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SENATE

TUESDAY, June 28, 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 JOHN C. RAFFERTY:

Let us give thanks to God for this glorious day, for His many gifts and blessings that He bestows upon each one of us. Merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day. Continue to guide the destiny of this Commonwealth. Bless the Members of this Assembly. Grant that all of our deliberations give rise to understanding, and that amity prevail in this Senate Chamber. By Your divine inspiration, may we, as a State, reach the destiny that You have in mind for us. May all that is done be for Your greater glory and honor. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Rafferty for an excellent prayer, and friendship.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 1154**, **SB 1192** and **SB 1225**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 28, 2016

Senators DINNIMAN, BARTOLOTTA, VULAKOVICH and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 1333**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 20, 1974 (P.L.564, No.193), known as the Peer Review Protection Act, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 28, 2016.

Senators DINNIMAN, WOZNIAK, BREWSTER, FONTANA, TEPLITZ, COSTA, RAFFERTY, BARTOLOTTA, YUDICHAK and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 1334**, entitled:

An Act providing for the preservation and maintenance of the Pennsylvania State area portion of the Medal of Honor Grove in Schuylkill Township, Chester County.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 28, 2016.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, TEPLITZ, COSTA, SABATINA, SCHWANK, YUDICHAK and FONTANA presented to the Chair **SB 1335**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in contributions by employers and employees, further providing for contributions by employees and for Service and Infrastructure Improvement Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, June 28, 2016.

Senators YUDICHAK, COSTA, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, SABATINA, TEPLITZ, BLAKE, WHITE, FONTANA, BAKER and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 1337**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, in tax relief in cities of the first class, further providing for supplemental senior citizen tax reduction; in senior citizens property tax and rent rebate assistance, further providing for property tax and rent rebate and for funds for payment of claims; and making a related repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, June 28, 2016.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 28, 2016

Senators BROOKS, ARGALL, DINNIMAN, FOLMER, GORDNER and VULAKOVICH presented to the Chair **SR 401**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a study to analyze and identify which education laws and regu-

lations of this Commonwealth have more stringent standards than Federal law requires.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 28, 2016.

BILLS SIGNED

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

SB 1154, SB 1192 and SB 1225.

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator RAFFERTY, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following bill:

HB 1947 (Pr. No. 3648)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time, further providing for infamy, insanity or imprisonment, for no limitation applicable and for other offenses; and, in matters affecting government units, further providing for exceptions to sovereign immunity and for exceptions to governmental immunity.

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, Senator Smucker, Senator Stefano, and Senator Wagner.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brooks, Senator Smucker, Senator Stefano, and Senator Wagner. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of April 13, 2016, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of April 13, 2016.

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

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

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

YEA-50

Alloway	Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Vance
Argall	Farnese	Mensch	Vogel
Aument	Folmer	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Baker	Fontana	Resenthaler	Wagner
Bartolotta	Gordner	Sabatina	Ward
Blake	Greenleaf	Scarnati	White
Boscola	Haywood	Scavello	Wiley
Brewster	Hughes	Schwank	Williams
Brooks	Hutchinson	Smucker	Wozniak

Browne	Killion	Stefano	Yaw
Corman	Kitchen	Tartaglione	Yudichak
Costa	Leach	Teplitz	
Dinniman	McGarrigle	Tomlinson	

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

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

GUEST OF SENATOR RYAN AUMENT PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, it is my pleasure this morning to introduce Timothy Bradley. Mr. Bradley is concluding his master's degree in organizational development and leadership at Shippensburg University and has been serving as a graduate intern in my office. Mr. Bradley serves as the mayor of Mount Joy Borough and is a teacher with the Donegal School District. He is also the founder and current chair of the Lancaster County Anti-Heroin Task Force, and has served the local community as a volunteer firefighter for the last 20 years. Please join me in offering Mayor Timothy Bradley our usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Aument, Mayor Tim Bradley, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. We salute you for your good work.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JAKE CORMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I am not prepared to take the place of the Senator of champions from Cumberland County, but for the second straight week I do have a State championship team here visiting the Capitol. Much like last week, I talked about this school's history. The State College High School Boys' Track and Field Team placed first in this year's PIAA Class AAA Boys' Track and Field championship. I might mention that the girls' team finished second this year as well. This is the first team title in State College history. Just to show you that they can win the close ones, they defeated Downingtown West by a score of 54-53. Obviously, a nailbiter to the end, but they clinched the victory with a second-place finish in the final race of the meet, the 1600-meter relay.

Coach Steve Shisler is here with some of the team members today. Obviously, it was a very exciting championship for them making history in State College and, hopefully, the first of many titles to come. Many of the boys from the team are here, and I ask the Senate to give its usual warm welcome to the State College High School Boys' Track and Field Team State champions.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Corman, the State College High School Boys' Track and Field Team State

champions, participants, and coaches please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate. Congratulations.
(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR ROBERT F. TEPLITZ
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, I would like to introduce my guest today, Lucas Cunningham. He is job-shadowing me today. Lucas is actually a constituent of Senator Vance, but he came to me through a mutual friend. He is a student at Red Land High School with a very serious and deep interest in politics and government. We are very happy to have him with us today, and I ask the Senate to please give him our usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Teplitz, Lucas Cunningham, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.
(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR KIM L. WARD
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator WARD. Mr. President, today I welcome Channing Pifer. She is a summer intern in my office in Greensburg. She is going to be a senior at Westminster College and is majoring in communications. Channing is vice president of the student government association, and is captain of the cheerleading squad at Westminster. She is here to cheer us on to get our budget done on time. She is also a DJ for the Westminster College radio. I am very pleased to have her in the Senate Chamber today with us, as well as in my office. Please join me in welcoming Channing. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Ward, Channing Pifer, whom I met on the floor earlier, please rise so that we may welcome you here to the Pennsylvania Senate.
(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ELISABETH J. BAKER
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I, too, have special guests in the gallery whom I would like to introduce today. First is Brian Rose of Paupack in Pike County, who is interning in my district office this summer. Brian is a student at Colgate University majoring in political science, as well as minoring in writing. He has served as the assistant sports editor for the Colgate Maroon News, and next semester he will take over as the commentary editor. In his free time, he serves as recruitment chair for his fraternity, Delta Upsilon, and he plays club ultimate Frisbee competitively. In addition, he is also working this summer at Costa's Family Fun Park near Lake Wallenpaupack.

Joining Brian is Mary Blase, who is one of the voices in my district office in Dallas. She has been serving constituents very well for the past 3 years. Today is her first opportunity to visit us

on a Session day. Mary and her husband, Dr. Rob Blase, are the proud parents of three children. She enjoys spending time with her seven grandchildren.

I ask for the usual warm Senate welcome to Brian Rose and to Mary Blase, and I thank you very much, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Baker, Mary Blase and Brian Rose, please rise so that we may salute you here in the Pennsylvania Senate and welcome you.

(Applause.)

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY**

The SECRETARY. Permission has been granted for the Committee on Transportation to meet today off the floor in the Rules room to consider SB 1032, SB 1315, SB 1322, HB 835, HB 1079, HB 1413, HB 1597, HB 1703, HB 1787 and HB 2025.

**GUEST OF 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 pleasure to introduce an intern with us this summer. Her name is Katrina Gonzalez. She lives in West Chester Borough. She is studying at St. Joseph's University. She is a rising senior who is majoring in international relations. Much to her credit, she plans on getting a master's degree in homeland security. I ask that we give a nice welcome to Katrina Gonzalez.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Dinniman, Katrina Gonzalez, a rising senior from the always popular St. Joseph's University, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus as well.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Wagner and Senator Stefano have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR SCOTT WAGNER
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Wagner.

Senator WAGNER. Mr. President, today I am pleased to introduce Michael Hogg of York. Michael is in the gallery and is serving as an intern in my office for the summer. Michael is accompanied by his aunt, Leslie Bentz. His parents could not be here today because his father, Dave, recently had surgery, so my best to Dave and Barb Hogg.

Michael is a graduate of York Suburban High School. He graduated in 2013, and following his summer in Harrisburg he will begin his senior year at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York, where he is majoring in political science and minoring in Middle Eastern and Islamic studies. Michael brings a great deal of experience with him, having served as a congressional intern for Congressman Scott Perry, and a research fellow for the Commonwealth Foundation during previous summer internships. Michael is also actively involved on campus at Colgate University. In addition to playing trumpet in the Colgate Pep Band, he has also served as vice president of the college Republicans, and as a deacon in the university church. Most notably, Michael represents the class of 2017 as a senator in the student senate. Finally, Michael is an Eagle Scout, having earned the rank in 2012, and he serves as an assistant scoutmaster for Troop 17 in York, Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Michael sounds like a future Secretary of State. Will Michael Hogg and his Aunt Leslie, the guests of Senator Wagner, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

**NONPREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILLS
OVER IN ORDER**

HB 2137, HB 2138, HB 2139, HB 2140 and HB 2141 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 60, HB 325 and HB 380 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

SB 703 (Pr. No. 1638) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

McGARRIGLE AMENDMENT A9186

Senator McGARRIGLE offered the following amendment No. A9186:

Amend Bill, page 7, by inserting after line 30:
(b) No active solicitation municipalities.--

(1) It shall not be the mission of the board to actively solicit any municipality or other public entity to require a plumbing license for those performing plumbing services within their jurisdiction.

(2) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the board or any board member from providing information to, or otherwise educating, any member of the public or any municipality or other public entity about this act, plumbing or plumbing licensure, nor from providing any advice regarding this act, plumbing or plumbing licensure.

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

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

McGARRIGLE AMENDMENT A9187

Senator McGARRIGLE offered the following amendment No. A9187:

Amend Bill, page 11, line 19, by striking out "18" and inserting:
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On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?
It was agreed to.
Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 869, SB 930, SB 1018, SB 1041 and SB 1161 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 1221 (Pr. No. 1884) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 12, 2004 (P.L.73, No.11), known as the Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority Act for Cities of the Second Class, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in intergovernmental cooperation authority for cities of the second class, further providing for governing board, for powers and duties, for term of existence, for annual report to be filed and annual audits and providing for distribution of gaming revenue.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1261 and **SB 1292** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1311 (Pr. No. 1925) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in adoption, further providing for grounds for involuntary termination; in child protective services, further providing for definitions and for release of information in confidential reports; and, in juvenile matters, further providing for definitions.

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-50

Alloway	Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Vance
Argall	Farnese	Mensch	Vogel
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Costa	Leach	Teplitz	
Dinniman	McGarrigle	Tomlinson	

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1335, HB 1581, HB 1660 and **HB 1734** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1877 (Pr. No. 3321) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in grants to fire companies and volunteer services, further providing for scope of chapter, for definitions, for award of grants for volunteer fire companies, for establishment, for award of grants for emergency medical services companies, for the Volunteer Fire Company Grant Program, for the Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Program, for allocation of appropriated funds, for expiration of authority and for special provisions; and making an editorial change.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

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

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 LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 1895 (Pr. No. 2971) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 6, 1989 (P.L.169, No.32), known as the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act, further providing for Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Board.

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

HB 1895 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 1895, Printer's No. 2971, 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

HB 1990 and **HB 2014** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDARPREFERRED APPROPRIATION
BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 2175 (Pr. No. 3550) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

HB 2176 (Pr. No. 3551) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from the State Employees' Retirement Fund to provide for expenses of the State Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

HB 2177 (Pr. No. 3552) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Consumer Advocate in the Office of Attorney General.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

HB 2178 (Pr. No. 3553) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the restricted revenue accounts within the State Gaming Fund and from the State Gaming Fund to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, the Department of Revenue, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Attorney General for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

HB 2179 (Pr. No. 3554) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide for the expenses of administering the Workers' Compensation Act, The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act and the Office of Small Business Advocate for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

HB 2180 (Pr. No. 3555) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund and the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for fiscal year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

HB 2182 (Pr. No. 3557) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund to provide for expenses of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

HB 2183 (Pr. No. 3558) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account and from restricted revenue accounts within the General Fund to the Department of State for use by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs in support of the professional licensure boards assigned thereto.

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

HB 2184 (Pr. No. 3559) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 16, SB 18, SB 20 and HB 34 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

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

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

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

HB 64 (Pr. No. 55) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for suicide prevention continuing education.

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

HB 123 (Pr. No. 2253) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in bonds and recognizances, further providing for bail to be governed by general rules.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 142, SB 199, HB 215, SB 289, SB 342, SB 481, SB 495, HB 577 and SB 598 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 613 (Pr. No. 611) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, in human services block grant pilot program, further providing for definitions, for establishment of human services block grant, for powers and duties of the department and for powers and duties of counties and making editorial changes.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 664, SB 666, HB 773, SB 805, HB 806 and SB 840 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 898 (Pr. No. 1121) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further defining "emergency vehicle"; in operation of vehicles, further providing for drivers of emergency vehicles; in other required equipment, further providing for visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles and for visual signals on authorized vehicles; and, in powers of department and local authorities, providing for removal of dead deer.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 967 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1062 (Pr. No. 3638) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, as follows: in public assistance, further providing for persons eligible for medical assistance, for medical assistance payments for institutional care and for other computations affecting counties; in children and youth, further providing for provider submissions; in nursing facility assessments, further providing for time periods; in intermediate care facilities for persons with an intellectual disability assessments, further providing for time periods; in hospital assessments, further providing for time periods; in departmental powers and duties as to licensing, further providing for regulations; establishing the Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Program; making editorial changes; and making related repeals.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1118, SB 1127, SB 1133 and SB 1157 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1167 (Pr. No. 1826) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in enforcement, providing for State income tax intercept.

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

HB 1202 (Pr. No. 1577) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act repealing the act of May 28, 1943 (P.L.796, No.333), entitled "An act establishing as state highways, certain county highways and requiring their construction, repair and maintenance as such."

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1219 and SB 1220 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1267 (Pr. No. 1987) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 74 (Transportation) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in traffic signals, further providing for definitions and for maintenance agreement; in general provisions relating to operation of vehicles, further providing for traffic-control signals and for expiration of automated red light enforcement systems provisions; and, in taxes for highway maintenance and construction, further providing for allocation of proceeds.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1282, SB 1300, SB 1312 and SB 1317 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

SB 1324 (Pr. No. 1980) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for fantasy contests; imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board; and making appropriations.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?
Senator RESCHENTHALER offered the following amendment No. A9185:

Amend Bill, page 30, line 15, by striking out "18%" and inserting: 12%

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

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, I ask the maker of the amendment to stand for interrogation.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Reschenthaler agrees to interrogation.

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, I would like to know what is in the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, point of order.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman, state your point.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, our amendments were all given to the Caucuses beforehand and there was plenty of time for all of the Members to read the amendments. So, to come here and say you do not know what is in it, when there has been plenty of time to read it, I am not sure if it is an appropriate question to ask. If there is an interpretation of something within the amendment, that is certainly a reasonable question, but to ask the Member to recite the amendment when the Member has had plenty of time to read it himself, I do not believe it is appropriate at this time.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of moving the process forward, Senator Teplitz, if you could hone in a little bit more on what your question might be, I think that might help the process forward.

Senator TEPLITZ. Sure, Mr. President. I am not asking anyone to read anything to me that I do not already have a copy of, which I do not, but it is my understanding that this amendment relates to changing the tax rates in the sports fantasy bill that came out of the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development yesterday. I guess my specific question is what is the tax rate being changed to and why?

POINT OF ORDER

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Williams, would you hold for a second?

Senator WILLIAMS. Point of order.
The PRESIDENT. Proceed.

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, the issue that was raised by the gentleman on the other side of the aisle that we see the amendments, that is the norm, but the Members of this Caucus did not see the amendment. They were aware of the amendment, but the details in terms of what is in the amendment and what motivates it were not presented to us. So I am not sure why, but we did not physically see the amendment.

The PRESIDENT. The Senate will be at ease.
(The Senate was at ease.)

The PRESIDENT. Just for clarification for the Members, all Members have not only the right, but it is the obligation for the amendment to be in their possession, if they wish it, so that is an appropriate line of questioning.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator CORMAN.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, just for clarification, you are absolutely correct, the amendment should certainly be provided to the other Caucus, and it was so at 11:28 this morning to their legal counsel.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Corman, and that is helpful to the process.

I think, Senator Teplitz, I would like you to rephrase your question, and Senator Reschenthaler, where we left off last when the suspense broke out, Senator Teplitz will ask you the question and if you are prepared, you answer it, Senator Reschenthaler.

Senator Teplitz.

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, having just seen the amendment, could the sponsor of the amendment give the rationale for reducing the tax rate from 18 percent to 12 percent related to the sports fantasy enterprises.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Reschenthaler, are you prepared to answer that?

Senator RESCHENTHALER. Mr. President, it went from 18 percent to 12 percent simply to make fantasy sports in Pennsylvania more competitive. If you look at other States, such as New York, the tax is 15 percent. So that 18 percent might be a little too high, 12 percent is in a good range, so we set it at 12 percent.

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, that is all I wanted. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. That concludes the brief interrogation.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator WILLIAMS.

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, there is a bit of confusion on our side of the aisle. Though the amendment was transmitted at 11:20 a.m., or whatever, we were in caucus, and so we did not have the opportunity to dissect it. Members asked me, and I am, obviously, the sponsor of the bill, and I certainly think it would provide support for the financial straits of Pennsylvanians. But I did not know, and I still do not know, and I have worked with the gentleman on the other side of the aisle productively, and, hopefully, will continue to do so, but the rationale of 18 percent to 12 percent was never presented to me. I do not know the details behind it. I can only speak to that New York is 15 percent and other States have a different number. As far as Members are concerned, I think that it is up to them about their decisions, but I want to be clear, I did not, and have not, constructed an analysis of other States that arrived at 12 percent being the number.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

YEA-32

Alloway	Eichelberger	Mensch	Vance
Argall	Folmer	Rafferty	Vogel
Aument	Gordner	Reschenthaler	Vulakovich
Baker	Greenleaf	Scarnati	Wagner
Bartolotta	Hutchinson	Scavello	Ward
Brooks	Killion	Smucker	White
Browne	McGarrigle	Stefano	Williams
Corman	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	Yaw

NAY-18

Blake	Farnese	Leach	Wiley
Boscola	Fontana	Sabatina	Wozniak
Brewster	Haywood	Schwank	Yudichak
Costa	Hughes	Tartaglione	
Dinniman	Kitchen	Teplitz	

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1330 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 1332 (Pr. No. 1981) -- 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 administrative partnerships between school districts and for administrative partnership grant pilot program.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1334 (Pr. No. 3342) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1981 (P.L.214, No.67), known as the Bingo Law, further providing for definitions, for rules for licensing and operation and for penalties.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1351, HB 1394 and HB 1455 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

HB 1500 (Pr. No. 2343) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in land banks, further providing for legislative findings and purpose, for powers and for disposition of property.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?
Senator WAGNER offered the following amendment No. A9155:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 4, by inserting after "property":
and providing for exemption from realty transfer tax
Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 29 and 30:
Section 3. Title 68 is amended by adding a section to read:
§ 2121. Exemption from realty transfer tax.

A transfer of real property to or from a land bank shall be exempted from both the State and local realty transfer tax under Articles XI-C and XI-D of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, and section 301.1 of the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 30, by striking out "3" and inserting:
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On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Wagner.

Senator WAGNER. Mr. President, the amendment I am offering today clarifies the tax-exempt language which applies to land banks under Title 68. Currently, Section 2109 of Title 68 states that, "(1) Except as set forth in paragraph (2), the real property of a land bank and its income and operations are exempt from State and local tax." However, there are some concerns raised about land banks not being exempt from the realty transfer tax. Amendment No. A9155, which I am offering today, simply inures that land banks are exempt from the realty transfer tax.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1640 and HB 1653 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1661 (Pr. No. 3166) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1711, HB 1713, HB 1727, HB 1827, HB 1856, HB 1888, HB 1902 and HB 2026 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 7, ADOPTED

Senator CORMAN, without objection, called up from page 16 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 7**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to study the issue of student suicide in higher education, to establish an advisory committee to conduct a thorough and comprehensive analysis of the underlying causes of student suicide and to report to the Senate with its findings and recommendations.

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

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 398, ADOPTED

Senator CORMAN, without objection, called up from page 16 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 398**, entitled:

A Resolution adopting a temporary rule of the Senate relating solely to amendments to the General Appropriation Bill and other appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, including any amendments offered to or for supplemental appropriations for prior fiscal years.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-50

Alloway	Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Vance
Argall	Farnese	Mensch	Vogel
Aument	Folmer	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Baker	Fontana	Reschenthaler	Wagner
Bartolotta	Gordner	Sabatina	Ward
Blake	Greenleaf	Scarnati	White
Boscola	Haywood	Scavello	Wiley

Brewster	Hughes	Schwank	Williams
Brooks	Hutchinson	Smucker	Wozniak
Browne	Killion	Stefano	Yaw
Corman	Kitchen	Tartaglione	Yudichak
Costa	Leach	Teplitz	
Dinniman	McGarrigle	Tomlinson	

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The resolution is adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 1032 (Pr. No. 1341)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions, providing for protection of children from second-hand smoke in vehicles; and imposing a penalty.

SB 1315 (Pr. No. 1928)

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 4010 over Sugar Creek, Sugar Creek Borough, Venango County, as the Lieutenant Andrew J. White Memorial Bridge.

SB 1322 (Pr. No. 1944)

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 879 over Trout Run in Goshen Township, Clearfield County, as the Private David Kyle McCracken Memorial Bridge.

HB 835 (Pr. No. 3192)

An Act designating a portion of State Route 74 in Cumberland County as the Marine Lance Corporal Gary Lee Ream Memorial Highway.

HB 1079 (Pr. No. 1386)

An Act repealing the act of July 16, 1941 (P.L.386, No.149), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the establishment, construction, operation and maintenance of a mountain ridge road or parkway in the Pocono Mountains through, bordering or accessible to the counties of Monroe, Northampton, Carbon, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike, to be known as the "Pocono Mountain Memorial Parkway"; providing for the creation of the Pennsylvania Parkway Commission, and conferring powers, and imposing duties on said commission; authorizing the issuance of parkway revenue bonds of the Commonwealth, payable solely from tolls, to pay the cost of such parkway; providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act; providing for the collection of tolls for the payment of such bonds and for the cost of maintenance, operation and repair of the parkway; making such bonds exempt from taxation; constituting such bonds legal investments in certain instances; prescribing conditions upon which such parkway shall become free; providing for condemnation; granting certain powers and authority to municipal subdivisions and other agencies of the Commonwealth to cooperate with the commission; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Highways and authorizing the issuance of parkway revenue refunding bonds."

HB 1413 (Pr. No. 2668)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fees, further providing for trucks and tractors; and, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles.

HB 1597 (Pr. No. 3396)

An Act designating a portion of State Route 2026, also known as Blair Mill Road, in Montgomery County as the Private First Class Paul T. Wright Memorial Highway.

HB 1703 (Pr. No. 2849)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, further providing for operation by persons under age sixteen and for mufflers and noise control.

HB 1787 (Pr. No. 2733)

An Act designating a portion of State Route 1013 in Philadelphia County as the Michael R. Goodwin, Sr. Memorial Highway.

HB 2025 (Pr. No. 3663) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for temporary registration cards; and, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for limited liability of inspection station or mechanic, for suspension of certificates of appointment and for certification of mechanics.

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

SB 717 (Pr. No. 1996) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, further providing for definitions; and providing for licensure as a certified nurse practitioner.

Senator FOLMER, from the Committee on State Government, reported the following bills:

SB 413 (Pr. No. 363)

An Act amending Titles 2 (Administrative Law and Procedure), 4 (Amusements) and 13 (Commercial Code) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, extensively revising provisions on practice and procedure of Commonwealth agencies; establishing the Office of Administrative Hearings; extensively revising provisions on judicial review of Commonwealth agency action; making editorial changes; and making an appropriation.

SB 1313 (Pr. No. 1997) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in contract clauses and preference provisions, further providing for definitions, for contract provisions and for funding.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator FOLMER, from the Committee on State Government, reported the following resolution:

SR 394 (Pr. No. 1969)

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to study the issue of voting system technology and to report to the Senate its findings and recommendations.

The PRESIDENT. The resolution will be placed on the Calendar.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators TEPLITZ, WOZNIAK, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, RAFFERTY, COSTA, RESCHENTHALER, FONTANA, BREWSTER, VULAKOVICH, KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES and HAYWOOD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 404**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of August 2016 as "National and State Park Month" in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service and the important role the 29 National parks and 120 State parks play in our communities and our lives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, my resolution designates the month of August 2016 as "National and State Park Month" in Pennsylvania. The National Park Service was founded on August 25, 1916, by President Woodrow Wilson with a mission "To conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein, and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

This August marks the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. To celebrate, all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission days. A listing of free entrance days can be found online at www.nps.gov. In Pennsylvania, the first State park at Valley Forge opened in 1893 and was given to the National Park Service for America's bicentennial in 1976. Since 1983, the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks has blossomed into one of the largest State park systems in the nation with 121 parks covering 61 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties.

Honoring National and State Park Month gives Pennsylvanians the opportunity to celebrate the National Park Service centennial and to recognize the important role of our State's 19 national parks and 121 State parks. State and national parks are dedicated to enhancing our quality of life through recreation, leisure activities, and conservation efforts. So, Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in designating August as National and State Park Month and affirm the great societal value these parks play in communities across the Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators BAKER, ARGALL, BLAKE, GORDNER, YUDICHAK, SABATINA, FONTANA, VULAKOVICH, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, HUTCHINSON, RAFFERTY, MENSCH, COSTA, RESCHENTHALER, SCHWANK, YAW and AUMENT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 405**, entitled:

A Resolution designating July 16, 2016, as "Anthracite Heritage Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, the Heritage regions have proved a very effective way of telling our incredibly rich Pennsylvania story of people, places, and products. In northeastern Pennsylvania, hard coal - anthracite - is a bedrock part of our heritage story. It is a prominent part of our past, a distinct part of our present, and an intended part of our future. It is surprising to many to find out how far back this story goes. An anthracite deposit was discovered in Pottsville in 1790. The first anthracite-fired iron furnace began operating in 1795 during President Washington's second term. The first commercially mined lode was shipped down the Susquehanna River from Plymouth in 1808 during President Jefferson's second term.

Anthracite accounts for the ethnic diversity of northeastern Pennsylvania. Many historic communities got their start as coal patch towns. Working the mines was grueling and dangerous work. The miners, with determination and courage, were supporting their families, but they were also helping turn an agriculture-based economy in an agriculture-based nation into an industrial giant and a world power. Anthracite helped form a sophisticated canal system, which was used to transport coal from the Lehigh, the Schuylkill, the Delaware, and the Hudson to urban markets in Philadelphia and New York City. Anthracite fueled the rise of the railroad and brought the first locomotive system to America, the Stourbridge Lion, which was located in Honesdale. It was responsible for an economic transformation known as the Industrial Revolution. The strikes of our coalfields helped to shape our modern labor law. One led to a law in 1885 that said children under 12 could not work in the mines, harkening back to the breaker boys, who picked coal for hours and hours through the day. A series of violent and tragic events gave us the subject of endless debate known as the Molly Maguires. Anthracite contributed to the military prowess that enabled America to lead Allied victories in World War I and World War II.

So, today, mining continues to provide jobs and contributes substantially to our economy. Anthracite coal is still an important energy source for domestic stoves and stokers. The idea for this resolution honoring anthracite was brought forth by Robert Alper, an 83-year-old Korean War veteran who lives in Kingston. He has been pushing for acknowledgment and recognition for years because as he has often told me, he is coal-cracker proud.

So the third Saturday in July is designated as "Anthracite Heritage Day," a proper tribute to a resource that defined Pennsylvania for many generations. I am honored to join my col-

leagues Senator Argall, Senator Blake, Senator Gordner, and Senator Yudichak in asking for support acknowledging this important resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman for a very important resolution. The Chair is also the proud grandson of a proud coal-cracker.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Blake.

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, I am proud to join my friend and colleague, Senator Baker, in introducing this important resolution and recognizing the hard work and sacrifice of the men and women who worked in the coalfields and mines throughout Lackawanna, Luzerne, Carbon, Northumberland, and Schuylkill Counties in northeastern Pennsylvania. As my colleague said, in the early years of the 20th century, our proud region forged ahead as the center of Pennsylvania's anthracite coal industry, fueling the Industrial Revolution and warming homes throughout the globe.

Anthracite coal, at the turn of the century, was an unusual business and was a natural monopoly, heavily concentrated in a few hundred square miles and five counties in Pennsylvania. Because it burned cleaner than soft coal, it became the main heating fuel for many eastern cities in the U.S. For miners, the work was hard and hazardous. To keep wages low, operators flooded the coalfields with immigrants from eastern and southern Europe. At the time, of 150,000 workers, only 8,000 belonged to the United Mine Workers, but John Mitchell, who at the age of 28 became president of the United Mine Workers, hoped that the anthracite industry would negotiate with the union in order to reduce competition. A brief strike by mine workers in 1900 was the prelude to a larger drama, the Great Anthracite Coal Strike of 1902, which started on May 12 after a vote in Scranton. Miners demanded more pay and shorter hours, while the mine operators complained that profits were low and the union destroyed discipline. The importance of the coal mining industry nationally was clearly evident when President Theodore Roosevelt became involved and set up a factfinding commission that suspended the strike. President Roosevelt's efforts to end the strike were successful, both sides finally agreed to the findings of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission, and peace was restored in the coalfields. Miners received a 10-percent wage increase and reduced work days from 10 to 9 hours, and the owners got a higher price for coal.

More importantly, in the long run, the role was established for the Federal government in labor disputes. Samuel Gompers, the founder of the American Federation of Labor, wrote, "Several times I have been asked what in my opinion was the most important single incident in the labor movement in the United States and I have invariably replied: the strike of the anthracite miners in Pennsylvania...from then on the miners became not merely human machines to produce coal but men and citizens....The strike was evidence of the effectiveness of trade unions...."

Northeastern Pennsylvania is the cradle of organized labor and collective bargaining, and the gains of labor for safer working conditions and wages after the coal strike of 1902 are legendary. So, too, is the rich history of anthracite coal and the heritage of anthracite coal in our region. Everyone has a relative, as you have mentioned, Mr. President, a father or grandfather, who spent a good part of their lives working in the coal mines. So

with the recognition of Anthracite Heritage Day in PA, we are paying tribute to tens of thousands of miners from across northeastern Pennsylvania who sacrificed so much in order for our region and our country to flourish economically and industrially.

I ask for unanimous support for Senator Baker's resolution recognizing July 16 as Anthracite Heritage Day in Pennsylvania, and I commend the veteran from Kingston whose advocacy made it possible for this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman, once again thanks Senator Baker for the resolution, and for all of the Members who are cosponsoring 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.

Senators DINNIMAN, SABATINA, McGARRIGLE, KITCHEN, YAW, GREENLEAF, ARGALL, COSTA, TEPLITZ, RESCHENTHALER, FONTANA, KILLION, RAF-FERTY, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, BROWNE, AUMENT, FARNESE, SCAVELLO, MENSCH, VOGEL and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 406**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2016 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and acknowledging the importance of raising public awareness of the threat and causes of prostate cancer.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, we often pass resolutions in June for July, August, and part of September because we are usually not here, except unfortunately last year when we were, but usually we are not. September is "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month." I do not think that much of the public understands how serious of a disease this is. This is the number one cause of death of men in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is the number two cause of deaths from cancer of men in the United States. The first cause of death for cancer of men in the United States is lung cancer. Perhaps for Pennsylvania it is the first cause of death because we have more older citizens.

Every 19.1 minutes a man dies from prostate cancer in this nation. So we need to create public awareness, because if caught early, it can be resolved, and it requires men to, when they see their doctor or their urologist, do the digital test. There is an expression among those trying to create awareness that simply says, do not fear the finger, because it is very important that men take care of their health, and that women, their spouses and their friends, encourage men, just as men have to encourage women in terms of their health issues. That way we all can stay healthy and live and go forward. There is also, as you know, the PSA test as well. So I simply rise, Mr. President, to draw awareness to this month, to urge the men of the Commonwealth to be aware of prostate health, and the older they get, the more--certainly, if you

are over 50 years old or if there is a history of prostate cancer in your family, or we know that the prostate cancer rate is higher among African American males, it is important to take all of these factors into consideration and get the appropriate digital and PSA test done and completed. Each life saved is a life lived, and hopefully lived well, but there are times when we simply have to be aware that it is important that we take care of ourselves, and hopefully in September Prostate Awareness Month will bring this issue to increased public attention here in the Commonwealth. Then the next time in 5 or 6 years, someone standing here will not have to say that still, the number one cause of death of men in the Commonwealth is prostate cancer. Hopefully through this testing that day will be over.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for a very important piece of information and resolution.

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

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Zerphy by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William D. McElravy, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lafferty, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Les Wingard, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis E. Carbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Aldo Scalise, Mr. and Mrs. Barton F. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stoltenburg, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Neidich and to A. Jane Klinger by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph Brereton by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Craig Ball by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable John J. Siptroth by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smeltz, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Deitrich and to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Landis by Senator Teplitz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Samuel Garncarz by Senator Wagner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the members and coaches of the Yough High School Softball Team by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mahoning Hills Social Center and to Chestnut Hills Social Center by Senator White.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Paul F. Morgenthaler, Jr., by Senator McIlhinney.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 413, SB 1032, SB 1313, SB 1315, SB 1322, HB 835, HB 1079, HB 1413, HB 1597, HB 1703, HB 1787 and HB 2025.

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

BILL ON FIRST CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of a 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 1947.

And said bill having been considered for the first time,
Upon motion of Senator CORMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2016

9:00 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider the nominations of David L. Spurgeon, Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny Co.; Jill Gehman Koestel, Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Berks Co.; Jeffrey G. Trauger, Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Bucks Co.; Lori K. Serratelli, Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Dauphin Co.; Julia K. Munley, Judge Court of Common Pleas, Lackawanna Co.; Daniel K. McCarthy, Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Lehigh Co.; Joseph P. Walsh, Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Montgomery Co., Lucretia C. Clemons, Vincent W. Furlong, Roger F. Gordon, Vincent N. Melchiorre, Daniel R. Sulman and Stella M. Tsai, Judges Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia Co.; Damon J. Faldowski, Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Washington Co.; and Christy H. Fawcett and Kathleen J. Prendergast, Judges, Court of Common Pleas, York County)	Room 8E-B East Wing
9:30 A.M.	INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS (to consider Senate Resolutions No. 294 and 365)	Room 461 Main Capitol

10:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider House Bill No. 1619)	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 1073; and House Bills No. 1062, 1606 and 1947)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider the nomination of Tim Holden, PA Liquor Control Board; and House Bill No. 1781)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 917, 1073, 1104 and 1123; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

BILLS SIGNED

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

HB 2034 and **HB 2035**.

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, June 29, 2016, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 2:38 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.