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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend LINDA LENNON, of St. John's United Church of Christ, Richlandtown, offered the following prayer:

Good morning. Let us pray.

Eternal God of all wisdom, we give thanks for our country and the freedoms which we partake and value each day. We respect the democracy on which the United States was founded and give thanks for the wisdom and the dedications of our forefathers and mothers. We give thanks for the government and the leaders of Pennsylvania gathered here today. We ask You to grant that through the discussions and decisions before them, they may solve the challenges of our State as they seek to enhance the well-being of all people.

Creator God, You have taught us that we are members of one another and that we can never live to ourselves alone. We thank You that the State of Pennsylvania is a great piece of the whole United States. May we be a people of justice and peace, where compassion and caring are evident not only in our State, but in our entire nation. Inspire our leaders with imagination, skill, energy, and wisdom for which to carry out the tasks before them as they meet this day in order that Your wisdom may rule with liberty and justice. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Lennon, who is the guest today of Senator Mensch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Haywood and Senator Leach.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of January 19, 2016, and January 20, 2016, are now in print. The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of January 19, 2016, and January 20, 2016. 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:

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Aument Farnese Mensch Tomlinson
Baker Folmer Rafferty Vogel
Bartolotta Fontana Reschenthaler Vulakovich
Blake Gorder Sabatina Wagner
Buscola Greenleaf Scarlatti Ward
Brewster Haywood Scavello White
Brooks Hughes Schwank Wiley
Brownne Hutchinson Smucker Williams
Corman Kitchen Stefano Wozniak
Costa Leach Tartaglione Yudichak

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

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, Chandler Eby. Chandler is in the 8th grade at Ephrata Middle School, where he is in the gifted program. When Chandler is not spending his time with friends or reading, he likes to go to youth group. Chandler loves to learn and has always enjoyed school, but it is his interest in government and politics that brought him here to the Senate to be our guest. Please join me in welcoming Chandler Eby to the Senate.
GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT F. TEPLITZ PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, I rise to recognize a very special guest who is seated in the gallery today. I welcome to the Senate Detective Chuck Crandall of Hummelstown, who was recently named the 2015 Officer of the Year by the Amtrak Police Department. Chuck is here with his wife, Linda, who works in our Democratic Caucus Computer Services Office; his sons Charles and David; his supervisor, Sergeant Robert Cameron of the Amtrak Police Department; his colleague, Officer Charles Stefanowicz of the Amtrak Police Department; Captain Lee O'Brien, Division Chief, Amtrak Police Department; and Jim Lewis, spokesman for the Amtrak Police Department.

Detective Crandall is a 28-year veteran of the Amtrak Police Department who has accomplished much in his career, including saving the life of a State Trooper last year. I want to take a moment to tell my colleagues what happened. On March 28, 2015, while returning from an investigation, Detective Crandall and Sergeant Cameron observed a Pennsylvania State Trooper with a car stopped on I-81 near Frackville. The officers observed another vehicle operating at a high rate of speed strike the rear of the State Police car, which then careened into the stopped vehicle and struck the Trooper, propelling him over 8 feet into the air. The Trooper was lying near the guardrail unconscious and appeared to be seriously injured. The officers made the serious and difficult decision not to move the Trooper for fear of causing more injury, and that decision undoubtedly saved the Trooper's life. Detective Crandall provided first aid and comfort to the Trooper while he lay on the ground within 10 feet of the burning vehicle. Detective Crandall laid on the ground and placed his body between the burning car and the injured Trooper while Sergeant Cameron worked on extinguishing the fire. When the Trooper awoke, Detective Crandall kept the Trooper talking and maintained his attention while awaiting medical assistance.

Detective Crandall and Sergeant Cameron were honored by the Pennsylvania State Police with the Outstanding Citizenship Award based on their heroic actions. Through his persistence and unwavering professionalism worthy of recognition, Detective Charles Crandall has been named the 2015 recipient of the Amtrak Police Department's Officer of the Year.

So, Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in welcoming my guests and recognizing the lifesaving actions of Amtrak Officer of the Year Detective Crandall. Let us also take the opportunity to thank him, Sergeant Cameron, Officer Stefanowicz, and Captain O'Brien, as well as Chuck's son David, who is also a police officer, for their faithful service to our communities as law enforcement officers.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The guests of Senator Teplitz are in the gallery and they are standing. Detective Crandall and the other public servants, we welcome you.

(Appause.)
LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Hughes. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

BILLS ON CONCURRENCE

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 526 (Pr. No. 1628) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in auditors and accountants, further providing for completion, filing and publication of annual township report and financial statement.

On the question,
Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 526?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 526.

The PRESIDENT. On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

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Dinniman  Eichelberger  Farnese  Folmer  Fontana  Gordner  Greenleaf  Hutchinson  Kitchen  Leach  
McCarrigle  McElhinney  Mensch  Rafferty  Reschenthaler  Sabatina  Scarnati  Smucker  Stefano  Tartaglione  
Teplitz  Tomlinson  Vance  Vogel  Vulakovich  Wagner  Ward  Williams  Wozniak  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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 644 (Pr. No. 1089) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Independent Fiscal Office, further providing for definitions, for duties of office and for access to information.

On the question,
Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 644?

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

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, I submit comments for the record on Senate Bill No. 644.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator FOLMER.)

Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 644 represents my ongoing efforts to bring more openness and transparency to State government by focusing on the costs, not the details, associated with the Commonwealth’s collective bargaining agreements. There are a number of State employee contracts that are negotiated by Governors from time to time, it is part of their duties as Governor, and I am not in any way questioning gubernatorial authority to enter into these agreements.

However, Mr. President, whatever is negotiated by a Governor must ultimately be covered by the General Assembly in budget appropriations and paid for by the taxpayers, and I believe both we and the taxpayers should have information on these costs before any collective bargaining agreements are signed.

The Senate and House Committees on Appropriations regularly prepare fiscal notes to determine the estimated cost impacts of bills under consideration by the Senate and the House. These fiscal notes become the basis of many of the debates and deliberations of the General Assembly in considering proposed bills. Mr. President, like fiscal notes, Senate Bill No. 644 gives the General Assembly and the general public the ability to know what the potential fiscal impacts that union contracts will have on the State budget 20 days before they are finalized. Senate Bill No. 644 does this by empowering the Independent Fiscal Office to provide cost analyses for the current and subsequent fiscal years of the impacts each proposed agreement will have prior to their execution.

When I introduced Senate Bill No. 644 last year, there were a number of collective bargaining agreements set to expire, and the total costs of these contracts were about $3 billion, covering 44,584 State employees of the 72,176 under the Governor’s jurisdiction. A number of other contracts are set to expire this year and next year, with estimated costs of over $1.5 billion.

Mr. President, if these contracts increased State costs by just 1 percent, the taxpayers would pay around $45 million per year, with additional costs associated with covering employees’ health care and pension costs.

Applause.)
The impacts of collective bargaining agreements will significantly influence the current and future State budgets in paying State employees, covering their health care costs, and funding pensions. I believe both the General Assembly and the public at large should have information on the impacts of these agreements so that we can both properly budget for the costs and share this information with taxpayers in a commitment of openness, transparency, and accountability.

Like fiscal notes, the IFO analyses would help to assess the costs to cover employee wages, benefits, pensions, and working conditions. The Governor would be required to give the IFO advance notice of pending contracts so the IFO has time to prepare these analyses prior to the execution of each collective bargaining agreement.

Mr. President, I urge a "yes" vote on Senate Bill No. 644 to enhance openness, transparency, and accountability on State government collective bargaining agreements.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise today to ask for a negative vote on concurrence of Senate Bill No. 644. I think many of the issues and reasons that we have voted against this piece of legislation in the past were reflected in previous comments, but they continue to be what is important here. We believe that this is a measure that is designed to stifle or slow down the process by which collective bargaining agreements could be approved through this process. We do not think it is appropriate. We ask for a negative vote. Thank you.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

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Browne Browne
Corman Corman

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NAY-19
Blake Blake
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Breuer Breuer
Costa Costa
Dinniman Dinniman

Leach Leach
Fontana Fontana
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Hughes Hughes
Kitchen Kitchen

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Teplitz Teplitz
Yudichak Yudichak

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.
Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR
PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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 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:

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Vogel Vogel
Wagner Wagner
Ward Ward
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Williams Williams
Wozniak Wozniak
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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 606 and HB 665 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.
**BILL AMENDED**

**HB 794 (Pr. No. 3092)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for applicability; in fiscal affairs, repealing provisions relating to authorization of excise tax, further providing for authorization of 5% hotel tax, repealing provisions relating to authorization of hotel tax and providing for hotel room rental in second class and second class A counties; for certification of recognized tourist promotion agencies and for hotel room rental in second class and second class A counties; and repealing related provisions of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes regarding hotel room rental in second class A counties.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator WARD offered the following amendment No. A6524:

Amend Bill, page 17, line 25, by striking out "OR" and inserting a comma.
Amend Bill, page 17, line 26, by inserting after "cabin": or any private campground or any cabins, public campgrounds or other facilities located on State land.
Amend Bill, page 28, line 11, by striking out "OR" and inserting a comma.
Amend Bill, page 28, line 11, by inserting after "HOME": or any private campground or any cabins, public campgrounds or other facilities located on State land.

On the question,
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 CORMAN.

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**HB 805, HB 826, HB 837, HB 928 and HB 930** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**SB 973 (Pr. No. 1667)** -- 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 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:

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

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 1031, SB 1114, SB 1115, SB 1144, SB 1152 and HB 1319** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**HB 1340 (Pr. No. 1822)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in condominiums, further providing for creation, alteration and termination of condominiums and for management of condominiums; and, in planned communities, further providing for creation, alteration and termination of planned communities and for management of planned communities.

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:

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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 without amendments.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1574 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its
order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 12, HB 215 and SB 289 -- Without objection, the bills
were passed over in their order at the request of Senator
CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 325 (Pr. No. 3084) -- The Senate proceeded to consider-
ation of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.327, No.85),
known as the Auctioneer Licensing and Trading Assistant Registration
Act, further providing for the title of the act, for definitions and for
auctioneer and apprentice auctioneer licenses; providing for sales ex-
empt from license requirements; further providing for status of existing
licensees and for applications for initial and renewal licenses; providing
for registration of trading assistants and trading assistant companies;
further providing for special licensees to furnish bond and for authority
to transact business not transferable; repealing provisions relating to
auction house license, auction company license, trading assistant regis-
tration and nonresident licensees; further providing for reciprocity with
other states; repealing provisions relating to licensee and registrant to
furnish bond; further providing for no other license or registration re-
quired and for list of licensees and registrants; providing for contracts;
further providing for records of sales; repealing provisions relating to
contracts for conduct of transaction; and further providing for display
of licenses, for investigations and enforcement actions, for escrow ac-
count, for hearing on charges, for administration and enforcement, for
revocation or suspension of license or registration, for issuance of new
license or registration pending investigation and decision, for issuance
of new license or registration after revocation, for penalties, for actions
by unlicensed persons prohibited and for the State Board of Auctioneer
Examiners.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Order to be printed on the Calendar for third consid-
eration.

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

BILL REREFERRED

SB 340, SB 341, SB 342, HB 342, SB 343 and SB 344 --
Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the
request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 359 (Pr. No. 1642) -- The Senate proceeded to consider-
ation 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 enforcing attendance,
further providing for definitions; providing for attendance policy at
charter and cyber charter schools; further providing for reports of en-
rollments, 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 compul-
sory school attendance requirements; and repealing provisions relating
to suspension of operating privilege.

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

BILL REREFERRED

SB 380 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its
order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 421 (Pr. No. 337) -- The Senate proceeded to consider-
ation of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 601 (Pr. No. 594) -- The Senate proceeded to consider-
ation of the bill, entitled:

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 provid-
ing for classes of income.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Order to be printed on the Calendar for third consid-
eration.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 837 (Pr. No. 1671) -- The Senate proceeded to consider-
ation of the bill, entitled:
An Act amending the act of July 9, 1987 (P.L.220, No.39), known as the Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act, further providing for State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, for restriction on the use of title "Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist" and for penalties.

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

BILL RECOMMENDED

SB 910 (Pr. No. 1672) -- 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 reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, providing for student-weighted basic education funding.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 979 (Pr. No. 1212) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for jurisdiction and penalties; and, in game or wildlife protection, further providing for unlawful taking and possession of protected birds.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1014 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1040 (Pr. No. 1333) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge on State Route 225 that crosses the Armstrong Creek in Halifax Township, Dauphin County, as the Staff Sergeant Brian K. Mowery Memorial Bridge.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1041 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1077 (Pr. No. 1474) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in wiretapping and electronic surveillance, further providing for exceptions to prohibition of interception and disclosure of communications.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1087, SB 1153, HB 1154, SB 1155, SB 1156, SB 1159, SB 1166, HB 1167 and SB 1168 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 1168 (Pr. No. 2457) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1200 and HB 1310 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1329 (Pr. No. 2973) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1330 and HB 1407 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1436 (Pr. No. 2690) -- 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 computation of income tax expense for ratemaking purposes.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
Upon motion of Senator CORMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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 Richard Conrad Park, Jr., and to the members and coaches of the Central Bucks High School East Boys' Soccer Team by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James H. Corum, Jr., by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Emmett Richard McVey by Senator Sabatina.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the citizens of Porter Township by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Eric C. Miller, Polly Beste and to Robert Taverner by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James Todd Wilson III by Senators Smucker and Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Raphael K. Chieke by Senators Teplitz and Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alan Fisher, Todd Allen, Michael R. Angelus and to James W. Erb, Jr., by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Teresa Swoger, Bettie J. Vincent and to Erie Together by Senator Wiley.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief Master Sergeant David Godin and to Laurence M. Kelly by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Caroll Heinz Neubauer by Senator Yudichak.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following resolutions, which were read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Betty A. Weidner and to the family of the late Thomas C. Hobbs by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Robert L. Benner by Senator Boscola.

POSTHUMOUS CITATIONS

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following citations, which were read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

A posthumous citation honoring the late Justin Shellhammer was extended to the family by Senators Browne, Boscola, and Scavello.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Captain Arthur E. Halfpapp was extended to the family by Senators Folmer, Costa, and Vulakovich.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE MEETINGS
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016
10:00 A.M. APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (public hearing to review issues related to the Department of Corrections and the Board of Probation and Parole)
This year, our grantees and partners contributed to crucial gains, especially in the southeast region of our Commonwealth - which is a primary focus because it continues to have the highest incidence of theft:

- A 12% decrease in auto theft in Philadelphia and an 11% decrease in the Philadelphia MSA (metropolitan statistical area)
- Major increases in arrests, convictions, and recoveries in Delaware County
- A 180% increase in participation in Philadelphia District Attorney’s first-time youth offender diversion program.

Auto theft isn’t what it used to be. ATPA continues to allocate resources and develop expertise to stay a step ahead of today’s sophisticated and often organized theft rings. We are proud of our sustained effort and the highly skilled and well trained police officers, state troopers, auto squad investigators, prosecutors, and staff who attack this problem daily and make our communities safer.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve Pennsylvania’s citizens and we thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

RONALD W. KOSH
Chairman

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

BILLS SIGNED

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

SB 526 and SB 644.

RECESS

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

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, April 11, 2016, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 2:50 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.