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TUESDAY, April 12, 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 BEN DiSTEFANO, of Christ Church of West County, Erie, offered the following prayer:

Please join me in prayer.

God of heaven, we pause on this day to express our gratitude for Your grace and Your refreshing mercy to us all. As we enter this Chamber today, we are reminded of the great responsibility that You have given to these men and women. We are also reminded of the influence and impact their voice carries. So for this day and in the days to come, God, I pray that You would deepen their wisdom, strengthen their resolve, and give them great insight to the matters that are in front of them.

As they carry the weight of the Commonwealth, they also carry the responsibilities and concerns of their private lives and families. Would You meet these leaders where they are in their lives, speaking truth, conviction, and challenge to them. Will You please bless their families as home lives must be managed. Father God, it is an awesome task to lead people and to cast vision. May these Senators lead with diligence, be cheerful with their mercy, and be an encouragement to their staff and constituents. This we pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend DiStefano, who is the guest today of Senator Wiley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

HOUSE MESSAGES

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 879**, 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.

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:

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HB 220, 1171, 1685 and 1762 -- Committee on Transportation.

HB 443, 869 and 1581 -- Committee on Judiciary.

HB 577 -- Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy.

HB 967 -- Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

HB 1841, 1842 and 1864 -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

HB 1895 -- Committee on Banking and Insurance.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 807 (Pr. No. 1691) (Amended)

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, establishing the Emergency Basic Education Subsidy Fund; and making an appropriation for the purpose of emergency basic education funding.

SB 1200 (Pr. No. 1676)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for rural regional college for underserved counties; saving an appropriation from lapsing; allocating an appropriation; and repealing provisions of the Fiscal Code relating to rural regional colleges for underserved counties.

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

SB 1011 (Pr. No. 1271)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in general budget implementation, further providing for Environmental Quality Board.

SB 1195 (Pr. No. 1677)

An Act amending the act of October 22, 2014 (P.L.2873, No.175), known as the Pennsylvania Greenhouse Gas Regulation Implementation Act, further providing for submission of State plan.

Senator HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on Local Government, reported the following bills:

SB 1038 (Pr. No. 1454)

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.840, No.293), entitled "An act creating a board of managers to have exclusive jurisdiction over all houses of detention for the reception of untried juvenile offenders and neglected and dependent children who may be under judicial investigation, in counties of the third class, and abolishing the boards of managers now in charge of such houses," further providing for board of managers.

HB 1325 (Pr. No. 3164) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in storm water management plans and facilities, further providing for ordinances and providing for fees.

HB 1394 (Pr. No. 3165) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in storm sewers and water-courses, further providing for authority of boroughs and for manner of financing work.

HB 1661 (Pr. No. 3166) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, providing for storm water management plans and facilities.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Hutchinson and Senator Ward.

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Hughes and Senator Yudichak.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Hutchinson and Senator Ward.

Senator Schwank requests legislative leaves for Senator Hughes and Senator Yudichak.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of January 26, 2016, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of January 26, 2016.

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

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

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR PATRICIA H. VANCE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Cumberland, Senator Vance.

Senator VANCE. Mr. President, it is with a great deal of pride and pleasure that I introduce the Cumberland Valley Girls' Basketball Team. The team captured the PIAA Class AAAA Girls' Basketball title on March 18, 2016, at the Giant Center by defeating Cardinal O'Hara High School 57-34. This was the fourth consecutive year the team made it to the State finals and their third consecutive title. They compiled a record of 29 wins and 3 losses for the season. They also were the Mid-Penn Conference and District III Class AAAA Champions.

They are coached very well by Bill Wolf and assisted by Denny Bavaria, Phil Gillis, Jim Poole, and Jill Kalbach. They are led by captains Kelly Jekot, Morgan Baughman, Morgan Frazier, and Kate Jekot. The team and coaches are on the floor because they have won three consecutive years in a row, and their families are in the gallery. Please give them a very warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Congratulations to Senator Vance's guests, the Cumberland Valley Girls' Championship Basketball Team. It is great to have you on the floor with us. Senators, if you get a chance, say hello to the champion young ladies and their great coaching staff and support team.

(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, it is my honor to introduce Alex Tuturice here on the Senate floor today. He is a constituent from my legislative district and he interns in your office, the Lieutenant Governor's Office. I recently had the opportunity to sit down with Alex and discuss his experience and future goals and was very impressed with his knowledge and work ethic. On a personal note, Alex and I share the same background in that I got my start in the food service industry. In addition to his work in the food service industry, Alex is a PIAA official for lacrosse.

Alex is a public administration major and political science minor at Shippensburg University, and he is in his junior year. Alex is an avid lacrosse player and he was vice president of the Shippensburg Men's Lacrosse Club in 2014-15. Alex is very active in the community. He has been a volunteer at Easton, PA, Relay for Life cancer walk for the past 8 years. Please join me in welcoming Alex. Much success to you in your future endeavors.

The PRESIDENT. Will the guest of Senator Scavello, Alex, please rise. He is also my intern. Alex, thank you for a great job as our intern. As I told you, once on the team, always on the team.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR SEAN D. WILEY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator WILEY. Mr. President, it is my honor today to welcome our guest Chaplain, Reverend Ben DiStefano, to the Senate of Pennsylvania. Reverend DiStefano is the founding pastor of the nondenominational Christ Church of West County, which he and his wife, Amy, started 4 years ago. Reverend DiStefano brings over 23 years of experience to the Pennsylvania Senate today serving many churches across Pennsylvania during that 23 years. Reverend DiStefano served the Somerset Alliance Church during the events of September 11, 2001, providing ministry to those right here in Pennsylvania impacted by those tragic events.

Reverend DiStefano has initiated a volunteer chaplain program and continues to serve the Fairview, Pennsylvania, community by coaching Little League baseball, Fairview Tigers football, Special Olympics track, and as the game announcer for varsity football and basketball. Reverend DiStefano is also, I would like to say, a classmate of mine from Fairview High School in Fairview, Pennsylvania, a fellow Tiger. Together with his wife, Amy, and their four children, Anna, Meghan, Samuel, and Emma, who are here with us in the gallery today. Reverend DiStefano resides in Fairview, Pennsylvania. Mr. President, it is my honor to have Reverend DiStefano and his family with us here today, and I ask that my colleagues join me in welcoming them to the Pennsylvania Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Wiley, Reverend DiStefano and family, who are standing, please receive our welcoming applause. Thank you for your prayers, Reverend, and it is great to have you and your family with us today.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, today I have the honor of introducing several prominent figures from Penn State Cooperative Extension. As you know, the Extension is funded by the USDA, the Department of Agriculture, and State and county governments. Through this county-based partnership, Penn State Extension educators, faculty, and local volunteers work together to share unbiased, research-based information with local residents. In the early 1990s, I worked as an Extension educator myself, Mr. President, as a horticulture agent, so I can certainly

attest to the important impact of Extension educators in the Commonwealth. In Allegheny County alone, Urban Extension work has contributed over \$2.3 million into the local economy. The breadth and depth of their work, from youth to seniors, from economic development issues to environmental issues, is truly astounding, Mr. President.

Like a lot of other State-funded programs, Extensions faced devastating consequences in the recent budget crisis. If the funding was not restored before May 1, Penn State officials said programs would have to shut down, resulting in an estimated loss of 1,100 jobs. Thankfully, that was avoided. We got a budget, and my guests, as well as many other Extension employees, are grateful and glad to be continuing in their important work. This morning, I was able to partner with them to offer an informational meeting for our Members to become more familiar with what Extensions have to offer and what we can do in our urban communities in particular.

So please join me, Mr. President, in welcoming a few of our guests who were here today. First, Richard Roush, who is the Dean of Agricultural Sciences for Penn State University; Deno DeCiantis, who is the director of Penn State Extension in Allegheny County; and the assistant director in Allegheny County, Maureen Hogan.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Schwank please rise and be welcomed by the Pennsylvania Senate. The Ag Extension from Penn State is so important.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT TOMLINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator McIlhinney and myself, we have some guests from the Doylestown/Northampton area. We have my friend, Tina Alt, who is here with her daughter, Kiley Alt, and two of her girlfriends who are fifth-grade students at St. Andrew's in Newtown. Kiley's friends are Kate Vyzaniaris and Claire Pirkle. I welcome them to Harrisburg to see the proceedings and enjoy this beautiful Capitol and visit with their legislators. Would the Senate please give them a warm welcome, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Tomlinson - Tina, Kiley, and your friends - please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR CAMERA BARTOLOTTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, today we have some very special guests joining us in the Senate gallery from the 46th Senatorial District. Senator Vogel and I introduce to you the 2016 PIAA Class AA Boys' Basketball State Champions. They are the Aliquippa High School Boys' Basketball Team. The Quips defeated Mastery Charter North in the championship game by a score of 68-49.

Members of the team with us today are Jassir Jordan, Steven Johnson, Willam Gipson, Ahmad Gilbert, Sheldon Jeter, Thomas Perry, Robert Crute, Deoveon Crute, Jumar Mike, Solvaughn Moreland, Charles Humphries, Nico Bible, Kaezon Pugh, Bobby Cashaw, Javod Fields, Nick Kosanovich, Elijah Ford, Brandon Carter, and Javion Smith. Also joining the players today are head coach Nick Lackovich and assistant coach Dwight Hines. These young men had a tremendous season. The Quips went undefeated with a record of 30-0. With their championship win, Aliquippa became the 13th boys' team of the WPIAL to go through an entire season with a perfect record. Only three teams have done this since 1980. Please join me in giving the 2016 PIAA Class AA Boys' Basketball Champions, the Aliquippa Quips, a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Bartolotta, the Aliquippa Quips champions, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate. Congratulations, gentlemen.

(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, I am very pleased to have as guests in the gallery today staff from my Philadelphia and Montgomery County offices who are visiting here for the first time. They have had a wonderful tour of the Capitol and the Senate, and I am so pleased that they could join me here from the hard work that they do in the district office. I have Dwight Pedro Lewis, my chief of staff; Maisha Jackson, Kim West, Ahnivah Rapaport, and Melissa Ostroff. I ask that the Senate give them a warm welcome for the really hard work that they provide in serving the constituents in my part of the State.

The PRESIDENT. Will the dedicated staff of Senator Haywood--and all Senators realize how lucky we are to have such great folks working to carry out the mission for Pennsylvania--will you please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

CALENDAR

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS AS AMENDED

BILL AMENDED

SB 3 (Pr. No. 1680) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing a medical marijuana program; providing for patient and caregiver certification and for medical marijuana organization registration; imposing duties on the Department of Health; providing for a tax on medical marijuana organization gross receipts; establishing the Medical Marijuana Program Fund; establishing the Medical Marijuana Advisory Board; establishing a medical marijuana research program; imposing duties on the Department of Corrections, the Department of Education and the Department of Human Services; and providing for academic clinical research centers and for penalties and enforcement.

On the question,
Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House, as further amended by the Senate, to Senate Bill No. 3?

MOTION PURSUANT TO SENATE RULE 13

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

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, I move to offer the following amendment, notwithstanding the provisions of Senate Rule 13.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?
A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House, as further amended by the Senate, to Senate Bill No. 3?
Senator FOLMER offered the following amendment No. A6783:

Amend Bill, page 7, lines 14 and 15, by striking out "BY MEDICAL MARIJUANA ORGANIZATIONS"

Amend Bill, page 97, line 2, by striking out "THAT"

Amend Bill, page 99, line 10, by striking out "TWO" and inserting:
four

Amend Bill, page 105, line 16, by striking out the period after "REGISTRY" and inserting:

and has a valid, unexpired, unrevoked, unsuspended Pennsylvania license to practice medicine at the time of the issuance of the certification.

Amend Bill, page 136, line 24, by striking out "PATIENTS" and inserting:

caregivers

Amend Bill, page 144, line 30; page 145, line 1; by striking out "BY" in line 30 on page 144 and "MEDICAL MARIJUANA ORGANIZATIONS" in line 1 on page 145

Amend Bill, page 145, by inserting between lines 14 and 15:

(4) A laboratory utilized to test medical marijuana under section 704.

Amend Bill, page 159, line 4, by inserting after "DISPENSARY":
, except as provided under section 607(1)(vi) and (2)(vi)

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.

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 an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Law and Justice, to be followed by 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, at the conclusion of the meeting of the Committee on Law and Justice, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Law and Justice, followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Hutchinson and Senator Ward have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Gordner.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a legislative leave for Senator Gordner.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Sabatina.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

MOTION PURSUANT TO SENATE RULE 12

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, notwithstanding Senate Rule 12(p)(2)(ii), I call up Senate Supplemental Calendar No. 1 and move that the Senate proceed to consideration of Senate Bill No. 3.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS AS AMENDED

SB 3 (Pr. No. 1690) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing a medical marijuana program; providing for patient and caregiver certification and for medical marijuana organization registration; imposing duties on the Department of Health; providing for a tax on medical marijuana organization gross receipts; establishing the Medical Marijuana Program Fund; establishing the Medical Marijuana Advisory Board; establishing a medical marijuana research program; imposing duties on the Department of Corrections, the Department of Education and the Department of Human Services; and providing for academic clinical research centers and for penalties and enforcement.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House, as further amended by the Senate, to Senate Bill No. 3?

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, as further amended by the Senate, to Senate Bill No. 3.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, when I was running for Senate, and again after I was elected, people would ask me, Mike, how are you going to deal with the issues where the things you are voting on conflict with your values? My answer to this question has always been the same: I would rather lose with principle than win by compromising my principles. Over the past 3-plus weeks, this belief was severely tested after the House amended, debated, amended, and eventually passed my Senate Bill No. 3 to bring medical cannabis to Pennsylvania. Mr. President, I hoped to be able to come to you and to the Members of this Senate to ask for your support in concurring with the House amendments to Senate Bill No. 3, which is what many Senate Bill No. 3 advocates are asking: concur with House amendments and get Senate Bill No. 3 to the Governor to be signed into law.

However, Mr. President, as is often the case with any changes to a complicated and sometimes highly charged issue like medical cannabis, amendments do not always fit together. There are contradictions and omissions and other issues of concern that result in questions about the ability of a proposed bill to become an effective law that will achieve its intended results in a timely fashion. Unfortunately, this was the case with the House-passed version of Senate Bill No. 3. There were a number of issues and questions that simply could not be answered which led to deep concerns it could not be effectively implemented in its previous form.

Mr. President, this fear gave me many sleepless nights, as all I could think about were the people for whom Senate Bill No. 3 is intended, to help the children, the parents, the veterans, and all of the others who suffer from diseases and debilitating medical conditions. As is the case whenever I am faced with difficult choices, I prayed and I prayed and I prayed for guidance and wisdom. As is often the case when you ask the Lord for help and guidance, the answers come in mysterious ways and sometimes through unexpected voices. For me, on this issue, the answer came through Senator Corman, who said to a number of us, and I quote, this issue is too big, it is too important, and there are too many people depending upon us to do it right. Senator Corman then added, for all of the times the General Assembly is criticized for acting too quickly, this is one time when we need to take our time to get it right.

That, Mr. President, is what we have been working on for the past 3 weeks, ever since the House amended and passed Senate Bill No. 3, working to get it right. I thank Senator Corman and his office for all that he and his staff and others have done to make Senate Bill No. 3 right through countless hours of work.

These efforts not only help to assure me of both the need and the importance of addressing the concerns with Senate Bill No. 3 that have been raised, it also demonstrated just how far we have come since this long journey began when it was largely Marijuana Mike, Senator Leach and his staff, of which I am so grateful for their help, and Senator White, who was my first Republican cosponsor for then Senate Bill No. 1182. Many of you were reluctant or, at best, lukewarm supporters of the concept and the details of Senate Bill No. 3, but you all found the answer that worked for each of you in your hearts. Many of you have twice supported medical cannabis bills, and some of you have not been able to support these measures, and I truly respect your decisions. I thank you all for listening to me and giving me consideration of the proposals I have brought to you.

I also thank Senator Scarnati for his help, guidance, and support throughout the process. He was always there to add his voice to the list of supporters, lend a hand whenever needed, and offer advice even when I knew there were other things on his mind than medical cannabis. I also thank the Senate Democratic Caucus Leadership under their Leader, Senator Costa. I cannot thank you enough for all of the staff work and all that you have done to help bring this to where we are today.

Moving to the House, I would first like to thank and do a shout-out to Representative Miccarelli, who courageously stood on the House floor and was able to put together a discharge resolution that I believe is the reason why we are here today to be able to vote on this very important issue. I also thank the House Members who contacted me before, during, and after the House debates and the amendments to Senate Bill No. 3. In particular, I thank Representative Marsico, who worked tirelessly on an omnibus amendment to address concerns raised in the House. I am especially grateful to Representative Marsico for reaching out to me 3 weeks ago asking that we work together to resolve the differences between the House and the Senate. Mr. President, that call was key to resolving a number of the issues between the House and the Senate. I would also like to thank Representative Petrarca and his staff for all of the work they have done to help us get to this point. It was great sharing ideas with Representative Petrarca and even our frustrations together while we were going through this process. Representative Petrarca's work demonstrates the bipartisan efforts that have gone into Senate Bill No. 3 in both the House and the Senate. I also thank all of the Members of the House who were able to support the passage of Senate Bill No. 3 when it was deliberated in that Chamber, and I will come back to you later.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank Representative Reed and Representative Dermody, Leaders of their respective Caucuses, for all the time and effort they and their staffs put into insuring Senate Bill No. 3 will work when it is signed into law. For Representative Reed, I know this has not been an easy issue for him and for many Members of his Caucus. However, like Senator Corman, his leadership has helped us get to where we are today.

And, where are we? This is the question that everyone wants to know. The answer is, and fortunately, the answer is a simple one: we have a bill that uses the House language as the foundation, with a few adjustments and tweaks, to make sure that when it reaches the Governor's desk and is signed into law, that it will work. These changes include ensuring that dispensaries are clearly authorized to operate, providing free background checks

for caregivers, stronger oversight including background checks for employees of medical marijuana organizations, stronger seed-to-sell tracking connected to a Department of Health database, stronger seed-to-sell tracking for storage, and new tracking requirements for transportation, clarifying required distances between dispensaries, schools, and day care centers, which is especially important to urban areas like Philadelphia. The amendment provides a dispensary waiver for cities like Philadelphia, where 1,000-foot restrictions would otherwise preclude dispensaries in these urban areas, and clarifies the term "registration," which has been used for multiple purposes and entities.

This amendment makes it clear participants are registered and medical marijuana organizations receive a permit and identification cards for patients and caregivers and are certified by the Department of Health, clarifying the department's power to control the prices by making government intervention only after monitoring, clarifying the certification of medical marijuana identification cards yet maintaining the safeguards to protect against fraud, adding criminal penalties for research entities so they will not be exempt from wrongdoing. Finally, the amendment makes a number of technical changes to insure that Senate Bill No. 3 will work as law, including reorganization of the bill to make it easier to implement without delay.

Mr. President, there are a host of changes the House made to Senate Bill No. 3 that I did not like and many that made me uncomfortable. However, rather than looking back, I would rather look forward. This is my message to the House Members who supported Senate Bill No. 3 when it overwhelmingly passed the House: All the Senate amendments are doing is insuring that Senate Bill No. 3 will work. It is not a perfect bill, but it is one that will work to bring medical cannabis to Pennsylvania in a timely manner. I hope you will, again, support this much-needed and long-overdue measure, and I would be more than happy to answer any of your questions.

Looking back, Mr. President, I remember two moms, Lolly and Dana, who first visited my office to ask that I consider supporting a medical cannabis bill. I remember the other moms and dads and all of the kids I have come in contact with, both through many venues, meetings, and countless, and I mean countless, town hall discussions throughout this great Commonwealth. I remember the veterans I met to learn about the many problems they face as a result of their dedicated service to their country. I thank you for your service, and I thank you for your patience as the General Assembly has worked to reach Senator Corman's goal to get it done right. I remember all of the other people suffering from a host of diseases and medical conditions that have brought so many difficult challenges to their lives. I am sorry the list of diseases does not include all the issues they are facing; however, with the changes the Senate is making, there is real hope their conditions can be addressed in the future and not just false hope.

I thank everyone for all the time, patience, and perseverance they have put into this issue. We would not be here today on the verge of getting a bill that works into the hands of the Governor to be signed into law. We are almost there with a bill that truly works. I will never forget those who have worked with us, the time that it has taken to get to this point, the frustrations, the tears, the highs, the lows, and the many, many hurdles we faced and have worked to overcome. Mr. President, I ask for a "yes" vote on Senate Bill No. 3, both here in the Senate and again in

the House. As Senator Corman said, too many people are depending upon us, they have waited too long, and this issue is too important.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator LEACH. Mr. President, Senator Folmer was comprehensive in terms of the people who need to be thanked, and I agree and support everything he said. I am also grateful to him and his staff for all of the hard work that they have done. I ask for a "yes" vote, ask for a concurrence from the House, and move this to the Governor's desk as soon as possible.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, it is not often that we make history in this Chamber, and I would say we are making history today. In my time here, which is longer than maybe I would like, or maybe some other people would like, in 18 years, I cannot imagine a more important public policy discussion than we are having today, other than maybe some budgetary issues. This is obviously a significant change for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As a father, I certainly empathize with some of the moms who have lived this fight for many years, and we can only hope and pray that what we accomplish here and, hopefully, tomorrow in the House, will give them some relief and give them some ability to deal with some of the issues that they are facing. As a father, it is certainly something I would never want to face, but I certainly would want all of the options to best treat my child, if faced with those difficult ailments.

Mr. President, we are making history in another way today. In my 18 years, not often has one person driven an issue like this issue. When the Senator from Lebanon County said it started with him, he is not exaggerating. When he started in our Caucus--I am only speaking for our Caucus; every Caucus certainly has leaders, and I do not want to downplay what they accomplish--but literally, when this issue came up a few years ago, there was one person in the Senate Republican Caucus who was for this bill. As you have to do, Citizen Mike, as he came to Harrisburg, went to work. One by one, meeting by meeting, going up on the floor during Petitions and Remonstrances when there was nobody here making the case, making the case for a legislative policy change; making the case, not just a motion, but why this was important substantively and good for Pennsylvania. One by one, as he said, he picked up support. Maybe after the first year, it was probably about four.

I can tell you that I was one, not one of the first four, I was one that was a "no." I never would have dreamed--I am sure if I looked back on any of my past campaigns and looked at forms that you fill out when you are running for election, if this issue ever came up, I would have been a hard "no." There was absolutely no way this was something that I could support. Fortunately for me, I did come in with an open mind, because when the Senator from Lebanon County is so passionate about an issue, I knew it was not politically driven because that is not how he operates. I knew it was not something he was doing for a special interest because that is not how he operates. I knew there was a reason for his passion, and so I listened.

As I listened, I began to change. My heart changed, my mind changed, and I finally got around to the point where I said, yeah,

this is the right thing to do, and this is something I can support. That is how this body is supposed to work. It does not often work that way necessarily at times, but it is how it is supposed to work. One by one, the Senator from Lebanon County changed hearts and changed minds to now, I know for our Caucus, a heavy majority of the Caucus supports this legislation. That is the story, Mr. President. That does not happen often.

There are a lot of accolades and thanks to go around. As I said, I am only talking for our Caucus, and other Leaders can talk for theirs. I thank the Leaders in the House for working very closely with us on this amendment that we passed earlier today. We worked closely with them, because this was not something we wanted to take a chance on. This was not something we wanted to ping pong back and forth and say, we like our pride of authorship more and what we said was better. That was not the case. What we did not want to do was pass this bill, pat ourselves on the back, and say, look at what great things we did, and it would not be implemented and we would not be able to help the people that this legislation is intended to help. So, with the good work of our friends on the other side of the aisle, and the good work of our friends in the other Chamber, in the House, we got to this final agreement. We look forward to them taking this up tomorrow, passing it, and sending it to the Governor.

Clearly, I can speak for myself, and I think I can speak for my Caucus, that this was historic to have one person through hard work, one by one, go around this floor, find Members, change their hearts and change their minds. It does not happen often. It was great to see. There is a great movie, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, and I think we all saw it. Jimmy Stewart--Senator White is not here, but an Indiana County man--who talked about standing up and he did a filibuster in Washington. That is what the movie was about, and he ultimately changed minds and changed hearts. It was a great movie, but it was movie. It was a fun movie, but it was a movie. Well, Mr. Smith came to Harrisburg.

(Applause.)

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, there is nothing more I can say. Let us vote. Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator White.

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

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:

YEA-42

Alloway	Folmer	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Argall	Fontana	Reschenthaler	Wagner
Bartolotta	Gordner	Sabatina	Ward
Blake	Greenleaf	Scarnati	White

Boscola	Haywood	Scavello	Wiley
Brewster	Hughes	Schwank	Williams
Browne	Kitchen	Stefano	Wozniak
Corman	Leach	Tartaglione	Yaw
Costa	McGarrigle	Teplitz	Yudichak
Dinniman	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	
Farnese	Mensch	Vogel	

NAY-7

Aument	Brooks	Hutchinson	Vance
Baker	Eichelberger	Smucker	

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.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

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 12 and HB 31 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 150 (Pr. No. 2573) -- 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 Share the Road plate.

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

HB 150 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 150, Printer's No. 2573, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote. The PRESIDENT. The bill will be placed on the Calendar.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 606, HB 665, HB 805 and HB 826 -- 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 837 (Pr. No. 1556) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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 928, HB 930, SB 1031, SB 1077, SB 1115, SB 1144 and SB 1152 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1153 (Pr. No. 1681) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating: A portion of State Routes 108 and 551 in Lawrence County as the Battery B Memorial Highway. A bridge on that portion of State Route 403 over the Two Lick Creek, Borough of Clymer, Indiana County as the Sergeant James Robert Pantall Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 580 over the Susquehanna River, Cherry Tree Borough, Indiana County, as the Airman Second Class Gerald Emmett Johnson Memorial Bridge. 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. A portion of State Route 2044 in Lycoming County as the Lance Corporal William F. Merrill Vietnam Veterans Highway. 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. A bridge on that portion of State Route 1026, Section 004 over the Cocalico Creek, Denver Borough, and West Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, as the Samuel L. Snyder Memorial Bridge. An overpass on State Route 49 over State Route 15, Lawrence Township, Tioga County, as the Lance Corporal Michael G. Plank Memorial Bridge. A portion of Blair Mill Road in Montgomery County as the PVT William H. Walls, U.S.M.C. Memorial Highway. 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. A portion of State Route 51 in the Borough of Coraopolis, Allegheny County, as the Fred A. Trello Memorial Boulevard. A certain interchange in New Stanton Borough, Westmoreland County, as the Edwin "Lance" Wentzel Memorial Interchange. 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. A bridge on that portion of State Route 36 over Chest Creek, Patton Borough, Cambria County, as the Martin Joseph Davis Memorial Bridge. A portion of State Route 1008 in Fayetteville, Franklin County, as the James W. Cutchall Memorial Highway. A bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 15 over State Route 114, Mechanicsburg Borough, Cumberland County, as the Corporal Jonathan Dean Faircloth Memorial Bridge.

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-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

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.

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-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

HB 1319 (Pr. No. 3001) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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-49

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate 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.

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 REREFERRED

SB 180 (Pr. No. 1678) -- 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 whose 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 Appropriations.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 215, SB 289, 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 ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED

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

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

Senator GREENLEAF offered the following amendment No. A6675:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 20, by striking out "and"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 21, by striking out the period after "privilege" and inserting:

; in charter schools, further providing for provisions applicable to charter schools and for applicability of other provisions of this act and of other acts and regulations; and, in disruptive student programs, further providing for definitions.

Amend Bill, page 7, line 21, by inserting after "COURT":

, a municipal court of Philadelphia

Amend Bill, page 7, by inserting between lines 22 and 23:

The term "educational entity" shall mean a public school district, charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school, nonpublic school or area vocational-technical school.

Amend Bill, page 7, line 28, by inserting after "JUDGE":

, a municipal court judge

Amend Bill, page 10, line 13, by inserting after "PERSON":

, via phone conferencing

Amend Bill, page 10, line 27, by striking out the bracket before "SIX"

Amend Bill, page 10, line 27, by striking out "] EIGHT (8)"

Amend Bill, page 15, lines 21 and 22, by striking out "A FORM AND USE LANGUAGE THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED REASONABLY UNDERSTANDABLE" and inserting:

the mode and language of communication preferred

Amend Bill, page 16, line 9, by striking out "MAY" and inserting:

shall
Amend Bill, page 16, line 10, by inserting after "PARTICIPATE":
or fails to attend the scheduled conference after advance written notice and attempts to communicate via telephone

Amend Bill, page 16, by inserting between lines 19 and 20:

(c) Schools shall not expel or impose out-of-school suspension, disciplinary reassignment or transfer for truant behavior.

Amend Bill, page 17, line 1, by striking out "MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT"

Amend Bill, page 17, line 10, by striking out "MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT"

Amend Bill, page 17, line 24, by striking out "MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT" and inserting:
office of the appropriate judge

Amend Bill, page 17, line 26, by striking out "OFFERED" and inserting:

held

Amend Bill, page 18, lines 3 and 4, by striking out "MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT"

Amend Bill, page 18, lines 14 through 16, by striking out "THE CHILD WAS HABITUALLY TRUANT" in line 14, all of line 15 and "REQUIREMENTS" in line 16 and inserting:

, while subject to compulsory school attendance, the child was habitually and without justification truant from school

Amend Bill, page 18, by inserting between lines 25 and 26:

(e) The court shall determine whether the evidence has established that a child or person in parental relation has violated the compulsory school attendance requirements of this article and shall enter that verdict on the record record.

Amend Bill, page 18, line 26, by striking out "(E)" and inserting:

(f)

Amend Bill, page 22, lines 4 and 5, by striking out "CHILD:"

(I) HAS" and inserting:

child has

Amend Bill, page 22, lines 9 through 12, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 22, by inserting between lines 16 and 17:

(h) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to a parent, guardian or person in parental relation whose child or children are in a home education program under section 1327.1.

Amend Bill, page 23, by inserting between lines 10 and 11:

Section 7. Sections 1732-A(a) and 1749-A(a)(1) of the act, amended or added June 29, 2002 (P.L.524, No.88), are amended to read:

Section 1732-A. Provisions Applicable to Charter Schools.--(a) Charter schools shall be subject to the following:

Sections 108, 110, 111, 321, 325, 326, 327, 431, 436, 443, 510, 518, 527, 708, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 752, 753, 755, 771, 776, 777, 808, 809, 810, 1109, 1111, 1112(a), 1301, 1310, 1317, 1317.1, 1317.2, 1318, 1326, 1327, 1327.2, 1330, 1332, 1333, 1333.1, 1333.2, 1333.3, 1303-A, 1513, 1517, 1518, 1521, 1523, 1531, 1547, 2014-A, Article XIII-A and Article XIV.

Act of July 17, 1961 (P.L.776, No.341), known as the "Pennsylvania Fair Educational Opportunities Act."

Act of July 19, 1965 (P.L.215, No.116), entitled "An act providing for the use of eye protective devices by persons engaged in hazardous activities or exposed to known dangers in schools, colleges and universities."

Section 4 of the act of January 25, 1966 (1965 P.L.1546, No.541), entitled "An act providing scholarships and providing funds to secure Federal funds for qualified students of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who need financial assistance to attend postsecondary institutions of higher learning, making an appropriation, and providing for the administration of this act."

Act of July 12, 1972 (P.L.765, No.181), entitled "An act relating to drugs and alcohol and their abuse, providing for projects and programs and grants to educational agencies, other public or private agencies, institutions or organizations."

Act of December 15, 1986 (P.L.1595, No.175), known as the "Antihazing Law."

Section 1749-A. Applicability of other provisions of this act and of other acts and regulations.

(a) General requirements.--Cyber charter schools shall be subject to the following:

(1) Sections 108, 110, 111, 321, 325, 326, 327, 431, 436, 443, 510, 518, 527, 708, 752, 753, 755, 771, 776, 777, 808, 809, 810, 1109, 1111, 1112(a), 1205.1, 1205.2, 1301, 1302, 1310, 1317.2, 1318, 1326, 1327, 1327.2, 1330, 1332, 1333, 1333.1, 1333.2, 1333.3, 1303-A, 1518, 1521, 1523, 1531, 1547, 1702-A, 1703-A, 1714-A, 1715-A, 1716-A, 1719-A, 1721-A, 1722-A, 1723-A(a) and (b), 1724-A, 1725-A, 1727-A, 1729-A, 1730-A, 1731-A(a)(1) and (b) and 2014-A and Articles XII-A, XIII-A and XIV.

Section 8. The definition of "disruptive student" in section 1901-C of the act, added June 25, 1997 (P.L.297, No.30), is amended to read:

Section 1901-C. Definitions.--For purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(5) "Disruptive student." A student who poses a clear threat to the safety and welfare of other students or the school staff, who creates an unsafe school environment or whose behavior materially interferes with the learning of other students or disrupts the overall educational process. The disruptive student exhibits to a marked degree any or all of the following conditions:

(i) Disregard for school authority, including persistent violation of school policy and rules.

(ii) Display or use of controlled substances on school property or during school-affiliated activities.

(iii) Violent or threatening behavior on school property or during school-affiliated activities.

(iv) Possession of a weapon on school property, as defined under 18 Pa.C.S. § 912 (relating to possession of weapon on school property).

(v) Commission of a criminal act on school property or during school-affiliated activities.

(vi) Misconduct that would merit suspension or expulsion under school policy.

[(vii) Habitual truancy.]

No student who is eligible for special education services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Public Law 91-230, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.) shall be deemed a disruptive student for the purposes of this act, except as provided for in 22 Pa. Code § 14.35 (relating to discipline).

Amend Bill, page 23, line 11, by striking out "7" and inserting:

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Amend Bill, page 23, line 21, by striking out "8" and inserting:

10

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 400 (Pr. No. 1957) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the Work Experience for High School Students with Disabilities Act; and imposing duties on the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 423, HB 608 and HB 806 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1014, SB 1041, SB 1062, HB 1087, SB 1154 and HB 1154 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1156 (Pr. No. 1629) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1159, SB 1166, HB 1167, SB 1168, HB 1200, HB 1310 and HB 1330 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 1407 (Pr. No. 2771) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED

HB 1589 (Pr. No. 3086) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in financially distressed municipalities, providing for financial recovery; in oil and gas wells, providing for the Environmental Stewardship Fund; in tax credits, providing for Department of Community and Economic Development; in special funds, further providing for funding, for State Workers' Insurance Board, for expiration and for other grants; in additional special funds, further providing for use of the Tobacco Settlement Fund and for distributions

from the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund and providing for miscellaneous limitations and transfers and for the Natural Gas Infrastructure Development Fund; in general budget implementation, further providing for the Department of General Services, providing for the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, further providing for the Department of Human Services, for the Pennsylvania State Police and providing for the Commonwealth Financing Authority; providing for 2015-2016 budget implementation; and making editorial changes.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

Senator CORMAN offered the following amendment No. A6753:

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 55 and 56:

Providing for school district debt refinancing bonds;

Amend Bill, page 34, by inserting between lines 21 and 22:

Section 15.1. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

ARTICLE XVII-E.2

SCHOOL DISTRICT DEBT REFINANCING BONDS

Section 1701-E.2. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this article shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Authority." The Commonwealth Financing Authority.

"Cost of a project." The term includes all items reimbursable under law.

"Cost of PlanCon project." Approved reimbursable rentals and approved reimbursable sinking fund charges, capital grants, any necessary or appropriate reserves, costs of issuance and any other financing costs related to a PlanCon project.

"Department." The Department of Education of the Commonwealth.

"Finance." The lending or providing of funds to a school district for payment of the cost of a project and the provision of funds for a PlanCon project.

"Financing Law." The provisions of 64 Pa.C.S. Ch. 15 (relating to Commonwealth Financing Authority).

"PlanCon project." The funding of approved reimbursable rentals for approved leases and approved reimbursable sinking fund charges authorized under section 2574 of the Public School Code of 1949 and capital grants for a project authorized to be approved under section 2574.4 of the Public School Code of 1949.

"Project." As defined in 64 Pa.C.S. Ch. 15 (relating to Commonwealth Financing Authority) or any project of a school district that is eligible for reimbursement by the Commonwealth as required under Subarticle (f) of Article XXV of the Public School Code of 1949 for approved rental or sinking fund charges.

"Public School Code of 1949." The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949.

Section 1702-E.2. Bond issuance.

(a) Declaration of policy.--The General Assembly finds and declares that:

(1) Funding the payment of reimbursements to school districts for construction and reconstruction projects, through the authority, is in the best interest of the Commonwealth.

(2) The Financing Law is to be liberally construed to effect the legislative and public purposes.

(3) One of those stated purposes is the protection of "the health, safety and general welfare of the people of this Commonwealth" pursuant to 64 Pa.C.S. § 1503(6) (relating to findings and declaration of policy).

(4) In order to accomplish such a goal "it is desirable to build, improve and finance facilities owned by municipalities, municipal authorities and other authorities and instrumentalities of the Commonwealth," which includes school districts, pursuant to 64 Pa.C.S. § 1503(7).

(b) Authority.--Notwithstanding any other law the authority shall establish a program to issue bonds on behalf of school districts to provide reimbursements from the Commonwealth as required under Article XXV of the Public School Code of 1949 for approved rental or sinking fund charges.

(c) Debt or liability.--

(1) Bonds issued under this article shall not be a debt or liability of the Commonwealth and shall not create or constitute any indebtedness, liability or obligation of the Commonwealth.

(2) Bond obligations shall be payable solely from revenues or funds pledged or available for repayment as authorized under this article.

(3) Each bond must contain on its face a statement that:

(i) The authority is obligated to pay the principal of or interest on the bonds only from the revenues or funds pledged or available for repayment as authorized under this article.

(ii) Neither the Commonwealth nor any school district is obligated to pay the principal of or interest on the bonds.

(iii) The full faith and credit of the Commonwealth or of any school district is not pledged to the payment of the principal of or the interest on the bonds.

(d) Review for form and legality.--For the purposes of issuing bonds under this article, the duties of the Attorney General under section 204 of the act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164), known as the Commonwealth Attorneys Act, relating to the issuance of bonds may be performed by the first deputy attorney general.

Section 1703-E.2. Limitations on bond issuance.

The authority may issue bonds for a PlanCon project in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,500,000,000, unless the authority and the department determine this amount is insufficient to carry out the purposes of this article, then the authority shall adopt a resolution to petition the Secretary of the Budget to increase the maximum aggregate principal amount. The Secretary of the Budget may approve the petition and, if approved, shall publish notice of the approval in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. The authority shall not issue any bonds for the PlanCon project, except refunding bonds, after June 30, 2025. The authority, in consultation with the department and the Office of the Budget, shall determine the principal amounts of taxable and tax-exempt bonds to be issued during a fiscal year. Notwithstanding any other limitation, the authority, at the request of the department, may issue refunding bonds at any time while bonds issued for the PlanCon project are outstanding, provided that the final maturity of any series of bonds being refunded shall not be extended. Interest on bonds issued for the PlanCon project and refunding bonds authorized under this section shall be payable at such time or times as the authority shall determine in the resolution authorizing such bonds and shall otherwise be subject to the other provisions of the Financing Law. The aggregate principal amount of bonds set forth in this section shall not be subject to the debt limitations set forth in 64 Pa.C.S. § 1543 (relating to indebtedness).

Section 1704-E.2. Service agreement authorized.

The authority and the department may enter into any agreement or service agreement to effectuate the purposes of this article, including an agreement to secure bonds issued for a PlanCon project, pursuant to which the department shall agree to pay service charges to the authority in each fiscal year that the bonds or refunding bonds are outstanding in amounts sufficient to timely pay in full the debt service and any other financing costs due on the bonds issued for the PlanCon project. The department's payment of such service charges shall be subject to and dependent upon the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly to the department for payment of the service charges. The service agreement may be amended or supplemented by the authority and the department in connection with the issuance of any series of bonds or refunding bonds authorized in this section.

Section 1705-E.2. Deposit of bond proceeds.

The net proceeds of bonds, other than refunding bonds, exclusive of costs of issuance, reserves and any other financing charges, shall be transferred by the authority to the State Treasurer for deposit into a restricted account established in the State Treasury and held solely for the purpose of paying costs of a PlanCon project which are due to school districts. Payment by the department shall follow the process required by Article VII of the Public School Code of 1949, unless the department is specifically directed to follow a different process by this article. The department shall requisition payments due to school districts from that account. To pay for expenses related to its administration of this program, the department, with the approval of the Governor and the authority, may charge a fee against the proceeds deposited in the restricted account.

Section 1706-E.2. Sinking fund charges for school building projects.

The following shall apply:

(1) All school districts which submitted completed applications to the department prior to the effective date of this section, and which vote to proceed with construction and awarded bids on their construction contracts no later than July 1, 2019, shall, as permitted by law, either be awarded a one-time capital grant, if available, for the approved project in lieu of approved reimbursement payments or, if not available, shall receive payments in the form of reimbursements.

(2) The department shall administer the payments due and payable under this section, and shall determine the amount of the capital grant due each school district which shall not exceed the maximum reimbursable project amount.

Section 1707-E.2. Limitation on new applications for Department of Education approval of public school building projects.

For the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years, the Department of Education shall not accept or approve new building construction or reconstruction project applications. Completed school building construction or reconstruction project applications received by the Department of Education by May 15, 2016, are not subject to this subsection.

Section 1708-E.2. Public School Building Construction and Reconstruction Advisory Committee.

(a) Establishment.--There is established an advisory committee.

(b) Duties.--The committee shall review and make findings and recommendations related to the program for State reimbursement for construction and reconstruction and lease of public school buildings.

(c) Membership.--The advisory committee shall consist of the following:

- (1) The Secretary of Education or a designee.
- (2) One member appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) A representative from each of the following:

(i) The Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials.

(ii) The Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

(4) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Appropriations Committee and Education Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Appropriations Committee and Education Committee of the House of Representatives.

(5) One member appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate.

(6) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

(7) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(8) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

(d) First meeting.--The committee shall hold its first meeting within 30 days of the effective date of this section regardless of whether all of the committee members have been appointed to the committee. At the first meeting, the Department of Education shall present its report relating to the Statewide analysis of school facilities and capital needs as required under section 732.1 of the Public School Code of 1949.

(e) Chairperson.--The committee shall appoint a member to serve as chairperson of the committee.

(f) Call of chairperson.--The committee shall hold meetings at the call of the chairperson.

(g) Reimbursement.--The members may not receive compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for all necessary travel and other reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their duties as members of the committee.

(h) Support.--The General Assembly shall provide administrative support, meeting space and any other assistance required by the committee to carry out its duties under this section in cooperation with the department. The department shall provide the committee with data, research and other information upon request.

(i) Report.--The committee shall issue a report not later than May 15, 2017, of the committee's findings to the Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate, the Appropriations Committee and Education Committee of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Appropriations Committee and Education Committee of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of Education.

Section 1709-E.2. Public school building lease and debt service reim-

bursements for fiscal year 2015-2016.

(a) General rule.--For the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the Department of Education shall utilize undistributed funds not expended as of April 15, 2016, from appropriations for payment on account of annual rental or sinking fund charges on school buildings, including charter schools, to make reimbursements for school building leases and debt service necessary to make payments in fiscal year 2015-2016 under this article.

(b) Exclusion.--This section shall not include reimbursement for debt service meeting the criteria for bond issuance under this article.

Section 1710-E.2. Posting of information by department.

No later than July 1, 2016, and every 90 days thereafter, the Department of Education shall post and update on its publicly accessible Internet website in a searchable and sortable format the following information related to public school construction and reconstruction projects, building purchases and lease reimbursements submitted for the approval of, or approved by, the department:

(1) The type of project, elementary school, middle school, intermediate school, high school, charter school or vocational technical school by school entity.

(2) The scope of project, new construction, renovation, addition, purchase or lease.

(3) The date of receipt of each application.

(4) The date of department approval of each application.

(5) The date of approval or denial of any waiver or exception granted by the department.

(6) The reason for approval or denial of any waiver or exception granted by the department.

(7) The date of submission of the application for each step of the reimbursement process.

(8) The date of approval of the application for each step of the reimbursement process.

(9) The anticipated total project cost.

(10) Whether the project reached the maximum reimbursable project amount.

(11) The anticipated term of State reimbursement.

(12) The anticipated total reimbursement amount.

(13) The temporary reimbursable percentage.

(14) The permanent reimbursable percentage.

(15) The dates of expected State payments.

(16) The dates of expected school district payments.

(17) Whether the project was financed by cash.

(18) The date a project was voided, if applicable.

(19) A summary of the terms of the project's debt service or lease.

(20) An analysis of the callability of the project's debt service.

Section 1711-E.2. Documentation requirements.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following shall apply to school building construction and reconstruction projects for which reimbursement from the appropriation for payments on account of annual rental or sinking fund charges on school buildings or charter schools is being sought:

(1) For a school district that has received approval from the department for reimbursement but fails to submit all additional project documentation requested within 90 days of the request, the department shall move the project back in the reimbursement order until such time as the school district complies with the information request and shall move other projects up in the reimbursement order.

(2) The Secretary of Education may grant waivers to school districts that fail to submit requested documentation under paragraph (1) and are in the process of reconciling financial records, or are facing litigation or bond refinancing delays.

Amend Bill, page 39, lines 21 through 25, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 51, by inserting between lines 16 and 17:

(17.1) If the fiscal year 2015-2016 appropriation for basic education funding exceeds the amount appropriated for basic education funding in fiscal year 2014-2015, the Commonwealth shall pay to each school district a basic education funding allocation which shall consist of the following:

(i) An amount equal to the school district's basic education funding allocation for the 2013-2014 school year.

(ii) A student-based allocation to be calculated as follows:

(A) Multiply the school district's student-weighted average daily membership by the median household income index and local

effort capacity index.

(B) Multiply the product in clause (A) by the difference between the amount appropriated for the allocation of basic education funding to school districts and the amount appropriated for the allocation in subparagraph (I).

(C) Divide the product in clause (B) by the sum of the products in clause (A) for all school districts.

(iii) For the purpose of subparagraph (ii):

(A) Student-weighted average daily membership for a school district shall be the sum of the following:

(I) The average of the school district's three most recent years' average daily membership.

(II) The acute poverty average daily membership calculated as follows:

(a) Multiply the school district's acute poverty percentage by its average daily membership.

(b) Multiply the product in unit (a) by 0.6.

(III) The poverty average daily membership calculated as follows:

(a) Multiply the school district's poverty percentage by its average daily membership.

(b) Multiply the product in unit (a) by 0.3.

(IV) The concentrated poverty average daily membership for qualifying school districts with an acute poverty percentage equal to or greater than 30%, to be calculated as follows:

(a) Multiply the school district's acute poverty percentage by its average daily membership.

(b) Multiply the product in unit (a) by 0.3.

(V) The number of the school district's limited English-proficient students multiplied by 0.6.

(VI) The average daily membership for the school district's students enrolled in charter schools and cyber charter schools multiplied by 0.2.

(VII) The sparsity/size adjustment for qualifying school districts with a sparsity/size ratio greater than the sparsity/size ratio that represents the 70th percentile sparsity/size ratio for all school districts calculated as follows:

(a) Divide the school district's sparsity/size ratio by the sparsity/size ratio that represents the 70th percentile for all school districts.

(b) Subtract one from the quotient in unit (a).

(c) Multiply the sum of subclauses (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V) and (VI) by the amount in unit (b).

(d) Multiply the product in unit (c) by 0.7.

(B) Local effort index for a school district shall be calculated as follows:

(I) Determine the school district's local effort factor calculated as follows:

(a) Multiply the school district's median household income by its number of households.

(b) Divide the school district's local tax-related revenue by the product in unit (a).

(c) Multiply the quotient in unit (b) by 1,000.

(d) Divide the product in unit (c) by the Statewide median of unit (c).

(II) Determine the school district's excess spending factor, to be calculated as follows:

(a) Divide the school district's current expenditures by the sum of its average daily membership and the amounts in clause (A)(II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI) and (VII).

(b) Divide the quotient in unit (a) by the Statewide median of unit (a).

(c) Divide one by the quotient in unit (b).

(III) Multiply the school district's local effort factor by the lesser of one or the school district's excess spending factor.

(C) Local capacity index for a qualifying school district shall be calculated as follows:

(I) Divide the school district's local tax-related revenue by the sum of its market value and personal income valuation.

(II) Multiply the sum of the school district's market value and personal income valuation by the Statewide median of subclause (I).

(III) Determine the school district's local capacity per student by dividing the product in subclause (II) by the sum of its average daily membership and the amounts in clause (A)(II), (III), (IV), (V), (VI) and (VII).

(IV) If the school district's local capacity per student is less than the Statewide median of subclause (III):

(a) Divide the school district's local capacity per student by the Statewide median.

(b) Subtract the quotient in unit (a) from one.

(c) Local effort capacity index for a school district shall equal the sum of its local effort index and local capacity index.

(d) The data used to calculate the factors and indexes in this section shall be based on the most recent years for which data is available as determined by the Department of Education.

(iv) As used in subparagraph (ii), the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subparagraph unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Acute poverty percentage." The number of children six to 17 years of age living in a household where the ratio of income to poverty is less than 100% of the Federal poverty guidelines divided by the total number of children six to 17 years of age as determined by the most recent five-year estimate of the United States Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

"Households." The number of households in each school district as determined by the most recent five-year estimate of the United States Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

"Local tax-related revenue." The sum of school district revenues for State property tax reduction allocation, taxes levied and assessed, delinquencies on taxes levied and assessed, revenue from local government units, and other local revenues not specified elsewhere, as designated in the Manual of Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pennsylvania Public Schools.

"Median household income." The median household income for school districts and the State as determined by the most recent five-year estimate of the United States Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

"Median household income index." A number calculated as follows:

(1) Divide a school district's median household income by the State median household income.

(2) Divide one by the quotient in paragraph (1).

"Poverty percentage." The number of children six to seventeen years of age living in a household where the ratio of income to poverty is between 100% and 184% of the Federal poverty guidelines divided by the total number of children six to 17 years of age as determined by the most recent five-year estimate of the United States Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

"Size ratio." A number calculated as follows:

(1) Divide the average of a school district's three most recent years' average daily membership by the Statewide average of the three most recent years' average daily membership for all school districts.

(2) Multiply the amount in paragraph (1) by 0.5.

(3) Subtract the amount in paragraph (2) from one.

"Sparsity ratio." A number calculated as follows:

(1) Divide the average of a school district's three most recent years' average daily membership by its total square miles as reported in the latest decennial census as reported by United States Census Bureau.

(2) Divide the State total average daily membership by the State total square miles.

(3) Divide the quotient in paragraph (1) by the quotient in paragraph (2).

(4) Multiply the quotient in paragraph (3) by 0.5.

(5) Subtract the product in paragraph (4) from one.

"Sparsity/size ratio." A number calculated by adding the following amounts:

(1) The sparsity ratio multiplied by 0.4.

(2) The size ratio multiplied by 0.6.

(17.2) The department shall deduct from payments to school districts made under paragraph (17.1) which occur after April 15, 2016, the difference between the following if the difference as calculated is a positive amount:

(i) The amount distributed to school districts from the appropriation in the General Appropriation Act of 2015 for ready-to-learn block grants.

(ii) The amount to be distributed under paragraph (21).

(17.3) Notwithstanding any provision of the General Appropriation Act of 2015 and the act of March 28, 2016 (P.L. , No.1A), known as the Supplement to the General Appropriation Act of 2015, to

the contrary, any amounts deducted under paragraph (17.2) from payments to school districts made under paragraph (17.1) shall be used to make payments under paragraph (21) to school entities, if the difference between the following is calculated as a negative amount:

(i) The amount distributed to school entities from the appropriation in the General Appropriation Act of 2015 for ready-to-learn block grants.

(ii) The amount to be distributed under paragraph (21).

Amend Bill, page 54, line 1, by striking out "The" and inserting:

If payments to school entities are made under paragraphs (17.1) and (21), the

Amend Bill, page 54, lines 12 and 13, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

(21) From the appropriation for the Ready to Learn Block Grant, funds shall be distributed to school entities as follows:

(I) Each school entity shall receive:

(A) An amount equal to the amount paid during the 2013-2014 school year under section 2599.2 of the Public School Code of 1949.

(B) A Ready to Learn Block Grant subsidy equal to the amount paid during the 2014-2015 school year under section 1722-J(21)(ii).

(C) For each school district, an amount determined as follows:

(I) Multiply the amount of funding the school district received under section 1722-J(21)(ii) by the difference between the amount of the appropriation for the Ready to Learn Block Grant in fiscal year 2015-2016 and fiscal year 2014-2015.

(II) Divide the product in subclause (I) by the sum of the amounts under section 1722-J(21)(ii) for all school districts.

(ii) If insufficient funds are appropriated pursuant to subparagraph (I), payments shall be made on a pro rata basis.

(iii) Funding received by a school entity under subparagraph (i)(A) shall be used in accordance with section 2599.2 of the Public School Code of 1949, or as allowed under subparagraph (v).

(iv) To be eligible to receive funding under subparagraph (i)(B) and (C), each school entity shall submit a plan for approval to the Department of Education outlining how the funding will be used to maintain and improve academic performance.

(v) Funds distributed under subparagraph (i)(B) and (C) shall be used for the purposes described in section 1722-J(21)(v)(A) through (L).

(vi) For the purpose of this paragraph, a school entity shall be a school district, charter school, cyber charter school or regional charter school.

(22) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the revenues received by a school district under paragraph (21)(i)(B) shall not be included in the school district's budgeted total expenditure per average daily membership used to calculate the amount to be paid to a charter school under section 1725-A(a)(2) and (3) of the Public School Code of 1949.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, this might be an agreed-to amendment, I am not sure. Just teasing. Just seeing if my counterpart was paying attention.

Mr. President, obviously, this last fiscal year that we are still in was a difficult budgetary process. We both negotiated at length with each other here in the Senate as well as with the administration and our friends in the House. Over 9 months, we had lots of starts and stops. I know everyone here was frustrated and I know the people of Pennsylvania were frustrated that we could not get to completion. Finally, just a few weeks ago, we passed yet another budget and the Governor, in his wisdom, decided to allow it to become law to bring the budgetary debate to an end for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Part of the budgetary process is not only passing the General Appropriation bill, but also passing a Fiscal Code. The Fiscal Code is more or less an implementation bill for the General Appropriation bill. There are a variety of issues within the Fiscal Code that have to do with budgetary implementation and other budgetary issues. Mr. President, the Governor decided to veto that bill, and what he did when he vetoed the bill is he put us in a fairly precarious position. He named a variety of reasons in his veto message, I believe he had four particular items that he was concerned about. One of them had to do with regulations on conventional wells and unconventional wells, and the other one had to do with air quality standards. So he had trouble with that. The other two had to do with education, which was really the centerpiece of the debate in the Commonwealth over this budgetary year, trying to raise funds for our public schools.

One part of the education component that he vetoed dealt with a formula and how we drive the money out to the schools that we passed in the General Appropriation bill, which included \$200 million new dollars that would go to our public schools. In the General Appropriation bill there was a very clear statement at the end that says that to drive out this new money, that the Governor would need a formula to do that, but when he vetoed the Fiscal Code, he vetoed that formula. Now, let us review the formula a little bit. The formula that we used in our Fiscal Code to drive out the \$200 million new dollars was a product of many years of work of our bipartisan commission that many Members in this Chamber served on. The Senator from Lehigh County, I believe, chaired the commission, our chairman of the Committee on Education from Lancaster County was on that commission, as well as the gentleman from Lebanon County. On the other side of the aisle, the Senator from Chester County, the Senator from Dauphin County, and the Senator from Allegheny County, the Leader of the Democratic Caucus, were all on that commission.

After a lot of hard work, obviously, the idea was how could we get a more fair formula? The money that we were driving out was still causing a significant disparity in funding for our schools. We had winners and losers. Unfortunately, the old formula was not driving it out in a way that was allowing for a standard that every school through State dollars could provide a quality education. Some schools were getting a significant amount of dollars, some schools were not, and it was providing a disparity.

So this commission worked very hard and came up with this new formula. I think it was unanimous, it was bipartisan, and they developed this formula. So we used this formula as a way to drive out the new money. We figured this was the way to get started. We created \$200 million new dollars to go our schools that we should immediately begin to drive out this money in a way that is bipartisan and attempts to be fair so that all of our school districts could have a chance to provide that quality education for our students. When the Governor vetoed that formula, he left us with not having any formula because he vetoed it. So we did not have any formula to drive out this money.

So, the Governor, on his own discretion, which we challenged legally that he has this ability, just made one up. He decided to make up a new formula. There was no consultation with the legislature, there was no bill that we passed and sent to him, it was strictly a figment of his imagination. Just drew it up. Got a pen and pencil and drew it up and said, I am going to drive the money out this way because that is the way I want to. Well, I am not a student of the Constitution like my friend from Lebanon

County, but my Constitution tells me that you need legislation to do just that. So the Governor, in our opinion, is in violation of the law by driving out this money.

The other component dealing with education that he vetoed, and I will come back to that, was a program that we call PlanCon. PlanCon is a reimbursement from the State of Pennsylvania to our local school districts for school construction, and a lot of this reimbursement is after the schools are built. This is a very lengthy process, one that we have debated for some time, that has been very difficult for schools to get reimbursed and for us to keep up with the demand for that school construction. So, Mr. President, in our attempt in the General Appropriation bill, in the Fiscal Code, we set up a new process and we developed a bond that would completely remove the backlog of all construction projects in the system for PlanCon so all of our schools--this is a significant victory for our schools that were waiting for reimbursement--will now all be able to get reimbursed immediately. The General Appropriation bill in the past had a \$300 million general appropriation line.

Unfortunately, as much money as that sounds, we were not putting a dent in getting to the backlog of all of the projects that our schools were waiting for reimbursement for and, really, it was the Governor's administration who began the discussion on PlanCon, that we needed a new way. To his credit, we took his idea and tried to build upon it, and so in the Fiscal Code we put in the language, the same language we agreed to with him in December, to create a new process to not only remove the backlog of our school construction projects, which is hundreds of billions of dollars to our school districts, but it also would set up a new system to move forward on PlanCon and reimbursing school districts in the future. The Governor vetoed that, and talked about it in his veto statement. It was something he did not want to do, even though we agreed to it in December.

So, what is the impact? What is the impact of both vetoing the school construction that our schools can be reimbursed for and changing the formula from a formula that was bipartisan and unanimous from this commission, that he just threw out and created his own. Clearly, you have an impact because even though we now have \$200 million new dollars for our school districts, by vetoing billions for PlanCon, the school districts are actually now behind where they started the year before. Even if we would have that \$300 million in the General Appropriation bill, we would barely be ahead, but we do not even have that because we were planning on being able to do this bond to remove the projects. Now, a lot of people come here and say these things are political, and I actually give the Governor credit. When you look at the impact that he has imposed upon our school districts, it is bipartisan. It seems like no matter what part of the State you are from, you are taking a hit by the Governor's change of his formula.

Let me go through some of these school districts and the impact, because these are real lives. This is not something that is made up. These are real dollars and cents to these school districts who waited 9 months to finally get a budget. Reading School District, because of the change in the formula, lost \$3.6 million, and because of the loss of PlanCon lost \$8.4 million, for a total of over \$12 million that the Reading School District was going to get if the Governor signed the bill, but now will not get because of this veto. Erie School District, \$1.1 million lost in the formula, \$1.5 million lost in PlanCon, almost \$3 million lost

because of the Governor's veto. The North East School District, over \$4 million lost because of the PlanCon veto. Harrisburg School District, almost a million dollars in the funding formula, \$2.5 million in PlanCon, for a total of almost \$3.5 million lost to the Harrisburg School District because of the Governor's veto. Central Dauphin School District, another one here locally, \$300,000 for formula basic ed subsidy and \$1.5 million for PlanCon, for a total of almost \$2 million lost by this school district because of the Governor's veto. West Chester lost a million dollars. Johnstown lost three-quarters of a million dollars. Scranton School District lost almost \$2 million. Hazleton lost \$3.5 million. The Allentown School District, which is a Republican school district, I suppose, almost \$5.5 million lost because of the Governor's veto. This is real world. This is a real impact.

Now, I get when you are moving money around, someone loses and someone gains. Obviously, the big difference, the Philadelphia School District, which in our formula would have gotten \$44 million new dollars above what they got before, which is a significant increase. Under the Governor's formula, it adds another \$32 million to the Philadelphia School District, so now it is some \$77 million new dollars. Now, I do not have a problem, the Philadelphia School District has its challenges and we certainly want to be supportive of it, but I do not think we were pickers or short on our commitment when we gave \$44 million new dollars to the Philadelphia School District. So, this change certainly helps them, but it hurts most of the rest of the State, and that is why we went with a nonpolitical fair funding formula that a bipartisan commission put forward.

So, Mr. President, this amendment would restore the basic ed formula, first of all to give us a formula, which we do not have today, so we do not have to have a court battle over whether the Governor has the power that he thinks he has by creating his own formula. So that would take care of that issue, but it would also put PlanCon back in place so we can have school construction to reimburse our schools for the construction that they have been waiting for and remove a backlog which would have a major impact, a major positive impact on our school districts if we can get this done. So, here is the second chance. We will meet the Governor halfway. We are not going to put back in some of the things that he objected to. We will take up that matter on another day, but we do insist upon the education dollars. We do insist upon having a fair funding formula. We do insist on having a PlanCon program that reimburses our schools for construction. As much as we fought through the months to get new dollars to our schools, at the end of the day with the Governor's veto, we are now behind where we started the year before - 9 months behind where we started the year before because of the Governor's veto.

So, this is a second opportunity. Hopefully, we will meet again, meet the Governor halfway, keeping a couple things out that he did not want but putting a couple very important things back in our school districts' funding so that they could have the positive impact that this budget was intended for them to have all along. Mr. President, I ask for an affirmative vote on my amendment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

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

NAY-10

Costa	Haywood	Leach	Williams
Dinniman	Hughes	Sabatina	
Farnese	Kitchen	Tartaglione	

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

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 1709 (Pr. No. 2821) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1712 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

HB 1278 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 1278, Printer's No. 1836, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.
 The PRESIDENT. The bill will be placed on the Calendar.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
 SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 2**

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1278 (Pr. No. 1836) -- 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 television equipment.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Senator EICHELBERGER, on behalf of Senators GORDNER, BROOKS, TEPLITZ, HAYWOOD, DINNIMAN, WARD, ARGALL, GREENLEAF, SCARNATI, YAW, VULAKOVICH, BROWNE, COSTA, BREWSTER, BAKER, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, WHITE, MENSCH, AUMENT and FOLMER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 334**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 5, 2016, as the "National Day of Prayer" in Pennsylvania and encouraging the celebration of religious freedom.

On the question,
 Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, I offer this resolution on behalf of Senator Gordner, who could not be with us here at this time today, but wanted me to make sure that we emphasize that on May 5 "National Day of Prayer" is recognized all across our great nation. In 1952, Congress passed Public Law 82-324, which calls on the citizens of this great country to reaffirm the role of prayer in our society and to respect the freedom of religion. We are to come together on that day and pray for our country, our leaders, our communities, our families, our children, and for each other. This is one of the times that we can truly reflect on where we are as a nation and move together as a community of people who embrace different religious beliefs but can come together and pray as one for the betterment of our nation. So, I ask our colleagues to remember that, appreciate that day, and have the opportunity to go out and participate in a prayer event and support this resolution.

Thank you very much, 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 SCHWANK, DINNIMAN, KITCHEN, BROWNE, TEPLITZ, BREWSTER, FARNESE, EICHELBERGER, ARGALL, BAKER, MCGARRIGLE, WHITE, YUDICHAK, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, COSTA, SCAVELLO, FONTANA, VULAKOVICH and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 335**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 30, 2016, as "Healthy Kids Day" in Pennsylvania and encouraging all children and their parents to incorporate active play and healthier habits into their daily lives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I offer this resolution on behalf of the YMCA in Berks County, although this is an event that is celebrated by YMCAs throughout the country. The point of the resolution is that as we look at our children today, at least one-third of kids between the ages of 5 and 11 are obese, and the majority of adults have weight problems as well. All of this inactivity is causing this problem, and inactivity in and of itself and the obesity leads to further health problems for our children as they move into adulthood - heart disease, diabetes, and many other illnesses that lead to an unhealthy life for our children.

So, what we are encouraging is for kids and their parents to get outside and play, and, in fact, in Berks County we will sponsor a special day at one of our ballfields for all of the children from the YMCAs throughout the county to come and celebrate and get outside and get some activity and learn about healthy eating habits as well. So, I certainly appreciate support of this resolution.

The PRESIDENT. Great idea, Senator Schwank.

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

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

Senators BROOKS, HAYWOOD, SABATINA, WILEY, TEPLITZ, BREWSTER, GREENLEAF, McGARRIGLE, ARGALL, DINNIMAN, SCHWANK, FARNESE, BROWNE, BAKER, WHITE, COSTA, WARD, YUDICHAK, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, SCAVELLO, FONTANA and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 336**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2016 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, I rise today to offer this resolution designating April 2016 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania. All too often it seems we hear the news of another heartbreakingly tragic incident of child abuse somewhere here in Pennsylvania. These stories grab our heart and our attention. We wonder, how can this happen? Who could do this? In 2014, there were 3,440 substantiated cases of child abuse here in the Commonwealth, with 38 children dying as a result of abuse or neglect. Mr. President, these are just the reported cases. We can only wonder how many other cases are out there. How many other young lives are in peril?

Child abuse crosses all economic and geographic boundaries. Child abuse can be prevented. We must work together to let families know that they have access to community resources that offer support, information, and guidance to help stop or prevent abusive behaviors or conditions. Together, churches, schools,

social service agencies, neighborhood groups, the medical association, and so many others are working to make a real difference in the lives of children at risk for abuse throughout this Commonwealth. Not only are they working to stop child abuse, but we also thank them for helping these precious children rebuild their lives. Mr. President, this resolution recognizes and commends the efforts being made so that every child in this Commonwealth has a childhood free of abuse and victimization.

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 FARNESE, BOSCOLA, WOZNIAC, RAFFERTY, SABATINA, FONTANA, McGARRIGLE, DINNIMAN, WHITE, BREWSTER, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, COSTA, YUDICHAK, BROWNE and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 337**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2016 as "Pennsylvania Donate Life Month."

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, very briefly, I rise today with my good friend, Senator Boscola, to once again offer this resolution designating April 2016 as "Pennsylvania Donate Life Month." I get up every year to speak about organ and tissue donation because it is a way that every one of us can save a life or significantly enhance someone's quality of life. The work done by our medical personnel and donation centers in Pennsylvania has made our Commonwealth a leader in the field of donation and transplantation, for which recognition is deserved. More than 8,600 men, women, and children are in need of lifesaving organ transplants in Pennsylvania, and more than 126,000 people are in need throughout the United States.

Senate Bill No. 180 establishes a comprehensive framework for public education about organ and tissue donations, it clarifies the methods for making anatomical donations, and updates the law to reflect the best clinical practices to support anatomical donations for transplantation. I am pleased to announce, Mr. President, that yesterday the Senate Committee on Judiciary voted out Senate Bill No. 180, Senator Greenleaf's Donate Life PA Act, which both Senator Boscola and I cosponsored. Senator Boscola and I urge the people of Pennsylvania to become organ donors, if they are not already, by selecting it as an option when obtaining or renewing their driver's license or ID cards, or by registering online at www.donatelifepa.org.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Michele Brooks) in the Chair.

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

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

Senators GREENLEAF, BREWSTER, FONTANA, BAKER WILEY, ARGALL, DINNIMAN, BROWNE, FARNESE, TEPLITZ, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, YUDICHAK, SCAVELLO, WHITE, COSTA, HUTCHINSON, MENSCH, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA and FOLMER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 338**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2016 as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Greenleaf.

Senator GREENLEAF. Madam President, I rise to ask for adoption of this resolution designating the month of May 2016 as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month." The prevention of Lyme disease and other tick-borne disorders is difficult. If proper caution is taken while engaged in outdoor activities from early spring to late fall, frequent tick checks are made and ticks are removed and disposed of properly, the people of the Commonwealth can greatly reduce their chances of risk of transmission. Pennsylvania has the dubious distinction of being the State with the most verified cases of Lyme disease in the nation. It is an epidemic that is occurring now, and it goes unreported and unnoticed.

This is the most underdiagnosed and misdiagnosed disease that we have. It is important for us to provide the awareness of how serious this disease can be. It can be chronic, it can be life-long, and it can be deadly. So it is important for us to adopt a resolution such as this, and I ask for a "yes" vote on this resolution.

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

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

Senators GREENLEAF, TEPLITZ, DINNIMAN, SCAVELLO, FONTANA, COSTA, RAFFERTY, McILHINNEY, VULAKOVICH, MENSCH and AUMENT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 339**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 1, 2016, as "The Battle of the Crooked Billet Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Greenleaf.

Senator GREENLEAF. Madam President, this resolution designates May 1, 2016, as "The Battle of the Crooked Billet Day" throughout this Commonwealth to honor the men of Pennsylvania militia under command leadership of Brigadier General John Lacey for their heroism, and especially those men who paid the ultimate sacrifice on May 1, 1778, for the competent and heroic leadership of Brigadier General John Lacey for preserving the militia from annihilation, and leading them to safety for all their sacred participation in the fight and struggle for freedom in the early years of the Republic in the United States of America. This is right in the middle of my district. It is a battle that took

place where our soldiers were outnumbered. We had 300, they had over 850 men, but they fought the battle and, ultimately, even though they did not win the battle, they won the war. And you know the saying, it is better to win the war than win the battle. This is exactly what happened for perseverance and heroism, courageous men who fought this battle and ultimately we were successful and led to the establishment of our wonderful country. I ask for unanimous adoption.

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

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

Senators TEPLITZ, EICHELBERGER, SABATINA, DINNIMAN, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, SCHWANK, VULAKOVICH, HUGHES, FARNESE, COSTA, RESCHENTHALER, BROWNE and HAYWOOD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 340**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 1, 2016, as "Law Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator Teplitz.

Senator TEPLITZ. Madam President, this resolution designates May 1, 2016, as "Law Day" in Pennsylvania. Law Day was first proclaimed by President Eisenhower on May 1, 1958. It honors the rule of law as a fundamental right of citizens, providing the opportunity to live under a society of equity and justice for all. In honor of the 50th anniversary of perhaps the nation's best known U.S. Supreme Court case, the Law Day theme this year is "Miranda: More Than Words." I think we are all familiar with that phrase, "You have the right to remain silent," some of us more than others. Just kidding. This theme explores the procedural protections afforded to all of us by the U.S. Constitution, how these rights are safeguarded by the courts, and why the preservation of these principles is essential to our liberty.

So, Madam President, I ask that my colleagues join me in designating May 1 as Law Day in Pennsylvania to celebrate the role of law in our society, and to cultivate a deeper understanding of the legal profession. 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.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alec Danyluk and to Richard Gilford by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to citizens of the City of Scranton by Senator Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Fay Corley, Kaitlyn Elizabeth Vale, Rockwell Pokrant, Devin Reynolds,

Marcus Swartfager, Austin Wilson, Thomas Somora, Ben McKnight, Will Rastatter, Emma Wilson and to the members and coaches of the Grove City Area High School Boys' Swimming and Diving Team by Senator Brooks.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dorothy Marie Cuddy Akerman by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to In Ian's Boots, Inc., by Senators Dinniman and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nicholas A. Stone and to Dalton W. Klingler by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Steve Prokopchak, Darin Cunningham and to the members and coach of the 1957 Lyndora/Butler High School Boys' Gymnastics Team by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Emma Lambert by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the members and coaches of the South Fayette High School Girls' Basketball Team by Senator Reschenthaler.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Colonel Glenn L. Wagner by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Keddins by Senator Smucker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to MI Windows and Doors, LLC, by Senator Teplitz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Chambers, Robert Kautter, Vance Row, Scott Asman and to Scott Eberly by Senators Tomlinson and Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Domenic Perretta and to the members and coaches of the Beaver Falls High School Boys' Basketball Team by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sean Lauer by Senator Wagner.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Vivian Evangeline Chapin by Senator McIlhinney.

POSTHUMOUS CITATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following citation, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

A posthumous citation honoring the late Samuel M. Bello, Sr., was extended to the family by Senator Hutchinson.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator FONTANA. Madam 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 807, SB 1011, SB 1038, SB 1195, SB 1200, HB 1325, HB 1394 and HB 1661.

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, APRIL 13, 2016

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 180)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (to consider House Bill No. 1788)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 879; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Haywood.

Senator HAYWOOD. Madam President, the Senate just faced a very challenging vote in connection with the distribution of funds to our public schools. Last year, then Secretary of Education Arne Duncan proclaimed that Pennsylvania was the worst State in the nation in terms of the disparity of funding between high-income and high-poverty school districts. Worst in the nation. Cuts by the prior administration maintained and possibly exacerbated that disparity. At the same time, it is true that we have worked hard for a bipartisan fair funding formula. I have been an advocate for such a formula and believe that what we have adopted is going in the right direction and is a significant step forward to have the funding formula that has been agreed to.

However, given the deep cuts that the high-poverty school districts endured, it has been my position that we should first restore school districts before implementing the basic funding formula. Otherwise, we lock in the deep disparities that make us the worst in the nation. In Philadelphia County, one of the counties which I represent, we were only 80 percent restored. Other school districts around the Commonwealth have been restored to 100 percent, some more than 100 percent. The deep-poverty school districts have suffered the worst.

I am also torn by the question about releasing PlanCon. These PlanCon funds are desperately needed throughout the Commonwealth to reimburse school districts for construction expenses that they have already incurred. This has been a very difficult vote for me. However, I cannot participate in continuing the most unequal education in the nation. It punishes the highest poverty school districts, and for that reason I vote "no."

Thank you, Madam President.

HOUSE MESSAGES**HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
TO HOUSE BILLS**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 794** and to **HB 1329**.

BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair wishes to announce the following bills were signed by the President (Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack) in the presence of the Senate:

HB 794, and **HB 1329**.

RESOLUTION SIGNED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair wishes to announce the following resolution was signed by the President (Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack) in the presence of the Senate:

HR 783.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:51 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.