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WEDNESDAY, April 13, 2016

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

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

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Senator ANDREW E. DINNIMAN:

(Translated from Hebrew:)

God, who is blessed and who has blessed us, hear our prayers, please.

Why do we pray? Why are these decorations and famous paintings here, all of which say things that are religious? It is to set a context for our deliberations. It is not simply an adornment or something that is decorative, but it is supposed to set that context. You know, all of us come into this Chamber, God, sometimes feeling angry, sometimes with a lot of angst, problems, sometimes bitterness, gridlock, and partisanship. Prayer allows us to relax for a moment. To relax. Understand that prayer gives us the context of the world in which we are in.

Today, I had two experiences which helped me understand what prayer is all about. As every year, I go to the Valley Forge Christian College, now the University of Valley Forge, for their day of community service. At the end of that service, I saw how joyful the students were. Faith combined with knowledge is of such power. They did something which I do not think that you would see, certainly you would not see at my college, you would not see at most colleges. At the end, they joined arms together, and they sang not a hymn, but they sang--Dr. Meyer, by the way, who is the uncle of one of our senior staff members got up there--and they sang, you know that song when we all get together, "I am your friend and you are my friend." But, you could not do that in many colleges, could you? Because we have gotten too cynical. We have forgotten the whole basis of our soul and our being. God, can you help this Senate and each of us as individuals find that place in our soul?

They did something else that was amazing. Dr. Meyer knew that I was to give the prayer today. So he told the students to continue to link their hands and to pray for the Senate, but to pray for the Senate with that same song, my friend and your friend. Now, I do not think, God, we are yet ready in the Senate to link hands together to sing my friend and your friend in unison as we look at our agenda each day, but then a second experience happened.

I read a story this morning, and the story is this, and this is in the prayer that I want to offer today, that a young man in the 16th century went to a very famous Rabbi, a rabbinical scholar, and he asked a question: where is God? And the scholar answered, God is wherever you let Him in. So as we stand here today, where is God? God is right here. That is why we pray. That is the context of our deliberations, is it not? God is wherever you let Him in. I thought about that for a second.

Finally, in this prayer, what I want us to do is let us go back to Genesis 2. We were all dust, were we not? God came down and He breathed life into Adam. The only thing we as Democrats and Republicans, as citizens who are here today, have in common right now at this moment in time is the air around us. God could breathe life into Abraham. It means that God, at this moment in time, can breathe life into each and every one of us. So, I want you for a second to forget the gridlock, to forget the anger, and to forget the partisanship. Just relax and with me, let us recognize God by taking a deep breath together, if we will, please. Feel that breath throughout our soul as God's breath that He gave to Adam, the breath that He gives to us. Then we all say together in prayer that all is well with our soul. That we feel His presence in us. Would you say that with me?

Prayer is not meant to just be what someone up here says, is it? It is meant to be the spirit, the spirit which makes our decisions. Would you say it with me? All is well with my soul. Do not be reluctant. You know, I had a Baptist minister friend of mine who said, can you give me an amen? All is well with our soul. Feel it. Know it. Express it. Say it with me, please. All is well with my soul. And would you give me an amen? Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Dinniman, and I feel all is well with my soul.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator McIlhinney, and legislative leaves for Senator Gordner, Senator Hutchinson, and Senator Reschenthaler.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Teplitz.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator McIlhinney, and legislative leaves for Senator Gordner, Senator Hutchinson, and Senator Reschenthaler.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Teplitz.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of January 27, 2016, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of January 27, 2016, when, on motion of Senator CORMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, further reading was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Senators RAFFERTY, COSTA, BROOKS, WOZNIAK, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, SABATINA, McGARRIGLE, TEPLITZ, BREWSTER, ARGALL, WILEY, DINNIMAN, BAKER, SCAVELLO, GORDNER, FARNESE, McILHINNEY, SCHWANK, WHITE, VOGEL, VULAKOVICH, YUDICHAK, HUTCHINSON, MENSCH, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, SCARNATI, CORMAN, WARD, EICHELBERGER, FOLMER and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 341**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of May 15 through 21, 2016, as "National Police Week" and May 2, 2016, as "Police Officers' Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, this is a resolution that the two of us cosponsored for many years representing the Senate of Pennsylvania, and I am happy to have as a cosponsor on this resolution my friend from Allegheny County, Senator Costa. This is a very important and significant resolution honoring our police officers, recognizing them for their valor and courage, and taking the time to salute those police officers who have fallen in the line of duty, our true and real heroes. Mr. President, we have often said, we long for the year when we are not adding any names. Unfortunately, this year we will be adding six names for those fallen. Mr. President, we will be adding Police Officer Lloyd E. Reed, Patrolman John James Wilding, Lieutenant Eric A. Esalary, Detective Paul J. Koropal, and Police Officer Robert Wilson. We are also adding a name, Sergeant Sheryl A. Pierce, who passed away due to duty-related illness.

Mr. President, it is a somber day for all of us here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. May we all reflect on those who give their lives to insure our safety and our protection. Mr. President, I will yield the floor to the gentleman from Allegheny County, Senator Costa. Before I do so and after the resolution roll call, if we could have a moment of silence in honor of our fallen heroes.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman, my friend from Montgomery County, for his support of our men and women in blue.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I am honored and humbled to join my friend and colleague, Senator Rafferty, in offering this resolution to recognize "National Police Week" and "Police Officers' Memorial Day" in upcoming May. We recognize National Police Week each year. As a former law enforcement officer, this program and this resolution hold a special significance to me. Each year though, I struggle with simply saying that we are recognizing the week. Police Week is all about honoring and remembering those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Each one of the officers that Senator Rafferty referenced were more than men and women in uniform and more than simply a badge number. They were the sons and daughters, husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, and friends of so many in our community. Their loss created a void for their families and their communities that can never be filled. Each loss was tragic and unexpeted.

This year, Mr. President, we offer this resolution. I want us to do more than just recognize the officers and their lives. I want us to celebrate them. I want us to commit to joining the families and the celebration of lives well lived and service so deserving of our respect and their admiration. While we can never replace what each of these families has lost or repay them for the sacrifices made, what we can do and what we should do is celebrate who these officers were and the hopes and the dreams that they had for the future. My support of this resolution and the celebration of National Police Week this year is my renewed commitment to never forget the names or the faces. To celebrate them is always to do everything we can to support their families for the rest of their lives. I cannot think of a better reason to offer this resolution celebrating National Police Week and Police Officers' Memorial Day in May. My thanks to each of them and their families for their service and their sacrifice, and I wish them Godspeed.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks both Senator Rafferty and Senator Costa for recognizing the incredible valor, bravery, and sacrifice of our men and women in blue and that their sacrifices are also a celebration for the rest of us to go on and build this State into all it can be.

At the request of Senator Rafferty, the Senate will now prepare to observe a moment of silence for all of those who have sacrificed everything for us. We will now have a moment of silence for our fallen police officers.

(Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of our FALLEN POLICE OFFICERS.)

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

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

YEA-49

Alloway	Eichelberger	Mensch	Vogel
Argall	Farnese	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Aument	Folmer	Reschenthaler	Wagner

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

NAY-0

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Reschenthaler and Senator Teplitz have returned, and their respective leaves are cancelled.

GUESTS OF SENATOR RYAN P. AUMENT AND SENATOR LLOYD K. SMUCKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, it is my privilege today to introduce my guest, former Senator Noah Wenger. Senator Wenger served the people of northern Lancaster County in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives as well as the State Senate, serving in the House from 1976 to 1982, and then the State Senate from 1982 to 2006. After 34 years of service to the people of northern Lancaster County and to this Commonwealth, he returned home with his integrity intact, his character never questioned, loved and respected by those he served so well. Would you please join me in welcoming Senator Wenger back to the Chamber.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of our friend Senator Aument, a class act, Senator Noah Wenger, back with us on the Senate floor, please rise to be welcomed by the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, additionally, I am pleased today to introduce two guests from the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Every year, Make-A-Wish Foundation grants wishes to children who are unfortunately faced with life-threatening medical conditions. One of those children is Leah Sauder. Leah is a constituent of mine. She lives in Denver, Pennsylvania, with her parents, Travis and Carolyn Sauder, and brother, Ethan. Leah's wish was to go to Disney World and meet Tinker Bell, and I am happy to share that her wish was granted last January.

Another guest, a wish child, is Kaitlyn Wells. Kaitlyn resides in Ephrata with her mom, Sheila Hagey. Kaitlyn had her wish to meet LeSean McCoy granted when the Buffalo Bills played the Philadelphia Eagles this past December. Both Leah and Kaitlyn are examples of the great work and tremendous generosity of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The Make-A-Wish Foundation is represented today by Ben Lee. We could not be happier to have them all here with us at the State Capitol. Please join me in welcoming Leah, Kaitlyn, and Ben to the Pennsylvania Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Before we do that, Senator Smucker would like to join in the introduction.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Smucker.

Senator SMUCKER. Mr. President, I join Senator Aument in welcoming a family and an amazing child from my district as well. This amazing child and his family teach us simple lessons about how to be great by living every day with courage and by making every minute count. That message is something we all too often take for granted. Today, I am joined by Amir Fowler, who, as I mentioned, is a Make-A-Wish child from Lancaster County. Amir is joined by his parents, Quianna Chambers and Samuel Fowler. Every child has a unique and compelling story, but many have similar wishes, and that is to go to Disney World. Amir was able to go to Florida last August for some sun and some fun and for the opportunity to enjoy quality family time away from the stresses of life. Amir and his family are three people who remind us every day to pursue happiness and to live every minute with joy and love. I am so honored that Amir and his family are joining us here today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks both of our great Senators from Lancaster County, Senator Aument and Senator Smucker, and now we would like Leah, Kaitlyn, Ben, and Amir to please rise so we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. You are making our wish come true by being here, kids. Thank you.

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 pleasure of introducing a group of young men and women from my district who are visiting the Capitol as part of my third annual Model Senate program. Mr. President, I recognize that all of my colleagues, at least many of them, also have Model Senate programs. Our program consists of several sessions that are held in my office. School districts throughout Berks County participate, and we have about 75 up-and-coming Senators who are here with us today.

My colleagues would also be interested in knowing that they are working on legislation similar to what we have done. Later on today they are going to pass a bill which includes medical cannabis, Senate Bill No. 3, as well as hemp, Senate Bill No. 50. I guess they are just more efficient than we are, Mr. President, they get it all done in one bill. In a few minutes, the Senators are going to take part in their final session, where several of their surviving bills will be debated and voted on, after which the model Governor will veto or sign the bills into law. My staff and I have been continuously impressed at the caliber of work of these high school students. They are extremely impressive. I am very, very proud to say that these individuals represent the youth in our schools in Berks County. Would you please join me in welcoming my guests, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Schwank, the up-and-coming young people, the Senators in the gallery, please rise so we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF THE PRESIDENT PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair exercises his prerogative, we are honored to have as our guests here today in the Senate members of the Consular Corps Association of Philadelphia, as you see, seated to my right. The CCAP is the oldest association of foreign consuls in the United States and currently includes 38 members representing countries from all over the world. Their duties include promoting commercial, cultural, educational, and government relationships, as well as serving foreign citizens and visiting dignitaries. Since most members representing their countries serve on a volunteer basis, the Consular Corps Association of Philadelphia provides really important assistance to their various missions. They also provide Philadelphia with a window into the diplomatic world.

They support local nonprofits that contribute to the city's international agenda, and they build relationships with Philadelphia's leaders. They also partner with other international organizations and provide financial assistance to selected educational and cultural organizations within the city. I ask the Senate to please give the members of the Consular Corps a warm welcome. Consuls, please rise so we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

It is now my pleasure to introduce the president of the Consular Corps Association of Philadelphia, Mr. Peter Longstreth, who has served as the honorary consul of Uruguay in Philadelphia since 2014. He is a native Philadelphian and a graduate of Princeton University. He began his business career as a banker in Latin America in 1980 and has gone on to build a career in real estate that has extended to a diverse set of public and private sector experiences. In 2001, he was appointed president and CEO of the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation and served in a tremendous way for 11 years. He is now actively engaged in promoting Uruguay and exports throughout the United States through the Port of Philadelphia.

Please welcome, for remarks, our friend Peter Longstreth.

(Applause.)

Mr. LONGSTRETH. In a previous life, I was the president, as you heard, of PIDC and had the great honor and privilege of working very closely with Senator Stack in northeast Philadelphia, which is a real economic engine in its own right, so this is a special pleasure today. I will start by addressing Lieutenant Governor Stack, President pro tempore Scarnati, and distinguished Members of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on behalf of my colleagues at the Consular Corps Association of Philadelphia. We are really deeply honored to be recognized by this august body in this magnificent setting, and we thank you very sincerely.

As you heard, like a lot of great organizations in Philadelphia, our association is the oldest consular organization in the United States, and our members, as you heard, currently represent 38 countries around the world. As any association, our fundamental responsibility is to support those members so they can maximize

their individual effectiveness, and the turnout today really reflects the enthusiastic participation of our group. Generally speaking, consular activities fall into two categories, which range widely in accordance with the circumstances and the individual country. First, consuls promote commercial, cultural, educational, and governmental relationships between the Philadelphia region and the individual countries that they represent. Secondly, we address the local needs of foreign citizens and visiting dignitaries.

With that very broad background, our message today is respectful and threefold. First, foreign trade and investment are clearly dynamic potential economic engines which should be prioritized at the highest level in both the executive and legislative branches of Pennsylvania government. Global interconnectedness is real and important. Secondly, as an international extension of Pennsylvania's business development infrastructure, the Consular Corps Association of Philadelphia can provide unique access to the public and private sector decisionmakers in the countries and markets that we represent, and we want to be helpful. Thirdly, we hope that today can be the beginning of an active partnership between our consular corps and Pennsylvania's ongoing international initiatives. We want to be at the table with you.

So, in closing, we express special thanks to Secretary Cortes and to his staff for the incredible work they have done to give us a remarkable experience here today, and I reiterate our profound thanks for your time and attention.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Peter. And also let me mention that we have Secretary Pedro Cortes here, who does so much in connecting us with international trade, in addition to his other excellent performance in duty.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF THE PRESIDENT AND SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Dinniman.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, it is my privilege to introduce a guest from my county who has been your intern, Lieutenant Governor Stack, and has learned a great deal from you over these last months and will soon further that knowledge by being an intern with me as well. The individual, as a guest of our President here, is on the floor and we want to introduce him to you. His name is Alan Rivest. Alan is a resident of the Oxford area, Chester County. He is a student at Shippensburg University. He is here, as you know, there is a program that the State System of Higher Education has, The Harrisburg Seminar, and through that program State System students are placed in different offices, though it is pretty good to get placed in the Lieutenant Governor's Office, so you had an extra special opportunity, Alan. Alan also led the effort of what is called Ship Votes, the effort to get young people to register to vote and to become active within our political process.

I will tell you something that impressed me the most. Alan knew he needed to earn some extra money to get through college, so he took a job, and the job he took was to take care of those dirty dishes that came in and scrape off the food that every-

one else left on them. He was not afraid of hard work. He knew it was how you get through college, it is what you have to do to advance yourself. But within a year, he went from scraping off the food on those dishes to becoming the manager of all of the students in that dining room. Is that not what we represent and what we want to have all young people do? To understand the value of work, to understand that you can improve yourself, to understand that if you are wiping those dishes, you can also eventually have the American dream of getting a college education and going on in your life.

So, Mr. President, I know you will encourage the Members to give Mr. Rivest a warm welcome and to say as we welcome him, Alan, you are exactly the kind of student who is going to keep America alive and well in the years ahead. Thank you, Alan, for your service, and Mr. President, please, if you will.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you to my friend from Chester County, Senator Dinniman, for recognizing his guest and my great intern, Alan Rivest, who did a wonderful job for us and has a great future. Please welcome him to the Pennsylvania Senate. (Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator McIlhinney and Senator Hutchinson have returned, and their respective leaves are cancelled.

GUESTS OF SENATOR PATRICIA H. VANCE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator VANCE. Mr. President, today I introduce the Toohey family, who are here today as guests of Senator Greenleaf and myself. The Tooheys lost a family member - to some a wife, to some a mother, to some a sister, and daughter - to complications from Crohn's disease last June. Sharon passed away at the age of 53. She loved riding horses, going on cruises, walking the beach, and watching her sons play sports.

Crohn's is a chronic inflammatory condition of the gastrointestinal tract. It most commonly affects the end of the small bowel and the beginning of the colon, but it may affect any part of the gastrointestinal tract. The exact cause is unknown and there is no cure, but there is some medication to suppress the inflammation. Senator Greenleaf will be offering a resolution recognizing May 2016 as Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis Awareness Month in Pennsylvania.

In the gallery today are Sharon's husband, Kevin Toohey; her sons, Sean, Kyle, and Ryan; Ryan's friend, Ashley Roberts; Sharon's parents, Major Charles and Loretta Cameron; her brother Mark Cameron, his wife, Joanna, and their son, David; her brother Jeff Cameron, and his daughter, Zoe; finally, Sharon's sister, Shannon Cameron. Please give them a very warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Will the members of the Toohey family and delegation please rise so we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

The Chair thanks Senator Vance for her focus on this important issue. (Applause.)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators GREENLEAF, WILEY, TEPLITZ, BREWSTER, McGARRIGLE, SABATINA, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, SCAVELLO, FONTANA, COSTA, BAKER, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, WHITE, HUTCHINSON, MENSCH, AUMENT and BARTOLOTTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 342**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2016 as "Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, I thank my colleague, Senator Vance, and I thank her constituents for being here today and putting a face on the families who are affected by this disease. I also have a constituent in my district, and believe me, we have them in all of our districts, individuals who are suffering from this disease that can be, and unfortunately has been, deadly.

Crohn's and colitis are chronic diseases that cause inflammation of the digestive and gastrointestinal tract. Crohn's and colitis are incurable conditions but are often controlled with the right treatment, diet, regimen, and careful monitoring. These conditions affect Pennsylvanians of all ages from all walks of life. More than 1.6 million Americans suffer from these diseases. Ten percent of those afflicted by Crohn's and colitis are children under the age of 18. Up to 75 percent of the people with Crohn's disease and about 23 percent to 45 percent of people with ulcerative colitis will eventually require surgery.

Adoption of this resolution will increase public awareness of Crohn's and colitis sufferers' circumstances, acknowledging the impact these diseases have on patients and families, and recognize the need for research for treatment and the cure of these conditions. This resolution also urges all Pennsylvanians to learn more about these diseases, and I ask your support for the adoption of the resolution.

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

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

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of off-the-floor committee meetings to be held in the Rules room at the back of the Chamber. First, a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of off-the-floor committee meetings of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations,

the Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Scavello, and a legislative leave for Senator Rafferty.

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 12 (Pr. No. 2472) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-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 without amendments.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 31 and **HB 150** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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 third time and agreed to,
And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, many students with disabilities who are graduating from high school are willing, able, and want to work. Unfortunately, many of these young people are graduating from high school to their parents' couch, with little hope of finding a good job or achieving their full independence. The statistics are striking. Unemployment for people with disabilities is around 14 percent, and nearly 80 percent of people with disabilities are currently not in the workforce. This bill seeks to change this and represents a collaboration between individuals, organizations, and disability advocacy groups.

Over the past year, Members of the Senate have been visited by young people involved with the "I Want To Work" campaign. You have listened to their stories, you have heard their voices, and many of you have taken selfies with these young people. Dr. Josie Badger and her colleagues were the leading voices for this initiative, and today we are acting to help insure the successful transition of high school students with disabilities into a competitive, integrated work environment.

House Bill No. 400 requires the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Labor and Industry to collaborate with local educational agencies, schools, public and private employers, and others to help create educational plans for students, to arrange work-based learning experiences and internships, and to provide professional job coaching. The Department of Labor

and Industry has committed \$5 million in State funding, and that will be matched by \$18 million to \$20 million in Federal dollars through vocational rehab.

I have been pleased to work with my friend and colleague, Representative Gingrich, who chairs the House Committee on Labor and Industry, and this is her bill. She has truly been a champion in this effort. I also commend and pay special thanks to the Democratic chair of the Committee on Labor and Industry, Senator Tartaglione, who has been equally a champion and a voice, as well as the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Industry, Kathy Manderino, and the Wolf administration. The disability advocacy groups, "I Want To Work" campaign, the United Way, 21 and Able, the Campaign for What Works, and the ARC have all been involved in this important initiative, and I have been pleased to be the sponsor of the Senate version of this bill.

So today with your support for House Bill No. 400, young people with disabilities will help to secure their future. I urge an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Alloway	Eichelberger	Mensch	Vogel
Argall	Farnese	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Aument	Folmer	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

SB 606 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 665 (Pr. No. 1187) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) and 57 (Notaries Public) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers of attorney, further providing for general provisions; and, in

Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, further providing for short form certificates, for implementation of power of attorney and for durable powers of attorney.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 805 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 826 (Pr. No. 1841) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 910, HB 928, HB 930, SB 1031, SB 1077, SB 1115 and SB 1144 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1156 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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 third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-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 without amendments.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1589 (Pr. No. 3178) -- 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 school district debt refinancing bonds; providing for 2015-2016 budget implementation; and making editorial changes.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, very briefly, I remind the Members that House Bill No. 1589 represents the Fiscal Code legislation that was considered and debated yesterday where an amendment was added that primarily relates to the implementation document for the budget that the Governor allowed to become law, but also issues relating to the school funding formula as well as PlanCon and a variety of other areas as well.

So, I remind the Members of that issue. Thank you.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-38

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

NAY-11

Costa	Haywood	Kitchen	Tartaglione
Dinniman	Hughes	Leach	Williams
Farnese	Hutchinson	Sabatina	

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.

RECONSIDERATION OF HB 1589

BILL ON FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1589 (Pr. No. 3178) -- Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 1589, Printer's No. 3178, just passed finally.

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

LEAVE CHANGED

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request that Senator Rafferty's leave be changed from a legislative leave to a personal leave.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests that Senator Rafferty's legislative leave be changed to personal leave. Without objection, the leave will be changed.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-37

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

NAY-11

Costa	Haywood	Kitchen	Tartaglione
Dinniman	Hughes	Leach	Williams
Farnese	Hutchinson	Sabatina	

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

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 340 (Pr. No. 1608) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in indebtedness and borrowing, further providing for definitions, for classification and authority to issue bonds and notes, for cost of project and for exclusion of other self-liquidating debt to determine net nonelectoral debt or net lease rental debt; providing for preliminary filings with the department prior to the issuance of certain debt; further providing for small borrowing for capital purposes, for debt statement, for submission to department, for certificate of approval of transcript, for effect of failure of timely action by department and for records of department; and providing for duties of participants in transactions relating to incurring debt and issuing bonds and notes.

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.

SB 341 (Pr. No. 475) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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.

SB 342 (Pr. No. 1383) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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.

HB 342 (Pr. No. 1050) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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.

SB 343 (Pr. No. 477) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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.

SB 344 (Pr. No. 478) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 359 and **HB 380** -- 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 423 (Pr. No. 458) -- 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 school health services, providing for administration of epinephrine auto-injectors by school bus drivers.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 608 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 806 (Pr. No. 2948) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1974 (P.L.973, No.319), known as the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974, further providing for land devoted to agricultural use, agricultural reserve, and/or forest reserve, for responsibilities of department and for responsibilities of county assessor in establishing use values.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 807 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1011 (Pr. No. 1271) -- 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 general budget implementation, further providing for Environmental Quality Board.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 1014 (Pr. No. 1272) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 1014 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 1014, Printer's No. 1272, 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 1038 and **SB 1041** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1062 (Pr. No. 1679) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in burglary and other criminal intrusions, further providing for burglary; and, in sentencing, providing for sentencing for burglary.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1087 and **SB 1154** -- 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 1154 (Pr. No. 1966) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

BILL REREFERRED

SB 1159 (Pr. No. 1595) -- 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 preliminary provisions, providing for review of the State plan required under the Every Student Succeeds Act.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1195 (Pr. No. 1677) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL REREFERRED

SB 1200 (Pr. No. 1676) -- 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, 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.

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 1200, HB 1310, HB 1325, HB 1330, HB 1394, HB 1661 and HB 1712 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 879 (Pr. No. 1618) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act providing for the establishment of a savings program by the Treasury Department to encourage savings accounts for individuals with disabilities; establishing the Pennsylvania ABLE Savings Program and the ABLE Savings Program Fund; and imposing duties on the Treasury Department.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS GUESTS OF THE PRESIDENT AND SENATOR JAY COSTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, we are honored today to have with us here on the Senate floor for a brief few moments the Honorable Patrick J. Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy is a former member of the United States House of Representatives and one of the nation's leading political voices on mental illness, addiction, and other brain diseases. During his 16-year career representing Rhode Island in the U.S. Congress, he fought a national battle to end medical and societal discrimination against these illnesses, highlighted by his cosponsorship of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equality Act of 2008 and his brave openness about his own health challenges.

Since then, Mr. President, he has founded the Kennedy Forum, which unites the community of mental health folks, and co-founded One Mind for Research, a global leader in open science collaboration and brain research. Mr. Kennedy is also the co-author of "A Common Struggle," which outlines a bold plan for the future of mental health in America. He currently resides in the State of New Jersey with his wife, Amy, and their four children.

Mr. President, he is here as your guest today, and a reception has taken place in your office. I thank you for the invitation to the Members. He is also joined here today by the Secretary of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Gary Tennis. Let me say, the issue that has been plaguing this Commonwealth, particularly with respect to drug and alcohol addiction, and many of the barriers to treatment that we see firsthand in our communities, these two gentlemen have been leading the fight both in Pennsylvania and across this country. Since they were here, I wanted to take an opportunity to thank my friend, Senator Scarnati, for allowing him the opportunity to stop and say hello on the floor and allowing the Senate to have an opportunity to give him a warm Pennsylvania Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Costa for the introduction of Patrick Kennedy and our great Gary Tennis. Congressman Kennedy and Secretary Tennis, we appreciate everything you do in fighting the number one health issue in America, addiction and mental health issues. Thank you so much. Would the Senate please welcome Mr. Kennedy and Secretary Tennis.

(Applause.)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 879 (Pr. No. 1618) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the establishment of a savings program by the Treasury Department to encourage savings accounts for individuals with disabilities; establishing the Pennsylvania ABLE Savings Program and the ABLE Savings Program Fund; and imposing duties on the Treasury Department.

On the question,
Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 879?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin, Senator Alloway.

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 879.

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

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I rise to speak about another important piece of legislation impacting individuals with disabilities. Every Member of the Senate, whether Republican, Democratic, conservative, or moderate, is sympathetic to the challenges - physical, emotional, and financial - faced by families raising and caring for those with disabilities. We commend the commitment, the sacrifice, and the investment that they devote. While our good wishes are, no doubt, appreciated, it is our constructive actions that provide true help. In every way, policies and programs designed for individuals who have a disability should aim at helping them achieve the greatest level of independence their capabilities and their spirit will allow. That is clearly the purpose of this legislation headed to the Governor very shortly.

The policy details match the good intentions of an approach that is entitled Achieving a Better Life Experience, commonly known as ABLE. Setting up tax-free savings accounts modeled after our highly-popular and successful college tuition account program seems like a simple thing, but it is a very big step because families can now continue to receive essential services, plus set aside money for possibilities to overcome barriers and exceed limitations for protection against any serious setbacks. No longer will one subtract from the other. In this skeptical age, it is necessary to reinforce that nothing is being given away here. Rather, we are encouraging and supporting family initiative and family responsibility. In my experience, no one works more diligently or more passionately than disability advocates, and that includes groups, families, and individuals who relate their stories. So, for them, this is a victory well earned and well deserved.

I would just like to take a moment to thank the individuals who helped work on this legislation. Special thanks to Senator Tartaglione, who has been a champion; Senator Casey, who authored the ABLE accounts at the Federal level; Senator Eichelberger in our Committee on Finance; Representative O'Neill and Representative Marshall on the House side; Kathy Eakin of our staff; and the folks at the Treasury Department who will implement this bill. So, I urge an affirmative vote on concurrence and want to thank everyone for their commitment to helping us continue to serve individuals with disabilities across the Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman for her great work.

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

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

YEA-48

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES
AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

Senator ALLOWAY, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported communications from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, recalling the following nominations, which were read by the Clerk as follows:

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard (Public Member), 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve until June 23, 2018, and [data missing] her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Tina Miller, Pittsburgh, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ANIMAL HEALTH
AND DIAGNOSTIC COMMISSION

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 15, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 115 North Street, Apt. 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Animal Health and Diagnostic Com-

mission, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jerry Slayton, Bedford, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN STATES
LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 2, 2016, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice E. Christopher Abruzzo, Hershey, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTS LICENSURE BOARD

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Architects Licensure Board, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John Martine, Pittsburgh, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, to serve until July 1, 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Susan Corbett, Glenshaw, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BANKING AND
SECURITIES COMMISSION

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Banking and Securities Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Gerald Pappert, Plymouth Meeting, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 24, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2018, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice MaryAnn Warren, New Milford, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 24, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2016, of Brenda L. Rios, 1224 N. 3rd Street, Unit 502, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ross Orner, Rockton, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 24, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2016, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Edward Kuckuck, Indiana, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

March 24, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve until October 14, 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Karie Schoeneman, Pottsville, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

March 24, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 2, 2016, of Brenda L. Rios (Public Member), 1224 N. 3rd Street, Unit 502, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve for *[data missing]* three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ann Catalano, Camp Hill, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF CRANE OPERATORS

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard (Public Member), 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Crane Operators, to serve until December 8, 2018, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jason Giurintano, Camp Hill, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LACKAWANNA COUNTY

April 1, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 31, 2016, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as District Attorney for the County of Lackawanna, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice Andrew J. Jarbola, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2016, of Brenda L. Rios, 1224 N. 3rd Street, Unit 502, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve until October 15, 2016, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joan Tarloff, Collegeville, deceased.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF EBENSBURG CENTER

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 2, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to

serve until January 16, 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rose Planinsek, Ligonier, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF EBENSBURG CENTER

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 2, 2016, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until January 21, 2021, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Dixie Henry, Mount Union, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF EBENSBURG CENTER

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2016, of Brenda L. Rios, 1224 N. 3rd Street, Unit 502, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until January 20, 2021, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Marcelle Cooney, Cresson, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 2, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority, to serve for *[data missing]* four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Sanders, Philadelphia, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard (District 6), 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and *[data missing]* her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Robert Bachman, Denver, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
GAME COMMISSION

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 15, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard (District 7), 115 North Street, Apt. 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice James Delaney, Wilkes-Barre, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF HAMBURG CENTER

March 24, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 2, 2016, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Hamburg Center, to serve until January 21, 2021, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joanne D. Reckley, Temple, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE HARNESS
RACING COMMISSION

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2016, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Harness Racing Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice C. Edward Rogers, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2016, of Brenda L. Rios, 1224 N. 3rd Street, Unit 502, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Cecelia Dougherty, Philadelphia, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 2, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for [data missing] three years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice C. Michael Blackwood, Mars, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

March 24, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 3, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, to serve for a term of five years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice J. Whyatt Mondesire, Philadelphia, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE INDUSTRIAL BOARD

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 2, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Industrial Board, to serve until the third Tuesday in January 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Bony Dawood, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
ALLEGHENY COUNTY

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 29, 2016, of Mary K. Topper, Esq., 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice The Honorable Kathleen Mulligan, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 2, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Kutztown University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for

[data missing] six years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard Orwig, Wyomissing, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Landscape Architects, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Daniel DiMucci, West Chester, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MASSAGE THERAPY

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 2, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard (Public Member), 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2018, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Tammy Gillette, Blooming Grove, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

March 24, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2016, of Brenda L. Rios, 1224 N. 3rd Street, Unit 502, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for *[data missing]* three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Barbara Butcher, Wellsboro, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 2, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for *[data missing]* three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ray Morrow, Pittsburgh, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 2, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Richard Bruno, Brockway, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard (Public Member), 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Lisa Hegedus, Jeannette, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 15, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 115 North Street, Apt. 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Denise Wilcox, Doylestown, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF PARDONS

March 24, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2016, of Mary K. Topper, Esq., 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Pardons, to serve until November 30, 2021, vice Louise Williams, Lancaster, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 2, 2016, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, to serve until June 11, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Craig DeFranco, Roseto, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 2, 2016, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Podiatry, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Barbara Wiggin, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

March 24, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, to serve for a term of six years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, vice Jeffrey Imboden, Lebanon, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

March 24, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 10, 2016, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, vice Michael Green, Wyncote, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 2, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard (Public Member), 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve for *[data missing]* six years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joseph Mackey, Mount Bethel, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION BOARD
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND
SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2016, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Earnest Long, Gettysburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2016, of Brenda L. Rios, 1224 N. 3rd Street, Unit 502, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of South Mountain Restoration Center, to serve until January 21, 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Shank, Chambersburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 15, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard (Public Member), 115 North Street, Apt. 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, to serve for a term of three years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice James Creason, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2016, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Frank Snyder, Reynoldsville, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER *[sic]*

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the *[data missing]* Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2021, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph Fragle, Sharon, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 2, 2016, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2021, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Loretta Hogans, New Castle, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF WHITE HAVEN CENTER

March 24, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 11, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 214 Cumberland Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of White Haven Center, to serve until January 21, 2021, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Donald Karpowich, Freeland, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF WHITE HAVEN CENTER

March 24, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 2, 2016, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of White Haven Center, to serve until January 21, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Louise Powell-McLafferty, Clarks Summit, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 11, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 29, 2016, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Centre, Magisterial District 49-2-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice The Honorable Leslie A. Dutchcot, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 15, 2016, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Northampton, Magisterial District 03-2-11, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice The Honorable Patricia Romig-Passaro, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 8, 2016

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 15, 2016, of Leah J. Sheppard, 115 North Street, Apt. 107, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Northampton, Magisterial District 03-3-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice The Honorable Todd Strohe, deceased.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I request that the nominations just read by the Clerk be returned to His Excellency, the Governor.

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

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be returned to the Governor.

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES
AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

Senator ALLOWAY, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following nomination made by His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

December 11, 2015

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael Newsome, 2183 Salisbury Street, York 17408, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, to serve until the third Tuesday of May 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joseph E. Brion, Esq., West Chester, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATION LAID ON THE TABLE

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I request that the nomination just read by the Clerk be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT. The nomination will be laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator ALLOWAY, That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering a certain nomination made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I call from the table a certain nominations and ask for its consideration.

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

December 11, 2015

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On the question,
Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?

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

YEA-48

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 180 (Pr. No. 1678) (Rereported)

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

Senator WARD, from the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development, reported the following bill:

HB 1788 (Pr. No. 2734)

An Act amending the act of December 21, 1998 (P.L.1307, No.174), known as the Community and Economic Improvement Act, providing for special financing assessments.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators WARD, FARNESE, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, MENSCH, BARTOLOTTA, RAFFERTY, TEPLITZ, VULAKOVICH, COSTA, FONTANA, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, AUMENT, SABATINA, HUTCHINSON and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 343**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 13, 2016, as "Industrial Resource Center Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Westmoreland, Senator Ward.

Senator WARD. Mr. President, Senator Farnese and I offer this resolution designating April 13, 2016, as "Industrial Resource Center Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania, also known

as IRC. IRCs serve the ever-vital manufacturing industries throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and are a critical tool in the continued development and expansion of manufacturing in our great Commonwealth.

IRCs provide technical services and essential expertise in an increasingly competitive and global marketplace to small and mid-size Pennsylvania manufacturers in the area of innovation, process improvement, reshoring, and technology acceleration. It is only fitting that we should recognize the positive impact IRCs have on Pennsylvania manufacturing, given their prominent role in assisting in the creation and retention of jobs in more than 3,200 manufacturing businesses and facilitating more than \$1.6 billion of manufacturing investment that positively impacted more than 57,000 created or retained manufacturing jobs.

So, it is with great pleasure that I express my personal appreciation for the IRCs and the many fine individuals who carry out the important work of the IRCs. Thank you very much.

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

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

Senators AUMENT, SMUCKER, BREWSTER, SABATINA, HAYWOOD, DINNIMAN, ARGALL, GREENLEAF, TEPLITZ, YAW, RAFFERTY, WARD, BROWNE, COSTA, BARTOLOTTA, FARNESE, FONTANA, MENSCH, SCHWANK, VULAKOVICH, YUDICHAK and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 344**, entitled:

A Resolution expressing the support of the Senate of Pennsylvania for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and encouraging this organization in its efforts to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

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

Senators SABATINA, DINNIMAN, HAYWOOD, GREENLEAF, TEPLITZ, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, BROWNE, BARTOLOTTA, FARNESE, FONTANA, COSTA, SCHWANK, VULAKOVICH, YUDICHAK, LEACH and ARGALL, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 345**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of April 25 through 29, 2016, as "Every Kid Healthy Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SABATINA. Mr. President, today I rise to offer this resolution to mark the week of April 25 to 29, 2016, as "Every Kid Healthy Week" in Pennsylvania. Data shows that there are a number of benefits for kids who increase the amount of physical activity in their daily lives, such as improving academic performance and reducing the risk of developing obesity and other chronic health conditions as an adult, like heart disease and bone and joint problems. The obesity and physical inactivity epidemics in the United States are well known, including here in Penn-

sylvania, where 30 percent of Pennsylvania children ages 10 to 17 are considered overweight or obese. More specifically, 14 percent of Pennsylvania children between 10 and 17 are considered obese, and less than 20 percent meet the recommended levels of aerobic and muscle strengthening physical activities.

This issue has gone beyond a public health policy matter as the increasing levels of obesity and physical inactivity are directly linked to increasing governmental healthcare costs. Here in Pennsylvania, we have some of the nation's highest healthcare costs. Currently, we rank 11 out of 51 in healthcare spending per capita. I am encouraging the legislature to recognize the importance of a physically active lifestyle and the role it plays in physical, psychological, and academic well-being of Pennsylvania's children. By supporting this resolution, which will designate April 25 to 29, 2016, as Every Kid Healthy Week, we will help draw attention to this important issue. Thank you very much.

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

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

Senator McILHINNEY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 346**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of April 2016 as "Limb Loss Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes my former classmate at La Salle High School, who represents Bucks County, Senator McIlhinney.

Senator McILHINNEY. Thank you, Mr. President. I try to keep that fact anonymous.

The PRESIDENT. I was exposing you.

Senator McILHINNEY. Mr. President, I rise today to ask my colleagues to support my resolution recognizing the month of April 2016 as "Limb Loss Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. When I first introduced the resolution on this topic last year, I noted that this issue has touched our Senate family on a very personal level. Brett Waple, son of my executive director, Gail Reinard, had a partial amputation of his foot several years ago, and John Platek, husband of my chief of staff, Heather Cevasco, had his left leg amputated below the knee 3 years ago this month. Seeing and hearing about their journeys offers a unique and revealing perspective. In many cases, we get to share in the joy as individuals like John and Brett conquer new obstacles and achieve significant personal milestones. What we rarely see are the weeks, months, and years of physical pain, emotional heartbreak, and dogged determination leading up to those accomplishments.

Regardless of the cause of their limb loss, amputees are forced to contend with a lifelong condition that can turn even the simplest job into a serious chore. Despite all of the advances we have seen in medicine and technology, those who experience limb loss still face significant challenges in performing tasks that most of us take for granted. Even the most advanced prosthetic devices often require numerous adjustments and frequent re-

placements, and the constant process of trial and error in fitting and using these devices can be disheartening and financially distressing, not only for the individual, but also for their family. The general public is often unaware of the challenges faced by the amputee community. Raising awareness of these issues is the best way to honor their struggle. Many of us take for granted our health, mobility, and ability to perform certain everyday tasks, and it is hard to imagine what life would be like if those gifts were suddenly taken away. So I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing that struggle and reminding those who suffer from limb loss that they do not have to take on this fight alone.

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 SCHWANK, DINNIMAN, LEACH, TEPLITZ, SABATINA, BREWSTER, GREENLEAF, YUDICHAK, ARGALL, COSTA, HUTCHINSON, FONTANA, VULAKOVICH, WHITE, BROWNE, FARNESE, FOLMER, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, BAKER and AUMENT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 347**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 2 through 8, 2016, as "Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, this resolution recognizes the atrocities of the Holocaust and urges the citizens of Pennsylvania to remain vigilant against all tyranny and bigotry. From 1933 to 1945, 6 million Jews were murdered in the Nazi Holocaust as part of a systematic pogrom of genocide, and millions of other people perished as victims of Nazism. The people of this Commonwealth, indeed, Mr. President, the people of this nation, should always remember the atrocities committed by the Nazis so that such horrors are never repeated, and we should continually rededicate ourselves to the principle of equal justice for all people. Mr. President, on May 5 here in the Capitol we will come together as a Commonwealth. Generally, I know you have participated in these ceremonies before for Yom HaShoah, which is a Day of Remembrance for the Holocaust Victims and to remind us of the horrors of the Holocaust. I ask that all of the Members join us as we remember the victims of the Holocaust and reflect on a history we hope to never repeat. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman for her work in recognizing one of the darkest moments in our history, yet one that, in some ways, offers us hope for survival and a better future.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators HUGHES, WOZNIAK, GREENLEAF, BREWSTER, SABATINA, KITCHEN, TEPLITZ, DINNIMAN, BROWNE, FARNESE, ARGALL, COSTA, FONTANA, BAKER, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 348**, entitled:

A Resolution encouraging all citizens to observe and participate in Earth Day this April 22nd.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love and sisterly affection, Senator Hughes.

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, this resolution, which we call the Earth Day resolution, recognizes April 22, to be exact, as "Earth Day" here in Pennsylvania. In part of a national phenomena, this resolution really makes sure that we as Pennsylvanians recognize Mother Earth in all that she does for us and all the responsibility we have for her. There are activities going on across the Commonwealth, from the east in Philadelphia, the west in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, and all throughout the Commonwealth, recognizing the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. All kinds of activities across the Commonwealth will be occurring on April 22, which is next week, in recognition of Earth Day. This resolution is another attempt to make sure that this body does not fail in its responsibility to memorialize certain days and activities which are important to their contributions of this Commonwealth and this nation.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 349**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2016 as "Jazz Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, this resolution recognizes something that was established nationally by the Smithsonian Institute, which recognizes April as "Jazz Appreciation Month." I was walking through a list of individuals, great historical jazz artists from across the Commonwealth, and had a little quiz session with one of my colleagues here, throwing names past him to see if he remembered any of these individuals, especially since they were from his hometown. People like Erroll Garner; Mary Lou Williams; Jeff "Tain" Watts; Earl "Fatha" Hines, who happened to be from Duquesne, Pennsylvania; Billy Eckstine;

George Benson; Stanley Turrentine; the great singer Lena Horne, who spent a significant amount of her life in the city of Pittsburgh; and, of course, McCoy Tyner; the Heath brothers, Jimmy, Albert, and Percy; Stanley Clarke; Pat Martino; Christian McBride; Gerald Veasley; Lee Morgan; Charles Earland; and a whole bunch of others, Mr. President, are Pennsylvania standouts. The great John Coltrane spent a significant portion of his life in Philadelphia. There is a small home that recognizes his contributions that exists in north Philadelphia. This is Jazz Appreciation Month. This resolution allows this body to memorialize this in the history and the annals of our records as April 2016, Jazz Appreciation Month, especially since this Commonwealth has offered so much to this great American art form.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator COSTA, on behalf of Senators TEPLITZ, SABATINA, KITCHEN, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, SCHWANK, WARD, VULAKOVICH, FOLMER, HUGHES, FARNESE, HUTCHINSON, COSTA, RESCHENTHALER, BROWNE, SCARNATI and HAYWOOD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 350**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 6, 2016, as "Military Spouse Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I have remarks to introduce for the record on behalf of Senator Teplitz.

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

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator TEPLITZ:)

Mr. President, my resolution designates May 6, 2016, as "Military Spouse Day" in Pennsylvania. Military Spouse Day was created by President Ronald Reagan in 1984 as a day to recognize the contributions made by military spouses to the well-being of soldiers and military communities.

Today's military spouses, both men and women, often endure long separations from their loved ones. Many times these husbands and wives are left to singlehandedly take care of their children, homes, as well as their own careers. And so I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the commitment military spouses have made to their loved ones by supporting my resolution designating May 6, 2016, as Military Spouse Day in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Steich, Steve Quinley, Henry Grossman, Kevin Thomas, Latia Reed, Rochelle Plummer and to the Gettysburg Day Spa by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bradley Buchter by Senators Alloway and Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bonnie M. Kothe, Ryan Loeper, Matthew W. Koch, Ernest Witmer, Kyle Whitley, Schuylkill County VISION, Sapa Extrusions, Inc., Schuylkill County Youth Summit, Solar Innovations, Inc., Cardinal Systems, Inc., Sterman Masser, Inc., and to Seitz Brothers by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haldeman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Diffenderfer, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sauder, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Scheirey, Senior Master Sergeant Christian E. Miller II, Dr. Bruce L. Sensenig, G. Edward Morelock, Alec Piper, Kathryn Cecile Riska, Doris M. Parmer, Alexander Gabryluk, Andrew J. Haines, Collin Heckman, Alec R. Winpenny, Jacob A. Otthofer, Jr., William E. Bradley, Donald W. Shank, Sara Jane Lindemuth, Ivan W. Weitzel and to Helen K. Carson by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Lorraine Kloss, Walter Myer, Jim Shook, Christopher John Ash, Anthony Hudak, David Rinehimer, Daniel Gerard Burkhart, Noah Tristan McGovern, Procter and Gamble Paper Products, Mehoopany Plant, members and coach of the Dallas High School LifeSmarts Team and to Southwestern Energy by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Wyoming Area Catholic School Girls' Basketball Team by Senators Baker and Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patrick J. Solano by Senator Baker and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Edith Anoinetta Bernard, Henry Armstrong, Jamey Bennett, Tom Trettel, Frank Bernadowski, Chris Sidick, Mike Bonus, Frederick Pagac, Mel Blount, Kory Sensky, Kaitlyn Orstein Fife, Kristin Polosky Puskas, Mark Angle and to Kevin Holley by Senator Bartolotta.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nathan Paul Gronsky by Senator Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dubbs, Alec Mackenzie Mertz, Kathy Craine, Leonard Verrastro, Jeff Karam, Michael Labriola, Joey Gould, Thomas N. Kelly, Rose Ann Scheuermann, Adam Mikulski, Alejandra Lara, Rotary Club of Bethlehem, Gaver Industries, Inc., members and coaches of the Bethlehem Catholic High School Wrestling Team and to the Jerusalem Western Salisbury Church of Allentown by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jeff Corpora and to Daniel R. Lasko by Senators Boscola and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Veronica Gonzalez, Alyssa Nole, Cameron Chuss, Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit Business Council, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Talen Energy, Alvin H. Butz, Inc., B.

Braun Medical, Inc., and to the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Lehigh Valley Local No. 600 by Senators Boscola, Browne and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Marcia J. Cackowski Ballinger, Randy Koslosky, Ben Sampson, James Sims and to Alorica by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Harold Hayes by Senators Brewster and Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Cadet Second Lieutenant Jayson Ray Knight, Alexander Paul Mozes, Kody Charles Cropp, Kate Shaffer, Cole Shawn Fritz, Ronald J. Errett, Wendy Neckers, Juanita Hampton, Roy H. Ritter, Benjamin David Shaffer, Kyler Matthew Littlefield, Ronald L. Williams, Corry Area Historical Society, Community Action Partnership of Mercer County, members and coaches of the Fort LeBoeuf High School Girls' Volleyball Team and to the Kennedy Catholic High School Boys' Basketball Team by Senator Brooks.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Hart, Mr. and Mrs. William W. McCay, Thomas J. Stalsitz, Carol A. Resh, Jane R. Matsinger, John H. Leeser, Nathan Kline, John J. Hinkle, Stanley C. Harwick, Robert J. Grim, Elaine J. Conner, Elizabeth J. Bamberger, Arlene Mae Eberwein, Marie Sulman, Raymond A. Persing, Ruth Mae Danni, Dorothy E. Filer, LaMae Anna Harwick, Conrad Reid Bevans, Ward's Oriental Rug Service and Gallery, Norris McLaughlin and Marcus, PA, Renaissance Allentown Hotel, Trifecta Technologies, Inc., Liquid Interactive, Bennett Automotive Group, Pace-setter Enterprises, Inc., and to Sodexo, Inc., by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Glen Dorney by Senators Browne and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. J. Robert Lovett, Dr. Karen S. Angello, Donald M. Bernhard, Susan Stachowski, Elliott Miller, Sydney Anderson, Carla Rodrigues, Julia Dweck, Sally Gammon, Michael Brolly, Keith Garubba, Gary Walleisa, Jan Milinichik, Rae Oanesa, Odra Anderson, Femi Johnson, Craig Thatcher, Vidhyasai Annem, Yogeshwar Velingker, Samuel Li, Janice Altieri, Joel Cook, Muhlenberg College Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement, Julius and Katheryn Hommer Foundation, Diefenderfer Electrical Contractor, Inc., and to the Wilson Area School District High School Bigs Program by Senators Browne, Boscola and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Erin Solomon, Lawrence Flynn and to UGI Utilities, Inc., by Senator Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Ronald Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Miller, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brubaker, Dr. Wade I. Newman, Ronald R. Griffith, Melanie S. Lynch, Shawnee Kelly, Eton Spancake, Carl E. Miller, Brent D. Snyder, citizens of the Borough of Mapleton, Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority, Centre LifeLink Emergency Medical Services, Buttonwood Campground and to Penn Nursery and Wood Shop by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Michael Joseph Rocks by Senators Corman and Haywood.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Joel Fishman, Kevin Rode, Dorie Bayne Schnippert, Ken Gormley and to POWER by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Anthony E. DiMarco, Dr. Koreem R. Bell, Chief James R. McGowan III, Glenn Fricke, Moira Mumma, Dean Ellis, Gary W. Smith, Zachary Gordon Hirs, Matthew William Ryder, William Thompson Horstmann, Joshua Gabriel Richard, Matthew R. Jones, Jeffrey Christopher Spada, Tyler Tomas Ollis, Michael David Gavin, Patrick Michael Le Falini, Adam Emiljan Kazimierczyk, Richard Robert III, Nathan R. Bookman, Patrice Proctor, John Powlowski, Adam Cooper, Matthew Robinson, Nicolas McLean, Barbara Cohen, Francine Dague, Valley Forge Middle School, Volunteer English Program, Calvary Lutheran Church of West Chester and to Victory Brewing Company by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Andrew Wagner, Carol Wiegner, Elizabeth Houseman, Robert Hankin, Stephen S. Aichele and to Molly Morrison by Senators Dinniman, McGarrigle and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ross, Hunter L. Jackson, Andrew C. Toth, Marissa Boldosser, Steven Bowman, Rotary Club of Altoona, Tyrone Lodge No. 212 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the Tyrone Area Chamber of Commerce by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Noel Alston, Max A. Barton, Justin Mihalovits, Samuel Austin Doherty and to Richard W. Wentzel by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Analeisa Ecker by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zigner, Sr., Dru Bradley Kline, Jacob Klock, Skylar Snyder, Steven B. Pepperman, Alexander Dale Tittle, Aaron J. Fike and to Martin C. Fultz by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Monsignor Richard T. Bolger, Rosalie Moskofsky, Patricia Meagher-Walker, Etienne R. Ayoub, Trevor Ciampoli, Linda Beck, James W. Sutton IV, Patricia M. Beadling, Josiah David McKay, Eastern Center for Arts and Technology and to John Barclay Elementary School by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Izak and to Genette Braun by Senator Greenleaf and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nicholas Wacker, Constance Krebs-Iannetta, Chinaemerem Sean Godwin, Federation Early Learning Services and to Why Not Prosper by Senator Haywood.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lee Detar, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Melat, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald M. Cooper, Joanne Oviatt, Nancy Roberti Holmberg, Nicholas David Helfer, Eric Noah Gumto, Brennan James Luffy, Bella Cucina, O. C. Bell, Alphonse A. Rapa, Gary Warman, T. Michael Sheehy, Meghan Schnur, Subway of New Bethlehem and to the citizens of the City of Warren by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jeff Clark and to Annie Brown by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Leota Bruce, Clara Bing, Grace Bergman, Hazel Adams, Veda Clewell, Catherine Cubbin, Gerri Perloff, Grace Moore, Lena Jeandell, Brant Rudisill, Dennis Murphy, Dean Bryan Jones, Jr., and to Family Services of Montgomery County Foster Grandparent Program and Senior Companion Program by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to members and coaches of the Villanova University Men's Basketball Team by Senator Leach and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend John C. Moloney III, Battalion Chief Thomas Foran, Jacqueline Donahue, Brad Miller, Bridget McCarthy, Joseph Daly, Saint Kevin Parish, Church's Auto Parts and to C. C. Hancock United Methodist Church of Springfield by Senator McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nathan Cote, Aaron Cramer Nagg, Akash Eldo, Carroll N. Scott, Zack Fernandez, Reb J. Russell III, Ifeoma U. Aduba, Karen Wisen, Nancy L. Liu, Mary K. Smithson, Dakota J. Platt, Marie T. Rosenberg, Barbara M. Kirk, Jill L. Jones, Jessica A. Pritchard, Matthew Miehle, Marguerite Kirkpatrick and to the Makefield Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Central Bucks School District and to The Council of Southeast Pennsylvania by Senator McIlhinney and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Robert C. Wonderling, Aaron Brezner, Michael V. Sedor, Nicholas Eric Krauthem, Theresa Snider, Groundhog Lodge No. 7, citizens of Upper Hanover Township and to the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Pottstown by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Syed M. Afzal by Senators Mensch and McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency and to YWCA Bucks County by Senator Mensch and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Przyborowski, Ruth E. Lentz, Daniel J. Histon and to George K. Brown by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lieutenant John Neff III by Senators Rafferty and Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lamb McErlane, PC, by Senators Rafferty, Dinniman and McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Terrence F. McVerry, Honorable John C. Oliver III, Eric Michael Tedeschi, Maddy Andrews, Angie Gyurina, Trinity Ward, Maria Capozzi, Kyle Hrabovsky, Matthew Kwalick, Trevor Mahoney, Braedon Wong, Jack Rice, Jack Lanphear, Kevin Liu, Brian Ramsey, Abby Matheny, Nino Bonnacorsi, Zachary Kraska, Matthew Zilionis, Jacob Palmer, Jake Wentzel, Mike Carr, members and coach of the Upper Saint Clair Girls' Swimming Team, West Allegheny High School Boys' Swimming Team, Mt. Lebanon High School Girls' Swimming Team, Quaker Valley High School Boys' Swimming Team and to members and coaches of the Quaker Valley High School Boys' Swimming and Diving Team by Senator Reschenthaler.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable James Kenney, Jonathan David Lawson, John Kane, Anna Boyle and to Bryant M. Greene by Senator Sabatina.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Maguire family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Flick, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams, Jim Leonard, Deborah Pontzer, Steve Getz, Marlene Lellock, Stephanie Distler, Anthony Suplezio, Bucktail Watershed Association, Ridgway Chainsaw Carvers Rendezvous and to Flickerwood Wine Cellars by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Owen Jarrett Backer, Collin Kearney, Francisco O'Farrell, Jr., Denny Doubs, Michael Salmento, Luke Kenyon, Nicholas A. Smith and to Fitzmaurice Community Services by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kettle Creek Environmental Fund by Senators Scavello and Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Luke Karam by Senators Scavello and Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jeremy C. Pieja, Dominic Patrick Caccese, Elizabeth A. Stanley, Daniel B. Huyett, Peter J. Bbye, Althea U. Harmon, Craig E. Poole, Donald L. Taddei, Jr., LuAnn Oatman, Tompkins VIST Bank, Reading Choral Society, members of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Fleetwood, ADAPPT, Inc., and to the members of the Society of Farm Women of Berks County, Group No. 6 of the Oley Valley by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christopher E. Pruitt by Senators Schwank and Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tulpehocken Chapter of Trout Unlimited by Senators Schwank, Argall and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Migdalia B. Malave by Senator Smucker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Drake Aesoph, Michelle Letosky, Kristina Hayes, Jacob Gower, General George C. Marshall AMVETS Post No. 103 and to Walter E. Brown Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 21 by Senator Stefano.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Jim Kenney, William S. George, Oscar Martinez, Troy Ragsdale, Michael Zimmerman, Theresa Marley, Michael Quinn, Brenda Fred, William Winkler, Madeline Neris Negron, Timothy Haahs, Daniel J. Hilferty, Sugarhouse Casino, Memphis Market and to the Philadelphia Police Department 26th Police District Advisory Council by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Imboden, Kajuan Forbes, Christopher Hogan, Samuel Hogan, Matthew Wyant, Amber Gunkle, Caitlynn Barnes, Pete Lehman, Koen Zimmerman, Eric Marra, Brendan Twaddell, Andrew Han, Peter D'Amico, Brendan Foster, Eric Sullivan, Shawn Ryan Hassell, William Kurtz, Maggie Amelia Lewis, Tyrique Riley, Austin White, Michael Petresky, Trevor William Laing, Edward Shaw Uravic, Vanessa Lynne Bush Lewis, Kyle N. Williams, Danny Terrel Sullivan, Cynthia L. Daub, Rotary Club of Colonial Park and to Acclaim Systems by Senator Teplitz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Huber, Sergeant Joseph A. White, Andrew Reardon, Courtney Coffman, Edith E. Floge, Linda A. Rowen, David R. Walter, Debra L. Goetz, Karen J. McCormick, Sharon McGonigal, Linda Kuepper, Tess Shore, Travis Alexander Green, Ryan Arcidiacono, Luke William Tynan, Russell C. Struble Elementary School, Franklin D. Roosevelt Middle School Sustaining Today's Environmental Programs Team and to Ohev Shalom of Bucks County by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Allison MacMath, Edgely Fire Company and to Parx Casino by Senator Tomlinson and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sister Romaine Niemeyer, Joshua David Hankins, Kaitlyn E. Andrews,

Kylie E. Bell, Allison J. Baker, Mary Zidik, Richard Lee Morris, Ahmed Omar, Kara Houseman, Matthew Charles Burke, Jacob Schratz, Afton K. Weaver, Alyssa Nicole Biggs, Oyster Mill Playhouse and to Gifford Pinchot State Park by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lieutenant Paul D. Radatovich, citizens of Chippewa Township and to Order Sons of Italy in America, Lodge No. 608 by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph B. Pastorius, Alexander Conte, David J. Pavlakovich, Edward Adams, Joseph Westcott and to Ingomar Middle School by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable C. Kim Bracey, Carolyn F. Warman, Christiaan Anton Arnold Wise, Christian Bruce Ashlin and to Kim's Karate-York by Senator Wagner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to family and friends of the late Victor R. McCoy, Scott Fick, James J. Coletti, Jr., Nicholas Oleg Schork, Alexander Nikita Schork, Frank Blatney, Robert Good, Henry Fontana, Kenneth J. Koehn, Joseph Canada and to the Saint Vincent De Paul Society by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Johnston, Dominic Ugoletti, Michael Spila, Keefer D. Gregoire, James B. Turner, Matthew Adams, Nico Megaludis, Armagh and East Wheatfield Volunteer Fire Department and to the Gilpin Township Volunteer Fire Department by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Gregory Pocij and to Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy Academic Decathlon Team by Senator Wiley.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Walker and to Evelyn Marie Craig by Senator Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Dr. Ralph E. Johnson, Sr., Elaine Housel, Jared Patrick McCready and to Sydney Snyder by Senator Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Gary L. Yocum, William Nichols, Sr., Donna L. Bastian and to Firetree, Ltd., by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy W. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mecadon, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Karambelas, Mr. and Mrs. George Homza, Lorine Angelo Ogurkis, Michael Sanfilippo, Llewellyn Fogel Dryfoos III, Lawrence E. Cohen, Marlyn Kissner, Jesse Linton Thomas, Laura Lee Lucas, Pride Mobility Products Corporation, citizens of the Borough of Lehigh, citizens of the City of Wilkes-Barre and to the citizens of the Borough of Plymouth by Senator Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the "Standard-Speaker," by Senators Argall and Yudichak

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to King's College and to Leadership Wilkes-Barre by Senators Baker and Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joyce Fasula and to Denise S. Cesare by Senators Yudichak and Blake.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Terry A. Bergman by Senator Aument.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Honorable Jay Russell Rose and to the family of the late Lizanne Samuelson by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Mary Lyons Schweder by Senator Boscola.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Captain Brian T. Kennedy by Senator Dinniman.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Arlane J. Little by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Lesley N. Dobbs Ramos and to the family of the late Pearl Koplovitz Hoffman by Senator Teplitz.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late John H. Wood, Jr., by Senator Thompson.

POSTHUMOUS CITATIONS

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

A posthumous citation honoring the late Corporal Kenneth R. Stuck was extended to the family by Senator Aument.

Posthumous citations honoring the late John Guzik and the late Jerry Lattimore were extended to the families by Senator Bartolotta.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Myles D. Sampson was extended to the family by Senator Brewster.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Thulia Mead was extended to the family by Senator Dinniman.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Dr. Nicholas Charles Russin was extended to the family by Senator Hutchinson.

BILL ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of the bill reported from committee for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bill was as follows:

HB 1788.

And said bill having been considered for the first time,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for second consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 691, 837 and 1052; and House Bills No. 602, 944 and 1552)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider Senate Bill No. 1229)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, I rise with great honor, joy, and enthusiasm to acknowledge and honor the city of Scranton, which as of April 23 of this year will mark its 150th anniversary. Mr. President, the city of Scranton is a proud and thriving community and it has a tremendous legacy. The history of Scranton can be traced back to the 1840s when the Scranton brothers, Selden and George, founded what would become the Lackawanna Steel Company, which initially produced nails, but, Mr. President, they went from nails to rails. The brothers saw a chance to break into rail production when the manufacturers in the United Kingdom refused to supply the Erie Railroad with needed rails, and they persuaded the railroad board to allow them to fulfill the 2-year contract for 12,000 tons of T-rails, which they completed, as we say here, on time and within budget, with 4 days to spare, effectively launching an independence from English iron in the United States. Seldon and George Scranton laid the foundation for what the city of Scranton has become. They made northeastern Pennsylvania an epicenter for domestic rail production.

Scranton was officially incorporated as a city, again, as I said, April 23, 1866, when the 20 square miles comprising the boroughs of Scranton, Providence, and Hyde Park combined. On August 21, 1878, the city became the county seat of the newest county, Lackawanna County, in northeastern Pennsylvania. The city earned its reputation as the Electric City on December 6, 1880, when electric lights were introduced at the Dickson Locomotive Works, and in 1887 it became the first city to boast a commercially successful electric trolley line. Additionally, in the early years of the 20th century, the city became lauded as the Anthracite Capital of the World, fueling the Industrial Revolution. To its great credit, the city of Scranton gained pop culture and national notoriety in the mid-2000s when it served as the fictional home to the Dunder Mifflin Paper Company in the Emmy Award-winning television series *The Office*.

Today, Scranton is home to more than 75,000 residents, multiple world-class institutions of higher learning, this Commonwealth's newest medical college, numerous national historic sites, a rich legacy of architecture, and a thriving local business community. Throughout its history, Scranton has been blessed with dedicated civic leaders who have helped it to grow and to flourish and to make all of Pennsylvania proud, as well as diligent productive citizens who have helped it to become an inspiring presence in northeastern Pennsylvania.

So I rise today, Mr. President, very proud, very honored to acknowledge the 150th anniversary of the city of Scranton in Lackawanna County.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman and joins in the honoring and congratulations for the great city of Scranton.

BILL SIGNED

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

SB 879.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin, Senator Alloway.

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess to the call of the President pro tempore.

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

AFTER RECESS

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

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to House amendments to **SB 3**.

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 1589**.

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 1022** and **SB 1068**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the President pro tempore has made the following appointment:

Mr. Donald Wagner as a member of the Cleanup Standards Scientific Advisory Board.

BILLS SIGNED

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

SB 3, SB 1022, SB 1068, HB 12, HB 1278 and HB 1589.

RECESS

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, May 9, 2016, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:26 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.