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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, March 23, 2016

The Senate met at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Senator RYAN P. AUMENT:

Father God, we praise You for Your goodness. You have blessed us and our Commonwealth immeasurably. We give You the praise You are due. Forgive us for our moments of ingratitude. We pray for divine wisdom as we meet, deliberate, and vote. May we always be mindful of those we serve. We thank You that our Constitution points us to You. In its Preamble, "We, the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of civil and religious liberty, and humbly invoking His guidance, do ordain and establish this Constitution." I pray a blessing on all who serve You here under that Constitution, elected and staff. Bless their families and our families as we serve. We commit this day to You. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Aument for a very thoughtful and helpful prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator Yaw, and a legislative leave for Senator McIlhinney.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Leach.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator Yaw, and a legislative leave for Senator McIlhinney.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Leach. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of December 18, 2015; December 19, 2015; and December 23, 2015, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of December 18, 2015; December 19, 2015; and December 23, 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-48

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

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 P. BLAKE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, I am delighted today to welcome to the Pennsylvania State Senate the 2016 third class of student ambassadors from my 22nd Senatorial District. These fine young men and women are the best of the best nominated by their public schools back home in the 22nd Senatorial District to

be part of my Ambassador's Program. The program allows me to have these students with me about 1 day a month for 5 months to give them an insider's view of what it is like to be a Senator, and what it is like in government, public service, and public policy. They are wonderful men and women. If you will bear with me, Mr. President, I would like to announce their names for the Senate: Enis Murtaj from Abington Heights School District, Sydney Toy from Carbondale Area School District, Sarah Sporco from Holy Cross, Jacob Furneaux from Lackawanna Trail, Delmar Guzewicz from Pittston Area, Trevor Lamb from Pocono Mountain West, Kevin McConologue from Scranton, Kate Reilly from Scranton Prep, Kyle Kolcharno from Valley View, and Paul McNally from West Scranton High School.

Mr. President, these are wonderful young men and women. They have been great in the Ambassador's Program. They have come here to the Capitol to get a glimpse of what it is like to conduct our business. I ask for a warm welcome from the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Blake, our young ambassadors, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

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 great to have students here of all ages to learn more about the process and to see this incredible building. I am fortunate to have some guests today who were able to go through your suite of offices. I always appreciate the hospitality of your office in regard to that.

My guests today are from Bloomsburg University. They are a State and local government class. There are some sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are part of that class learning directly about how State government works. They are here with their professor. I ask that we give a warm welcome to the State and local government students from Bloomsburg University.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Gordner from Bloomsburg University please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. It was great to have you in the Lieutenant Governor's Office.

(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 purposes of a brief Republican caucus to be held in the Rules room, followed by off-the-floor meetings of the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senate Democrats will meet for a brief caucus in the rear of the Chamber as well, and then report to the committee meetings discussed.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses, to be followed by off-the-floor meetings of the

Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Game and Fisheries, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Yaw and Senator Brooks have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL OVER IN ORDER

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 31, HB 150, SB 579, SB 606, HB 665, HB 826, HB 837, SB 881 and SB 1104 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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

SB 1123 (Pr. No. 1544) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1152 and HB 1319 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1326 (Pr. No. 2396) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

POINT OF ORDER

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, I rise to request a ruling from the Chair under Rule 20(c)(2). The bill involves the sale of

water and wastewater systems. The law firm that I am affiliated with represents water utilities. I do not know of any interests beyond that or any specific interests, but I wanted to disclose that and see if it would be appropriate for me to vote on this bill.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for his request for a ruling. Under our rules, and specifically, under Senate Rule 20, the Senator, it appears, according to the facts as relayed, represents some clients who are utilities that may or may not be affected by this legislation. Nonetheless, the Senator is not specially affected or privileged by this legislation. Therefore, since there is no direct, unique, or special benefit, but rather one to a class, the Senator not only should vote, he is required to vote on this legislation. Therefore, the Senator should vote and is directed to vote on the bill.

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, thank you.

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-48

Alloway	Dinniman	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Argall	Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Vance
Aument	Farnese	Mensch	Vogel
Baker	Folmer	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Bartolotta	Fontana	Resenthaler	Wagner
Blake	Gordner	Sabatina	Ward
Boscola	Greenleaf	Scarnati	White
Brewster	Haywood	Scavello	Wiley
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Browne	Hutchinson	Stefano	Wozniak
Corman	Kitchen	Tartaglione	Yaw
Costa	Leach	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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

HB 1638 (Pr. No. 3002) -- 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 third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-47

Alloway	Dinniman	McGarrigle	Vance
Argall	Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Vogel
Aument	Farnese	Mensch	Vulakovich
Baker	Folmer	Rafferty	Wagner

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

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

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 12 and **SB 52** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS REREFERRED

HB 59 (Pr. No. 51) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for hepatitis C testing and treatment and for duties of the Department of Health.

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

HB 147 (Pr. No. 139) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 180 (Pr. No. 112) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 215, HB 264, SB 289, SB 340, SB 341, SB 342, HB 342, SB 343, SB 344, SB 359, SB 374, SB 421, HB 423, SB 601, SB 703, SB 805, HB 806, SB 847 and **HB 970** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 973 (Pr. No. 1352) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in nuisances, further providing for the offense of scattering rubbish; in registration of vehicles and in licensing of drivers, further providing for the acknowledgment of littering provisions; and, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for the offense of depositing of waste and other material on highway, property or waters.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 979, SB 1014, SB 1040, SB 1041 and **HB 1087** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1114 (Pr. No. 1514) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1115, SB 1144 and **SB 1153** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 1154 (Pr. No. 1593) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1154, SB 1159, HB 1168, HB 1200, HB 1310, HB 1330 and HB 1407 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

HB 1452 (Pr. No. 3015) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1574, HB 1709, HB 1712 and HB 1734 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL RECOMMITTED

HB 1802 (Pr. No. 2762) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 1166 (Pr. No. 1625)

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Game Commission, further providing

for powers and duties of commission; and, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for license costs and fees.

SB 1168 (Pr. No. 1653) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, providing for power to set fees by regulation; in fiscal affairs, further providing for collection fee for uncollectible checks; in fishing licenses, further providing for nonresident and tourist licenses, for one-day resident fishing license, for license, permit and issuing agent fees and for license and permit packaging options; in special licenses and permits, further providing for net permits, for boat and net licenses for boundary lakes, for permits for protection and management of particular fish, for permits for the use of explosives, for Lake Erie fishing permits and for fishing guide and charter boat permits; in regulated fishing lakes, further providing for licenses and for fees; in dams, bar racks and migration devices, further providing for obstructing migration of fish; in preliminary provisions, further providing for fees; and, in registration and titling of boats, further providing for issuing agents, for fees and for notice for boats and related equipment.

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

HB 928 (Pr. No. 2409)

An Act amending the act of February 9, 1999 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, in capital facilities, further providing for appropriation for and limitation on redevelopment assistance capital projects and for administration of redevelopment assistance capital projects.

HB 930 (Pr. No. 1455)

An Act amending the act of February 9, 1999 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, in capital facilities, further providing for appropriation for and limitation on redevelopment assistance capital projects.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators VULAKOVICH, DINNIMAN, ARGALL, BAKER, BREWSTER, BROOKS, COSTA, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, SABATINA, TEPLITZ, WARD, WHITE, WILEY, YAW, YUDICHAK, MENSCH, FOLMER, FARNESE, AUMENT and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 316**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 30, 2016, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to ask my colleagues to support this resolution designating March 30, 2016, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" in Pennsylvania. Forty-three years have passed since America's involvement in Southeast Asia ended, and yet, that conflict continues to impact our society. Just saying the word "Vietnam" invokes feelings and emotions for everyone who lived through that turbulent era. Like Korea before it, Vietnam was a conflict without a clean

resolution for our nation, or for the men and women who served in them as well, or those who followed the war through evening television newscasts. This was not a conventional war in any sense; Americans truly were strangers in a strange land where it was difficult, if not downright impossible, to tell friend from enemy. All it took was one mistake or one moment of carelessness and the consequences could be fatal.

More than 304,000 American service members were wounded in Vietnam, and of the 58,193 service members who lost their lives, 3,144 were from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. What made it worse for many veterans was the way the conflict finally ended. All of those years in the jungle and on those hill-tops and the lives lost seemed so worthless with the final airlift from Saigon and the inglorious collapse of the south. In fact, March 29 is a historical day. It marks the very day that the last of our U.S. troops departed Vietnam in 1973.

While statues, parades, and honors were bestowed upon those who served in World War I and World War II, that was not the case for the veterans who served in the jungles of Southeast Asia. On March 30, they came home to a divided nation and received little gratitude, and in some cases outright animosity, as a reward for their service and sacrifice. Therefore, it is appropriate that the Senate of Pennsylvania pay tribute to the unsung heroes of the Vietnam War, designating March 30, 2016, as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in Pennsylvania.

Mr. President, let us all offer a special prayer of gratitude to those men and women who served in Southeast Asia, and never forget those whose dreams were left unfulfilled. I ask for an affirmative vote on this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Vulakovich for an important resolution for our veterans from Vietnam who have yet to be fully welcomed home as they should be.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators McGARRIGLE, DINNIMAN, SCAVELLO, GREENLEAF, TEPLITZ, ARGALL, BREWSTER, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, COSTA, VULAKOVICH and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 317**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2016 as "Greek-American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania and recognizing the constructive role Greek Americans continue to play in the economic and cultural development of our nation and this Commonwealth.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator McGarrigle.

Senator McGARRIGLE. Mr. President, I rise to ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote on this resolution designating the month of March 2016 as "Greek-American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania and recognizing the constructive role Greek Americans play in the economic and cultural development of our nation and this Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators RAFFERTY, DINNIMAN, BREWSTER, SABATINA, GREENLEAF, BAKER, ARGALL, FONTANA, TEPLITZ, MENSCH, SCAVELLO, COSTA, FARNESE, VULAKOVICH and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 318**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 23, 2016, as "Architects' Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, briefly, the American Institute of Architects-Pennsylvania, which was founded in 1909, is a statewide component of the American Institute of Architects. The AIA-PA has a statewide membership of more than 2,700 professionals. Architects express the richness of our heritage and the vitality of spirit through the vigilant stewardship of great architectural and historical treasures throughout this Commonwealth and improve the quality of life for all of us in the Commonwealth. I ask for unanimous adoption of this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

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 Stephen Smetana and to the members and coaches of the Mahanoy Area High School Girls' Basketball Team by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew Daniel, Clayton Musser, Dorothy Laur and to Joseph Fuentes by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nicole Cosentino and to Zachary Murray by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Williams Companies by Senators Baker and Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Trooper First Class James J. Lulkovitz by Senator Bartolotta.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Philip Bixler Mitman, Henry Casella, Jr., James V. Sikora, George N. King, Jr., Darlene Heller, citizens of the Borough of Tatamy and to Easton Area Community Center by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Carroll Heinz Neubauer by Senators Boscola, Browne, and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Justin Welch, Luke Edward Krasinski and to Marc Edwards by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Rob Willert, Sergeant William D. Merzbaker, Corporal Victor J. Sternby and to Patricia Wright by Senator Brooks.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Anna Orlando by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jordan Matthew Hillsley, Nico Megaludis, Donna J. Watkins, Riley Taylor, Michael C. Herr, Jacob Ryan Witt, Jason Nolf, Cael N. Sanderson, Patton Township Business Association and to the members and coaches of The Pennsylvania State University Wrestling Team by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Zain Retherford by Senators Corman and Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to W. Thomas Musser, Margaret Barnard Chalfont, William Henry Redd, Nancy Thompson, August Julian Piro, Beth Pinkerton, Asha Ponting, Sharon Fitzgerald, Carol Linsenmann, James Kovaleski, Rebecca J. Fuller, Emma M. Derr, Robert Ryan, Tredyffrin Public Library, Alianzas de Phoenixville, Phoenix Village, Renaissance Academy Charter School, Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, Better Homes and Gardens Community Realty, Bluebird Distilling and to KMS Design and State Farm by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patricia M. Gildea by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Major General John L. Gronski by Senator Folmer and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Grace Boncuk by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Vanessa Troiani, Noah Bella, Joseph Lovecchio, Michael Evans and to Jane Chapin by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brendan O'Connor, Priyal Gupta, Mikayla S. Walls, Leah E. Kaplan, Victoria K. Finley, Arianne R. Fitzgerald and to Gloria Dei Farms Campus by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the members and coaches of the Archbishop Wood High School Girls' Basketball Team by Senators Greenleaf, McIlhinney, and Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James Currie and to Jacob Wysocki by Senator Haywood.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Greater Philadelphia Falun Dafa Association by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Maier, David Milcic, Brendan O'Brien Scott, Basil Huffman, Dana Burford, Kevin Minich, A. J. O'Neil, Scott Donald Reed, Braden David Jones and to the citizens of Highland Township by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Peter Byrne, Anthony Long, Daniel Rose, Christopher Missimer, Miriam

Gonzalez, Cheryl Peiffer and to Keith Grierson by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bucks County Conservation District by Senator McIlhinney and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joshua J. Pennington, Erin Solomon, Kyle Phipps Onorato, Robert D. Rothermel and to Jordan Wood by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Amy E. Bray, Alicia Rohr, Caitlin M. Shellhamer, Emily J. Sun and to West Norriton Township Chapter of American Business Clubs by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rodger Ricciuti, Timothy A. Brown, William Dougherty, Matthew Callaghan Ellsworth, Robert Fischer and to the members and coaches of the Moon Area Recreational Gymnastics Team by Senator Reschenthaler.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Timothy Alexander Lamb by Senator Sabatina.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Zoie Reitz, Pamela Karhan, Randon Bartley, Amanda Schatz, Kaitlyn Goode, Hoak Insurance Services, Pennsylvania Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau, Northwest Savings Bank and to Tioga County Agricultural Association, Inc., by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Nche Zama, Charles Edward Zielkowski, Samuel W. Newman, Carl Wilgus, Mildred C. Monza, Sharon S. Laverdure, James H. Davey, Allan D. Jennings, Richard Mutchler, Gina Bertucci, Nancy May, Mary Tregellas, Michele Frailey-Miller, David Scheller, Mike Manfre, Jr., Jeff Weiss, Viola Wesner, United Way of Monroe County and to Pocono Medical Center by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James DePetris by Senators Scavello and Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sydney L. Robb, Lauren C. Trace, Sadie A. Ellington, Samantha I. Tanner, Sarah R. Wilt, Jeff Gernsheimer, Jack Gernsheimer, Reading Fightin' Phils and the Philadelphia Phillies baseball clubs and to Reading Area Community College by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to First Church of God of Lancaster by Senator Smucker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brad Gillott and to Tom Jones by Senator Stefano.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Geoffrey Temple, Chief Carl E. Pierce, Joel Koppelman, John V. Bilcik and to Drew R. Luniewski by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ron Schwartz and to Catherine Haugh by Senators Tomlinson and Sabatina.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Master Sergeant Thomas E. Hershberger, Jacob Miller, Rebecca Luft, Robert A. Ortenzio, Jessie Madura, Adam Schmick, Elijah Lee Bendinsky, Adam N. DiRocco, Chad P. Morris, Michael Francis Smith III, Gregory Edward Stetz, Abdulkarim N. Emadi and to the members and coaches of the Trinity High School Swimming Team by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Andrew Philip Adam by Senators Vance and Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ryan Joseph Baer, John Raymond Baldauff and to Citizens Hose Volunteer Fire and Emergency Medical Services by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jeremy Bossom by Senator Wagner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Timothy Brandon Johnson, Devin Michael McGrail, Davis Fitzgerald Kuhn, Mason Patrick Kline, Joshua David Sige and to Ridge Runners of the Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Wei-Shin Lai, Sergeant Scott H. Johnson, Charles Lenox, Abigail German, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and to Save Our Native Species of Lake Erie by Senator Wiley.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Doris Dibert and to Kathy Williams by Senator Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Medico, Agnes Brogan, West Pittston Cherry Blossom Parade and to Hanover Green Cemetery by Senator Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers 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 Christopher S. Baraket by Senator Boscola.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late John J. Zubeck by Senators McIlhinney and Scavello.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator SABATINA. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of all bills reported from committees for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 1166, SB 1168, HB 928 and HB 930.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016

10:00 A.M. APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, WORKFORCE, Room 8E-B East Wing

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (public hearing to focus on proposed revisions to funding for charter schools)

12:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (to consider Senate Bill No. 1156) Room 461 Main Capitol

Off the Floor RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 3, 526 and 644; and certain executive nominations) Rules Cmte. Conf. Room

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, yesterday I rose and discussed some of the reform measures that the Governor has put out and has begun to talk about. He laid out a series of white papers, so to speak, and also held a press conference. I wanted to get up and discuss them because I went back again last night and continued to take a look at these reform measures, like the Governor has challenged the Legislature. He has asked us to think very closely and diligently about these reform measures, and taking guidance from him, I spent some time last night, and I realized that in announcing his government reform initiatives, Governor Wolf laid out, as we know, a challenge to this body and to the General Assembly as a whole. He asked us to review and take the necessary steps that reflect both the spirit and the letter of the Governor's policies.

Now, the Governor told us that this reform is what the people of Pennsylvania want. The people need to trust that every dollar, Mr. President, every dollar, as he says, is accounted for. Again, I could not agree more. The Governor also noted that there have been several proposals in recent legislative Sessions that would require companies bidding for State contracts to disclose campaign contributions. Many folks do not realize, when they went back and looked at some of these bills, as I did myself, that we actually introduced a bill, Senate Bill No. 99, which both requires bidding contractors to list their political contributions and places dollar limits on their political contributions. So, not only do I agree with the Governor on this point, I actually had a bill myself, Senate Bill No. 99, which sought to make this part of government more transparent.

But after further review of both the Governor's proposal and my own bill, I realized, Mr. President, that there are some important pieces that are missing both from my legislation and from what the Governor has put out as his broad-based proposals. Specifically, currently, Mr. President, board appointees are not required to disclose their campaign contributions despite their close connection with the type of contracts and taxpayer money that, quote, "pay to play," end quote, provisions are attempting to address. After his or her appointment, a board member is in a position to enter into lucrative contracts and the appointing body is in a position to receive an undisclosed contribution after those deals have been made. Mr. President, this is exactly the type of transparency and the same exact issues that we are trying to address and that the Governor is trying to address with his reform policies on pay to play.

Many folks do not realize that board members are put in a position where they have the ability to control taxpayer dollars, so they do not think to look at their contributions. Even those who are aware may have a hard time finding it since these disclosures are not required. Now, when I read that, and I read the Governor's lengthy reform proposals, I figured to myself this had to be a misstep, had to be something that was overlooked because we overlooked it before in drafting Senate Bill No. 99. So, again, upon further reflection, in an effort to seize upon the Governor's words that taxpayers can know where each and every dollar, each and every penny is being spent, we believe that this is a flaw that can be fixed. With the Governor's inspiration over the last several days with his reform package, I intend to introduce legislation to do just that.

The Governor says that government is broken, and I agree. Certainly, the policies that he has advocated for will mend some of the cracks, but there are other areas where our foundations, Mr. President, continue to be cracked. We need to find those cracks in our system and fix them before they are beyond repair. There is not a beginning and an end to this process. It is fluid. Government reform, campaign finance reform, making government more transparent and open is not something that just started in the last 12 months. It is something that many, many people in this Chamber, including yourself, Mr. President, who had been a leader on this issue in your time in the Senate, have grappled with and worked to try to make government more open and transparent to folks. So, again, this is not a beginning and an end to the process, it is fluid and it is organic.

I think when we look at what the Governor has proposed, we need to make those changes, and we also have to be willing to go even further than what the Governor may have proposed in some instances so that we can focus our future on allowing people in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to begin to regain their trust in government and to insure that they know how each and every dollar is being spent. We need to fix what is broken, Mr. President, before it is too late, and I am here to say that I am ready, willing, and able to assist the Governor to not only help with the proposals he has made, but also to fill those holes that may exist in his proposals to insure that they provide the structural foundation that the Commonwealth needs to move forward and regain the people's trust.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for his thoughtful remarks.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Rafferty.

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, my message will be very brief, but I want to commend my friend and colleague from Philadelphia County on his comments. I know, Mr. President, you, and especially Senator Kitchen, were always very supportive of the Delaware River Port Authority reforms that we passed unanimously in the Senate of Pennsylvania. They are sitting over in the House, many of those reforms are in that legislation that, coincidentally, the chief executive indicated that he is going to veto. So, I am hoping he reconsiders when that DRPA legislation gets to him.

Mr. President, I want to take a moment to say to all of us in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who are Christians who are celebrating the most sacred time of the year, Holy Week, all of those who are about to undertake celebrating the Triduum and

Easter Sunday, a very happy and blessed Easter to all of the residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania celebrating this Easter season, and to stay safe.

Thank you, Mr. President, and I appreciate this opportunity.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for his thoughtfulness. Happy Easter to him as well and to all of those celebrating holy days throughout the Commonwealth.

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 the call of the President pro tempore.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the Senate stands in recess until the call of the President pro tempore.

AFTER RECESS

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

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 Monday, April 4, 2016, at 1:17 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 10:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.