anytime you take your eyes off the road, your hands off the wheel, and your mind off of your primary task of driving safely, you are driving distracted and increasing the risk of an accident. In 2014, over 3,000 people were killed and 431,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted driving, according to national statistics. The best way to end distracted driving is to educate all Pennsylvanians about the danger it poses and to continue to encourage safe driving habits.

So, Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join Senator Wozniak and me in recognizing the month of April 2016 as Distracted Driving Awareness Month in Pennsylvania and spread the word about the importance of keeping our eyes on the road and our hands on the wheel.

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 EICHELBERGER, TEPLITZ, DINNIMAN, McGARRIGLE, SABATINA, SCARNATI, MENSCH, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, SCHWANK, SCAVELLO, AUMENT, VULAKOVICH, WARD, COSTA, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, RESCHENTHALER, ARGALL, BREWSTER, KITCHEN, HUTCHINSON, BROWNE, FARNESE, HUGHES, HAYWOOD and BROOKS, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 313**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of April 11 through 15, 2016, as "Local Government Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Blair, Senator Eichelberger.

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, "Local Government Week" is something we celebrate each year where we take time to appreciate the work that our local government officials do. In Pennsylvania, we have a great many local government entities. We have about 4,500. We have 67 counties, more than 50 cities, nearly 1,500 townships of the second class, nearly 100 townships of the first class, more than 950 boroughs, 1 incorporated town, 500 school districts, and 1,500 authorities. So, we have a State that has a great deal of different forms of government that are very important to the people they serve.

These folks are the front line of government. They provide all of the services that people expect in their communities, from police services to taking care of the streets and roads to garbage collection, in many cases, education, social welfare issues, water and sewage services, many, many things that people often take for granted. These folks worry about these and provide these services on a daily basis. So, I refer to them often as the unsung heroes of government and ask my colleagues to support this resolution and offer a word of thanks to local government officials as they go about their business on a daily basis. 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.

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

Senators SCAVELLO, BREWSTER, BAKER, TEPLITZ, SABATINA, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, EICHELBERGER, BARTOLOTTA, GREENLEAF, COSTA, RESCHENTHALER, ARGALL, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, VULAKOVICH, FOLMER, BROWNE, McILHINNEY, YUDICHAK, HUGHES and AUMENT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 314**, entitled:

A Resolution congratulating the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission on 150 years of service to the Commonwealth.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monroe, Senator Scavello.

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, Senator Brewster and I are happy to introduce this resolution honoring the 150th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. On March 30, 2016, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission will proudly celebrate the 150th anniversary of its founding in 1866. I think we were the only ones there at the time. With more than 86,000 miles of streams and nearly 4,000 lakes, ponds, and reservoirs in the State, the Commonwealth's aquatic resources are extensive, rich, and diverse. For the last 150 years, the commission has been responsible for managing and safeguarding

both aquatic habitats, species resource, as well as to protect and showcase our rich recreational fishing and boating heritage. Thank you for joining with us today in recognition of the many accomplishments and contributions of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission over the last 150 years in honor of the rich heritage that includes boating, fishing, and all outdoor recreational activities on our waterways across the Commonwealth. We ask for an affirmative vote.

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 BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, FARNESE, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, KITCHEN, SABATINA, TARTAGLIONE, BAKER, EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, HUTCHINSON, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, VULAKOVICH, WHITE, AUMENT and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 315**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of March 2016 as "Eye Donor Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I rise today to reintroduce my resolution for a cause that touches many lives, yet does not really receive enough attention, and that is eye donation. Since 1961, the Eye Bank Association of America and its member banks have restored sight to over 1 million individuals. While most people do support the idea of eye donation, we still need concerned citizens who are willing to select themselves to be donors. It is my hope that bringing awareness to this important cause throughout the month of March will inspire more individuals to consider it. Eye donation follows the same process as organ donation. Eye tissue transplants allow for vision to be restored in people with problems resulting from injury, disease, or infection. Sometimes rare emergency instances require tissue to be readily available on demand. Transplant procedures can restore vision for men, women, and children ranging in age from just weeks to over 100 years old. Transplants have a success rate of 75 percent thanks to technological advances in the field, and they can certainly be life changing.

Mr. President, there is no other substitute for this type of tissue, and the transplant process is entirely dependent on donations. Anyone can be a donor. The great thing about corneal tissue is that everyone is a universal donor, so it does not matter how old you are, how your eyesight is, or even what blood type you are. While the eye surgery field continues to advance, one thing never changes: the need for donations. The demand for tissue is simply never satisfied. I am proud to point out that eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and the Delaware region are the most giving area in the country when it comes to organ donation. It is great that Pennsylvania is part of the most giving people in this area nationwide. In my district, the people of

northeastern Pennsylvania, Lions Eye Bank, continues to champion the cause. For 60 years of service, the Lions Bank has provided more than 40,000 cornea transplants, and it is the fifth-largest eye bank by volume here in the United States.

So therefore, Mr. President, to honor all of the people who made the decision to give the priceless gift of sight, as well as all of the patients waiting for their opportunity to have a transplant, I offer this resolution recognizing March 2016 as "Eye Donor Month" in this Commonwealth. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Boscola for a very important resolution.

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 the Reverend James B. Miller, Betty A. Enck and to Tre Fissella by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henning and to Frances M. Gagliardi by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Logan Matthew Gaydos by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Anna Beckert and to the members and coaches of the Greenville High School Boys' Basketball Team by Senator Brooks.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Robert Lysle, Crysta C. Peers and to Rachel Stevenson by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Altoona Beauty School, Inc. by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to W. Bruce Beaton by Senators Greenleaf and Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Allison R. Brown and to Julia N. Sharp by Senator McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Meghan A. Kennedy by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Erin V. Smith by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lillian L. Williams, Hannah M. Everett, members and coaches of the Audubon Recreation Association 8-and-Under Softball Team, members and coaches of the Audubon Recreation Association 9-and-Under Baseball Team and to the members and coaches of the Audubon Recreation Association 10-and-Under Softball Team by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Miranda Halpin by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew Henry Ruiz by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ronald Dean and to members and coaches of the Cumberland Valley High School Girls' Basketball Team by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David Andrew Kornish and to Jeremiah Lucas Mancino by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Crime Victim Center of Erie County by Senator Wiley.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator SCHWANK. 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 359, SB 374, SB 421, SB 601, SB 703, SB 847, SB 1041, SB 1114, SB 1115, SB 1144, SB 1153, HB 12, HB 147, HB 215, HB 970, HB 1200, HB 1310, HB 1330, HB 1407, HB 1452, HB 1574, HB 1709, HB 1712 and HB 1802.

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 23, 2016

Off the Floor	GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bills No. 1166 and 1168)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Room
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Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider House Bills No. 928 and 930)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Room
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I rise today to give remarks and to comment on some recently announced government reform policies. Let me say upfront that I applaud the efforts of my colleague, Senator Teplitz, for taking the lead on this issue. It is not easy to address government reform, Mr. President, and his commitment and leadership are commendable. I think it is great we are hearing about government reform, but this happens every few years as a knee-jerk reaction to the political climate here in Harrisburg. We hear a lot about great initiatives, but then they get jammed up and, really, nothing gets done. What we need, Mr. President, is across-the-board reform, but first we need to fix the biggest problem, the elephant in the room, which is campaign finance.

I have been a vocal advocate for the enactment of campaign finance reform since I was elected to the Senate in 2008, yet we have made no progress in almost a decade. Now sure, I get why we need to look at the issue with accepting gifts, but if we really want to address transparency and accountability, why are we not focusing on the \$50,000 and \$100,000 checks made to campaigns? I am not knocking the efforts of Members of the General Assembly who have spent a considerable amount of time and effort working on government reform legislation like the gift ban, and again, it is difficult work that not only deserves this body's attention, Mr. President, but also deserves this body's

support. I am a member of the Government Reform Caucus, and I know that the group has work tirelessly on gift ban legislation and other important reform measures. Most of us believe in reform. We know it is necessary, but it is not easy to stand up and do something about it.

So, again, I thank Senator Teplitz and all the Members of that committee who have continuously worked on these issues. While I fully respect and support these efforts, I wonder about our priorities. I ask myself, why is the administration, specifically the Governor, more concerned about legislators getting sports tickets than thousands and thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from special interest groups? To me, that should be our top priority. We need to enact campaign finance reform because the people of this State need to know that their voices are first and foremost in our policymaking decisions.

Being a good candidate, Mr. President, is not about how much money you have, and the amount of money you have should not determine the amount of influence you have. Yes, there is something wrong when you have one candidate writing a \$15 million or \$10 million or \$20 million check to his or her own campaign. I have always advocated for individual contribution limits, and I believe those limits should be put in place and apply to everyone, including individuals self-funding campaigns. The U.S. Supreme Court, in upholding restrictions on individual contributions to political campaigns and candidates, said such restrictions, quote, "enhanced the integrity of our system of representative democracy." That could not be more true today, and it is time Pennsylvania joins 38 other States and enacts meaningful campaign finance reform.

I also want to take a minute to highlight the government reform policies announced recently by Governor Wolf, and his emphasis on the importance of transparency and accountability. The Governor's recent press conference announcing his government reform policies inspired me, Mr. President, to introduce additional measures that fall in line with the spirit and the letter of the Governor's proposed reforms. Specifically, Governor Wolf said that he wants, quote, "to ensure that our government is transparent and fully accountable, and that taxpayers know how every penny is spent." I could not agree with the Governor more. In the spirit of transparency, I want to announce a new piece of campaign finance legislation that I will be introducing based upon what the Governor spoke about and how I was inspired by his words at his recent press conference.

Specifically, Mr. President, my bill would require disclosure when campaign funds are moved from one campaign for one elected office to a campaign of the same individual for a different elected office. As we are all well aware, individuals and organizations often contribute money to one campaign, and those contributions are then used to fund a campaign for a different office without specific notice to those donors. I believe the candidate should be transparent about those transactions and give notice to their contributors if they intend to use their contributions for a different purpose. To again quote Governor Wolf, this is about, quote, "engendering trust," end quote. I think we owe it, Mr. President, to our supporters to be open about where their money is going, and the required disclosure in my legislation is an important step in that direction.

Again, I thank all of the Members who have worked on these issues, including Senator Costa and those whom I have already mentioned. I respectfully ask Members of this body to revive the

debate, meaningful debate on campaign finance reform, and show the people of this Commonwealth that we support an accountable, transparent political culture. Thank you.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 1064**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 526**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the following bill was signed by the President pro tempore (Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the presence of the Senate:

SB 1064.

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, March 23, 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 4:10 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.