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SENATE

TUESDAY, August 30, 2016

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Senator JOHN C. RAFFERTY:

Whenever two or more are gathered in my name, I am there.
God our almighty Father, we seek Your blessings on the task before us this day, one of utmost importance for our Commonwealth. Bless our efforts with clear insight. Bless our deliberations with wisdom and understanding, respectful of our differences and not threatened by them. Bless our work with clarity, our words with accuracy, and our decisions with impartiality. May our personal faith in You give us strength to act honestly in this matter before us. God bless our Commonwealth, and You, in Your most holy name we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

RECALL OF REGULAR SESSION

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

August 29, 2016

TO: President and All Members of the Senate
FROM: Senator JOE SCARNATI
President Pro Tempore
RE: Voting Session
Tuesday, August 30, 2016, 1 p.m.

Consistent with the recess motion made on August 23, the Senate is recalled for a voting session on Tuesday, August 30, 2016, at 1 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

CORRECTIONS TO NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following communications in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

August 24, 2016

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

Please note that the letter dated August 8, 2016, for the nomination of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, 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 Timothy Wiggin, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Mary K. Topper, Esquire (**Public Member**), 223 Pine Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, 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 Timothy Wiggin, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

August 24, 2016

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

Please note that the letter dated August 8, 2016, for the nomination of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve until August 15, 2016, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Robert Kingkiner, Kingston, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve *[data missing]* for

three years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Robert Kinginer, Kingston, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF EBENSBURG CENTER

August 25, 2016

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

Please note that the letter dated July 12, 2016, for the nomination of Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, 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 *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rose Planinsek, Ligonier, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, 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 his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rose Planinsek, Ligonier, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

August 25, 2016

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

Please note that the letter dated July 12, 2016, for the nomination of Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, 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 *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, vice C. Michael Blackwood, Mars, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for *[data missing]* three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice C. Michael Blackwood, Mars, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

August 25, 2016

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

Please note that the letter dated July 12, 2016, for the nomination of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital 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 *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ray Morrow, Pittsburgh, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital 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 his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ray Morrow, Pittsburgh, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

August 25, 2016

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

Please note that the letter dated July 11, 2016, for the nomination 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 Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, 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 Richard Bruno, Brockway, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital 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 his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Richard Bruno, Brockway, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF OPTOMETRY

August 25, 2016

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

Please note that the letter dated July 12, 2016, for the nomination 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 Optometry, to serve for a term of four years, and until her *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Denise Wilcox, Doylestown, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital 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 his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Denise Wilcox, Doylestown, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

August 30, 2016

Senators YAW, TEPLITZ, GORDNER, RAFFERTY, BARTOLOTTA, YUDICHAK, BROWNE and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1354**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of Transportation to erect fencing on certain State-owned bridges.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, August 30, 2016.

Senators WHITE, VULAKOVICH, RAFFERTY, COSTA, WILLIAMS, BROWNE, RESCHENTHALER, SABATINA and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 1355**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offense of aggravated assault.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, August 30, 2016.

Senators GREENLEAF, EICHELBERGER, ARGALL, SCAVELLO, HUGHES, SCHWANK, DINNIMAN, HAYWOOD, BROWNE, WARD, AUMENT and SMUCKER presented to the Chair **SB 1356**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 25, 1966 (1965 P.L.1546, No.541), referred to as the Higher Education Scholarship Law, further providing for eligibility for State scholarship.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, August 30, 2016.

Senators RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, COSTA and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 1357**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in registration of vehicles, further providing for vehicles exempt from registration; and providing for operation of golf carts.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, August 30, 2016.

Senator TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 1358**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for limits on number of towed vehicles, for length of vehicles and for application to tow trucks.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, August 30, 2016.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

August 30, 2016

Senators ARGALL, ALLOWAY, TOMLINSON, SCARNATI, MENSCH, EICHELBERGER, HUTCHINSON, VANCE, FOLMER, VULAKOVICH, WHITE, RESCHENTHALER, RAFFERTY, SMUCKER, SCAVELLO and BAKER presented to the Chair **SR 416**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study and issue a report relating to the long-term sustainability and viability of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, August 30, 2016.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Baker, Senator Browne, and Senator Scavello, and legislative leaves for Senator Gordner, Senator Vogel, and Senator Wagner.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Fontana and Senator Williams.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Baker, Senator Browne, and Senator Scavello, and legislative leaves for Senator Gordner, Senator Vogel, and Senator Wagner.

Senator Costa requests legislative leaves for Senator Fontana and Senator Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

Senator COSTA asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator SABATINA, Senator YUDICHAK, and Senator HUGHES, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journals of the Sessions of June 22, 2016; June 23, 2016; June 27, 2016; June 28, 2016; June 29, 2016; and June 30, 2016, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of June 22, 2016; June 23, 2016; June 27, 2016; June 28, 2016; June 29, 2016; and June 30, 2016.

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

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

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

YEA-46

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journals are approved.

REQUEST FOR RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room, followed by a Republican caucus to be held immediately after the meeting of the Committee on Judiciary later today.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senate Democrats will attend the meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations and then be prepared to return to the floor.

LEAVE CHANGED

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request that Senator Williams' leave be changed from a legislative leave to a personal leave.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Costa requests that Senator Williams' leave be changed from a legislative leave to a personal leave. Without objection, the leave will be changed.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For purposes of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, as well as a meeting of the Committee on Judiciary, to be followed by a Republican caucus, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Scavello has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For the purpose of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Senator CORMAN, 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:

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF PENNSYLVANIA

August 18, 2016

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, Bruce R. Beemer, 4 Commons Drive, Bradford Woods 15015, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Attorney General of Pennsylvania, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Kathleen Kane, Clarks Summit, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATION LAID ON THE TABLE

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

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

EXECUTIVE NOMINATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator CORMAN,
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 CORMAN. Mr. President, I call from the table a certain nomination and ask for its consideration.

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF PENNSYLVANIA

August 18, 2016

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, Bruce R. Beemer, 4 Commons Drive, Bradford Woods 15015, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial

District, for appointment as Attorney General of Pennsylvania, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Kathleen Kane, Clarks Summit, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

POINT OF ORDER

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I ask for a ruling of the Chair regarding Rule 20(c) of the Senate of Pennsylvania. Mr. President, as most people know, I am a candidate for the Office of Attorney General in the election this November and, therefore, I am asking whether or not I may vote on today's nominee to fill the Office of Attorney General.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair rules in the situation just described that there is no conflict of interest, and that in accordance with Senate Rule 20, Senator Rafferty, you must vote on the nomination. Under our rules, anything which would excuse you from voting on this nomination would have to afford you a benefit which would be particularly personal. The Chair does not find that the vote you are about to cast would be particularly personal to you, or privately affect you alone, or that you would derive a direct pecuniary interest from such a vote. Therefore, it would be the ruling of the Chair that in the important duty of representing your constituents, you are, indeed, required to vote on the nomination under our Senate rules.

Senator RAFFERTY. Thank you, Mr. President.

POINT OF ORDER

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I, too, rise for a ruling under Rule 20(c) with respect to whether or not there is a conflict if I vote on this nomination for Attorney General. My factual situation is that I have a son who is an employee of the Attorney General's Office, and I would like to know whether or not it is appropriate for me to vote on this particular nomination.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair rules in the situation just described that there is no conflict of interest and in accordance with Senate Rule 20, you must vote on this nomination. Under our rules, anything which would excuse you from voting on this nomination would have to afford you a benefit which would be particularly personal. The Chair does not find that the vote you are about to cast would be particularly of interest to you alone and that you would derive a direct pecuniary interest from such a vote. Your son is a member of a class of employees who may or may not be affected by passage of this nomination. Therefore, it would be the ruling of the Chair in the important matter of representing your constituents, you, indeed, are required to vote on the nomination.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, like most everyone else in this Chamber, I am relieved to close the book on the prior regime in the Attorney General's Office with this forthcoming vote. The past few years in the Attorney General's Office have been difficult, to say the least. With so much turmoil, I fear that we may have lost some momentum on the important issues that the office is charged with addressing, such as debating the flood of heroin and other dangerous drugs that have swept our Commonwealth, dealing with organized crime, protecting citizens against scams and fraud, and halting human trafficking, among many, many other issues. The Office of the Attorney General is vitally important to the citizens of Pennsylvania, and they deserve to be represented in a competent and professional manner. While he will only serve a few short months, they will be important ones, and I fully expect that Mr. Beemer will work hard to restore confidence in the Office of the Attorney General.

In that regard, while we all might hope to close the book on the past, we cannot ignore the misogynistic, homophobic, bigoted, and pornographic emails sent and received within that office, and also among many other powerful people in the justice system. The biases they expressed are not simply disgusting; more disturbingly, they are confident and frighteningly casual. They have confirmed the fears of many and opened the eyes of many others to reason to doubt the fairness and objectivity of our judicial system. They project the worst type of attitudes toward women and minorities, among the very people entrusted to protect them. Any tolerance allowed them can only be seen as silent approval or excusal. Failing to address them would betray the trust our system requires to function properly.

Former Attorney General Kathleen Kane commissioned a report to determine who participated in sharing these offensive emails within the office. As we know, Acting Attorney General Bruce Castor received the finished report but has chosen not to release it. It will be up to Mr. Beemer as the incoming Attorney General to determine what should be done with the report. I know a lot of us might think it would be better to just walk away from the whole sordid affair, to just drop it and move on. I am sure they are not the victims of these attitudes and have not had to face or endure them. So, to them I say, just drop that thought. This issue is a festering wound that must be cleaned before our justice system can heal. I am profoundly disappointed that a culture existed in the Office of the Attorney General where employees freely exchanged pornographic emails. The individuals who work there are the authorities. We rely on them to protect the interests of justice and the victims of sexual assault and prejudice. It is beyond my comprehension that some members of the staff engaged in this behavior and thought nothing of it. They were not harmless jokes. They were poisonous in their attitudes and they are ruinous in their consequences to those who shared them and to the Pennsylvanians who were the subject of them. This problem has to be fixed immediately to help restore the confidence of the people of Pennsylvania in the Office of the Attorney General. A process needs to be in place to review the report and the individuals who participated in this activity. Each incident and individual needs to be reviewed and a program

needs to be in place to prevent such attitudes from taking root in the future. This needs to be done now. It must not be allowed to fade quietly away, not if we really value the meanings and purposes of our laws and Constitution.

I will be casting my vote in favor of Mr. Beemer. He knows the office operations and duties and he has the integrity and the leadership skills to move the office forward. Most importantly, I am trusting that he will take on and confront the email scandal vigorously and immediately so that whoever is elected as his successor in November will be able to build upon what he has started. And I will be watching. Trust but verify will be my motto, and I hope all my colleagues will join me in insuring that this matter is swiftly resolved.

Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you to my colleagues.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator John C. Rafferty, Jr.) in the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator CORMAN.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, very briefly, obviously it being August 30, it is very unusual for the Senate to be in Session without a budget fight. Fortunately, we do not have one of those this year, but we do have a very, very important matter before us. We acted fairly swiftly to get here today, and I thank all of those who cooperated to get us to this point, starting with the Governor, adding the Minority Leader from Allegheny County, and the chair of the Committee on Judiciary from Montgomery County. Everyone cooperated, and all of the Members of the Senate, with whatever they may have had scheduled for today, came here. This is our job. This is an important job, and it is our job to come here.

Obviously, what happened with the conviction of Kathleen Kane is a black mark on all of Pennsylvania when public officials run afoul of the law. It is very important to move the Attorney General's Office forward quickly, and Mr. Beemer is someone whom we all coalesced around as one whom we could all get behind. The quicker we got to him taking over and beginning that transition, we felt the better. I thank Mr. Castor for stepping in when he did when the resignation of Ms. Kane came about, but we are looking forward to a new Attorney General's Office and, hopefully as was mentioned, beginning the transition not only from the former Attorney General to Mr. Beemer but also setting up a transition for Mr. Beemer to be the next Attorney General of Pennsylvania.

So, again, I thank all of the Members of the Senate, particularly the chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, for moving in a swift fashion so that we can begin the healing of the Office of the Attorney General.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?

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

YEA-44

Argall	Dinniman	Leach	Tartaglione
Aument	Eichelberger	McGarrigle	Teplitz
Baker	Farnese	McIlhinney	Tomlinson
Bartolotta	Folmer	Mensch	Vance

Blake	Fontana	Rafferty	Vogel
Boscola	Gordner	Reschenthaler	Wagner
Brewster	Greenleaf	Scarnati	Ward
Brooks	Haywood	Scavello	White
Browne	Hutchinson	Schwank	Wiley
Corman	Killion	Smucker	Wozniak
Costa	Kitchen	Stefano	Yaw

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senator CORMAN, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 417**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2016 as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator CORMAN.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I submit my remarks for the record.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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 Centre, Senator CORMAN:)

Mr. President, this resolution designates the month of September 2016 as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Approximately 1,300 Pennsylvanians lose their lives to suicide every year. This resolution, coinciding with "National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month," recognizes the seriousness of the issue and encourages Pennsylvanians to learn more about the warning signs of suicide and possible prevention measures.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator WOZNIAC, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 418**, entitled:

A Resolution designating September 2016 as "Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Wozniak.

Senator WOZNIAK. Mr. President, Charcot-Marie-Tooth is a little-known disease similar to muscular dystrophy. There are a number of people in Johnstown, and obviously throughout Pennsylvania, who are trying to raise awareness, and there is research going on to try to eliminate this genetic disease.

Thank you.

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

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

Senator COSTA, on behalf of Senators BOSCOLA, FARNESE, SABATINA, TEPLITZ, HUTCHINSON, RAFFERTY, DINNIMAN, FONTANA and KILLION, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 419**, entitled:

A Resolution designating September 18, 2016, as "Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I submit remarks for the record on behalf of Senator Boscola.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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 Allegheny, Senator COSTA, on behalf of the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator BOSCOLA:)

Mr. President, today I offer this resolution designating September 18, 2016, as the fourth annual "Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day" in the Commonwealth.

Pitt Hopkins Syndrome is a neurodevelopmental disorder with approximately 550 cases diagnosed worldwide. It is caused by a specific variation that is present in a person's DNA. This is a relatively recent discovery thanks to new testing technology established in 2007. Pitt Hopkins is found to be caused by the spontaneous mutation of the 18th chromosome, hence why the day of September 18 was chosen for its international advocacy day.

The disorder is typically characterized by intellectual and development delays, distinctive facial features, and can also include breathing issues, seizures, and gastrointestinal problems for some. The individual is often impacted in their speech, memory, and language. Treatment strategies involve early intervention programs and daily therapies. Luckily, great strides have been made in research and technology thanks to the Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation that is focused on achieving progress and ultimately a cure.

Given the recent discovery of the gene, as well as the similarity of its conditions to other disorders, there is still much more ground to cover in terms of education and awareness. There are likely many more people, especially children, who remain undiagnosed. Most cases occur in people with no history of the disorder in their family, and because it is so rare, online support groups and annual conferences play a pivotal role for the affected families and their loved ones to connect with one another and share about personal experiences.

Mr. President, I first came to know about Pitt Hopkins through meeting a wonderful family from the Lehigh Valley, the Maginns,

whose young daughter Riley was diagnosed early on. They are leading the charge and devoting much of their time to advocacy, and they have certainly brought this issue to the forefront in Pennsylvania.

On September 18 of this year, the Research Foundation will also celebrate the anniversary of its fourth year in operation. They are an all-volunteer organization founded by families and dedicated professionals. Through fundraising, grant writing, and advocacy, they are creating treatment breakthroughs in current medical practice every day.

Therefore, Mr. President, I ask for the support of the full Senate in declaring September 18 as Pitt Hopkins Day. Thank you.

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

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

Senator COSTA, on behalf of Senators YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, TEPLITZ, BROWNE, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, FONTANA, HUGHES, VULAKOVICH, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, HUTCHINSON and KILLION, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 414**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of September 19 through 23, 2016, as "SepticSmart Week" in Pennsylvania to increase awareness of the importance of proper maintenance and service of on-lot septic systems.

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Trooper Curtis A. Whitmoyer, Brock J. Dubbs and to Chase Harrison Heckman by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Twardzik, Albert L. Evans, Jr., and to Anthony Rohrer by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Hilt, Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Coblentz, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bauder, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Bryson, Mr. and Mrs. William Borrell, Mr. and Mrs. Larimer Knepper, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Z. Weaver, Claire Maurer, Marjorie D. Hamilton, Russell Mertz, Kathryn E. Weidner, John E. Schreadley, Nelson Hoachlander, Patricia Sullivan, Jay Wilmer Martin, James Watto, Stella J. Johnson, Anna Spence, Marian F. Miller, Edna Schultz, Adam Kensinger and to the citizens of the Borough of Ephrata by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Community Action Program of Lancaster County by Senators Aument and Smucker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gritman, Tanner Pitman, Karl A. Wagner, Jr., Robert H. Rohner, Jr., citizens of the Borough of Marysville, citizens of the Borough of Matamoras, Lake Ariel Fire Company and to the Shohola School building by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Sandra J. Major by Senator Baker and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Command Chief Master Sergeant Brian L. Zator and to Michael W. Kutschke by Senator Bartolotta.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief Harry Fruecht by Senators Bartolotta and Reschenthaler.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mary Guzzi and to members and coaches of the Archbald Little League 10- and 11-Year-Old All-Star Softball Team by Senator Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Austin Theodore Huyssen, Robert Williamson, Harold Brunell, Grace DeMarco, Hattie Etta Holden, Rose Salazar, Mae Trexler, Alois Himsl, Sr., and to Lafayette College Engineering Division by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Baum School of Art by Senators Boscola and Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lucille Whitmer, Gladys Hancock, Mildred Clancy and to Miriam Mabus by Senators Boscola and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Jim Gallucci, Ryan James Schwarz, Thomas C. Greene and to Dayna Colaizzi by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert Michael Holleran by Senators Brewster and Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Donna Winner, Karen Winner Sed, Marie G. Stuver, Ryan Joseph McQuown, David J. Volosin and to Thiel College by Senator Brooks.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elizabeth Farkas, Elizabeth Allen and to Grace Episcopal Church of Allentown by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Fund to Benefit Children and Youth, Inc., and to the Baum School of Art by Senators Browne, Boscola, and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Maritza Robert by Senator Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. and Mrs. Steven Korbich, Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Morder, Russell Yablonski, Dennis M. Hall, Clay Beaston, Matthew Cooper, Cole S. Buchart, Kay Ann Hamilton, Seth A. Koser, Kevin J. Armstrong, Robert L. Oberheim, members and coaches of the State College Spikes Baseball Team, Joel and Sara Mills Farm and to Drolsbaugh Farm by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Ria David, J. J. Gismondi, Richard C. Grove, Tracey Crombie Collins and to the Greater Pittsburgh Area Men Against Destruction, Defending Against Drugs and Social Disorder by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bruce Fletcher by Senators Costa and Reschenthaler.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief Lewis Wilson, Michael Lamb, Tricia Ushler, Communications Test Design, Inc., members and coaches of the Conestoga High School Boys' Rugby Team, United Parcel Service Chesapeake District, Star Print Mail, Inc., Interfaith Housing Assistance Corporation of Chester County, Citadel Federal Credit Union, Transamerica and to Laurel Valley Soils by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Altoona Center for Nursing Care by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tanya Reed and to Casa Farnese, Inc., by Senator Farnese.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Vicky Chichi and to Lebanon Broadcasting Company by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Stephanie Cipriani and to Colin A. Gilson by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the citizens of Lower Moreland Township by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ellis Eason, Nia Ali and to Mount Airy Church of God in Christ by Senator Haywood.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Dr. Marsha Brown Woodard, Reverend Beverly D. Gray, Lisa M. Smith, Sarah Beatrice Adams McCrae, New Bethlehem Baptist Church and to Quaker City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Fye, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. William Huefner, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barger, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hartsell, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Socha, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Sargent, Ryan Michael Rogers, James Cowan, Leo Rettig and to Daniel A. Feroz by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Zachary Fox and to Dominic D'Alessandro by Senator Killion.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Clement Lupton III, Reverend Brenda Lupton and to Sullivan Progress Plaza by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Wil R. Gaboury, Charles Tornetta and to Saint Edmond's Home for Children by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to June Robbins and to Kymberly Willis by Senator McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dawson Hall by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Zachary Fuschetto and to Greenfield Senior Living by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ryan M. Henry and to Limerick Fire Company by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief John Theobald by Senators Rafferty and McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James Runk by Senators Rafferty, Folmer, and Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Julius Riske, Andrew Gans, Mt. Vernon of South Park and to Brookside Lumber by Senator Reschenthaler.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Helen E. Coffin Skipper and to the Historical Society of Tacony by Senator Sabatina.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reverend and Mrs. David Minor, Mr. and Mrs. George Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kosiba, the Reverend David Pflieger, Bradford Manor, Northern Tier Community Action and to Northern Tier Children's Home, Inc., by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Rose C. Mattioli, Dr. Sharon K. Basso, Craig Todd, James Jeffrey Senholzi, Kyle P. Mabus, Peter D. Nell, Jonathan D. Stonewall, Ashley Capozzolo LaBar, Andrew S. Beck, Juli H. Miller, Janet M. Haddad, members and coaches of the 1997 Bangor Area High School Football Team, Monroe County Planning Commission, Monroe County Conservation District and to the John Paul II Polish School by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brandon J. Huey, Barry M. Kyper and to Kutztown University administrators, faculty, staff, students, and alumni by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dunbar Volunteer Fire Department by Senator Stefano.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Robert L. Bey and to Christian Spoerl by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Carolyn Schwenk Hess, Kyle Douglas Antonio Foy, Donald Joseph Hess, Jeremiah Joel, Upper Dauphin Human Services Center, Inc., and to the Harrisburg Senators Baseball Team by Senator Teplitz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Bruce F. Bratton by Senators Teplitz and Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert F. Shaup, Jay Collins, Kevin Kelly, Vince Sannelli, Tom Munskey and to Yellow Daffodil Flower and Gift Shop by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Major General Eric Gerhardt Weller, Maximillian O'Brien, Matthew Geisler, Joseph Allen Durham, Kathryn McCauslin-Cadieux, Adrienne M. Vicari and to the Pennsylvania Prison Chaplain's Association by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Robert D. Monit by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Logan Niederriter by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief Master Sergeant Antonio Tyrone Powell by Senator Wagner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Stahl family, Larry Larese, Ronald M. De Feo and to Ralph Liberatore by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mario Nardozi by Senators Ward and Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Isenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Muir, Mr. and Mrs. William Greene, Eleanor Haney, Thomas Miller, Robert Lankard and to Delaney Automotive Group by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to June Robbins and to the International Institute for Advanced Instruction Gateway to Re-entry Mentoring and Prevention Program by Senator Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene P. Ciccarelli, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Winter, Mr. and Mrs. David W. Conklin, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Woodhead, Matthew T. Benjamin, Frank Girardi, Arlene Fritz, Joshua Joseph Bernocco and to Randy E. Reibson by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kolodziej, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miscavage, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yannuzzi, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Salus, Mr. and Mrs. William Tome, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Scupski, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dudeck and to Joseph Walter Mentyka by Senator Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Art Jump, Charlie Aponick and to Carol J. Douds by Senators Yudichak and Baker.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

The PRESIDING OFFICER 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 Dr. Nicholas Charles Bolgiano by Senator Aument.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Arline L. Shaskas and to the family of the late Betty Ann Card by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Ronald J. Villano by Senators Baker and Yudichak.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late John A. Barker by Senator Boscola.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Honorable Joseph M. Gaydos, Sr., by Senator Brewster.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Jeffrey William Fustine by Senator Scarnati.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Brenda Boyer Waleff, to the family of the late Vicki Lynne Godbout and to the family of the late Glenn E. Keller by Senator Teplitz.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Honorable Todd A. Hoover by Senators Teplitz and Folmer.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Pernette Gerald Mills by Senator Williams.

POSTHUMOUS CITATIONS

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

A posthumous citation honoring the late Dr. Alfred D. Roberts was extended to the family by Senator Dinniman.

Posthumous citations honoring the late Terry L. Brodt and the late J. Michael Shanahan were extended to the families by Senator Scavello.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Christopher M. Rogers was extended to the family by Senator Tomlinson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016

1:00 P.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (public hearing to receive testimony from the public and interested parties regarding Senate Bill No. 1306; the bill seeks to prevent discrimination against individuals in employment as a result of their sexual orientation, gender identity or expression)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:30 P.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing to consider the nomination of Bruce R. Beemer to serve as Attorney General)	Room 8E-B East Wing
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2016

10:00 A.M.	PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (public hearing on best practices of other states for school construction projects)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

10:30 A.M.

STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing
on Senate Bills No. 974 and 1316)

Hrg. Rm. 1
North Off.

RECESS

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, September 26, 2016, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 2:48 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.