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SENATE

TUESDAY, January 31, 2017

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend JACOB PRESLEY, of Bux-Mont Baptist Church, Hatboro, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Our gracious and awesome God, we thank You, Lord, for another day and another opportunity to serve the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Father, I ask that You bless these men and women today as they go about the work for the people. I ask that You give them a common desire to do what is best for the people they represent, that You give them wisdom as they make decisions for and on behalf of the people, and that they would know Your guidance and Your presence in their lives as they seek to do Your will today. It is in Your great and wonderful name we pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Presley, who is the guest today of Senator Greenleaf.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

**MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

January 31, 2017

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, Damien M. Bower, 813 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District,

for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until January 16, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Lisa Barbour, Butler, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**CORRECTION TO NOMINATION
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

**MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

January 31, 2017

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

Please note that the letter dated January 10, 2017, for the nomination of Damien M. Bower, 813 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Edinboro University, to serve until December 14, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ronald Steele, Erie, deceased, should be corrected to read:

Damien M. Bower, 813 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 14, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ronald Steele, Erie, deceased.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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:

January 31, 2017

Senators GREENLEAF, HAYWOOD, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, WILLIAMS and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 80**, entitled:

An Act establishing a Statewide program to support and guide public and private schools in this Commonwealth in the establishment of extended school day child-care programs for school-age children; defining eligibility; and providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Human Services.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, January 31, 2017.

Senators GREENLEAF, MENSCH, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 92**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1976 (P.L.1176, No.261), known as the Manufactured Home Community Rights Act, further providing for disclosure of fees.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, January 31, 2017.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, BLAKE, BREWSTER, COSTA, RAFFERTY, HUGHES, STREET and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 158**, entitled:

An Act relating to the delivery of services and programs to persons with disabilities; conferring powers and duties on the Office of the Governor; establishing the Office for People with Disabilities and Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities; and providing for the powers and duties of the office and advisory committee and for funding of the office and advisory committee.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, January 31, 2017.

Senators BARTOLOTTA, SCHWANK, SABATINA, GREENLEAF, VULAKOVICH, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, YUDICHAK, BLAKE, HAYWOOD, RAFFERTY, VOGEL, HUGHES, BOSCOLA, LEACH, MENSCH, AUMENT, BROWNE, WARD and McGARRIGLE presented to the Chair **SB 200**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1372, No.212), known as the Early Intervention Services System Act, further providing for the title of the act; in general provisions, further providing for definitions, for State interagency agreement, for other duties of State agencies and for council; and, in Statewide system for provision of early intervention services, further providing for requirements, for program regulations and standards, for administration by Department of Public Welfare, for administration by Department of Education and for child identification, assessment and tracking system.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, January 31, 2017.

Senators FOLMER, HUTCHINSON, EICHELBERGER, BROOKS, WARD, BARTOLOTTA, WHITE, STEFANO, SCAVELLO, AUMENT, VULAKOVICH, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, WAGNER, VOGEL and RESCHENTHALER presented to the Chair **SB 201**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, January 31, 2017.

Senators EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, HUTCHINSON, BROOKS, WARD, BARTOLOTTA, WHITE, STEFANO, SCAVELLO, AUMENT, VULAKOVICH, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, WAGNER, VOGEL and RESCHENTHALER presented to the Chair **SB 202**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, January 31, 2017.

Senators HUTCHINSON, EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, BROOKS, WARD, BARTOLOTTA, WHITE, STEFANO, SCAVELLO, AUMENT, VULAKOVICH, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, WAGNER, VOGEL and RESCHENTHALER presented to the Chair **SB 203**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, January 31, 2017.

Senators LEACH, FONTANA, COSTA, SCHWANK, RAFFERTY, BROWNE, SABBATINA and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 218**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in health care, further providing for definitions, for legislative findings and intent, for when living will operative, for revocation and for authority of health care agent and providing for living will and other advance health care directives registry; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, January 31, 2017.

Senators BLAKE, RESCHENTHALER, SABATINA, SCHWANK, FONTANA, SCAVELLO, BREWSTER, COSTA, YUDICHAK, McGARRIGLE, LEACH, HAYWOOD, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, BOSCOLA, McILHINNEY, KILLION, BROWNE, TOMLINSON, GREENLEAF, BARTOLOTTA, LAUGHLIN, VOGEL, FARNESE and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 234**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, authorizing assessments for energy improvements in districts designated by municipalities.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, January 31, 2017.

Senators McGARRIGLE, KILLION, CORMAN, SCARNATI, LAUGHLIN, TOMLINSON, BROWNE, BARTOLOTTA and RESCHENTHALER presented to the Chair **SB 241**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1959 (P.L.1913, No.694), known as the Equal Pay Law, further providing for wage rates.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, January 31, 2017.

Senators VOGEL, BREWSTER, FOLMER, AUMENT, WARD, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, BROWNE and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 266**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for special plates for recipients of Soldier's Medal.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, January 31, 2017.

Senators HUGHES, SABATINA, BLAKE, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, BROWNE and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 267**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 9, 1999 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, in capital facilities, further providing for definitions and for appropriation for and limitation on redevelopment assistance capital projects.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, January 31, 2017.

Senators WHITE, FOLMER, VOGEL, BARTOLOTTA, MARTIN, McILHINNEY, MENSCH and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 268**, 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 administration of act, further providing for personnel and employment offices.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, January 31, 2017.

Senators BAKER and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 269**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions and for Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council and providing for review of updated sections and adoption of updated sections into Uniform Construction Code; in Uniform Construction Code, further providing for revised or successor codes; in adoption and enforcement by municipalities, further providing for administration and enforcement; in training and certification of inspectors, further providing for education and training programs; and, in exemptions, applicability and penalties, further providing for applicability to certain buildings.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, January 31, 2017.

Senators BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE, WARD, SCAVELLO, SABATINA, BREWSTER, VOGEL, KILLION, HAYWOOD, SCHWANK, VULAKOVICH, RAFFERTY, WHITE, FARNESE, COSTA, HUGHES, SCARNATI, AUMENT, BOSCOLA, MARTIN and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 271**, 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 compensation, further providing for ineligibility for compensation.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, January 31, 2017.

Senators BAKER, VULAKOVICH, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, HUGHES and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 272**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inchoate crimes, further providing for possession of firearm or other dangerous weapon in court facility.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, January 31, 2017.

Senators RAFFERTY, SCARNATI, EICHELBERGER, WARD, MENSCH, AUMENT, HUTCHINSON, DiSANTO,

FOLMER, VOGEL, ALLOWAY, MARTIN, STEFANO and YAW presented to the Chair **SB 273**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting the expenditure of Commonwealth funds on certain institutions of higher education that adopt certain practices relating to immigration policy.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, January 31, 2017.

Senators GORDNER, STEFANO, GREENLEAF, BAKER, RESCHENTHALER, HUTCHINSON, VULAKOVICH, COSTA, YUDICHAK, BARTOLOTTA, SCHWANK, DINNIMAN, BROWNE and WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 274**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, providing for the definition of "certified registered nurse anesthetist"; further providing for registered nurse, clinical nurse specialist, use of title "C.N.S." and credentials and fraud; and providing for certified registered nurse anesthetist and qualifications.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, January 31, 2017.

Senators FOLMER, RESCHENTHALER, EICHELBERGER, WAGNER, WHITE, STEFANO and HUTCHINSON presented to the Chair **SB 275**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in special funds, establishing the Revenue Enhancement Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, January 31, 2017.

Senators GORDNER, SCARNATI, GREENLEAF, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, MARTIN, COSTA, RESCHENTHALER, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, STEFANO, WARD, BROWNE, WAGNER and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 276**, entitled:

An Act regulating employment inquiries into arrest records.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, January 31, 2017.

Senators GORDNER, FOLMER, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, COSTA, RAFFERTY, WAGNER and VOGEL presented to the Chair **SB 277**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, in local taxes, further providing for limitation on assessment; and, in consolidated collection of local income taxes, further providing for powers and duties of tax officer.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, January 31, 2017.

Senators GORDNER, FOLMER, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, COSTA, RAFFERTY, WAGNER and VOGEL presented to the Chair **SB 278**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for requirements for requests.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, January 31, 2017.

Senators RAFFERTY, McGARRIGLE, BLAKE, BARTOLOTTA, SCAVELLO, MARTIN, BREWSTER, AUMENT, HAYWOOD, COSTA, SCHWANK, STEFANO, BROWNE and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 279**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices; and, in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for specific powers of department and local authorities.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, January 31, 2017.

Senators RAFFERTY, McGARRIGLE, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, VULAKOVICH, COSTA, MARTIN, SCHWANK, WARD, KILLION, STEFANO, BROWNE and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 288**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for duty of driver in emergency response areas.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, January 31, 2017.

Senator WHITE to the Chair **SB 289**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of old State Route 22 over the Conemaugh River in Blairsville Borough, Indiana County, as the Blairsville Area Veterans Memorial Bridge.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, January 31, 2017.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

Senator Patrick J. Stefano as a member of the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the Minority Leader has made the following appointment:

Mr. Dave Buchewicz as a member of the Local Government Advisory Committee.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 227 (Pr. No. 210)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in district superintendents and assistant district superintendents, further providing for manner of election or approval and for term and salary of assistants.

SB 229 (Pr. No. 212)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in professional employees, further providing for payment of salaries in cases of sickness, injury or

death, repealing provisions relating to alternative payment plan, to persons entitled and to salary while on leave and further providing for Distinguished Educators Program.

Senator GREENLEAF, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following bills:

SB 8 (Pr. No. 269) (Amended)

An Act amending Titles 4 (Amusements), 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 30 (Fish), 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, extensively revising forfeiture provisions as follows: in administration and enforcement relating to gaming, further providing for prohibited acts and penalties; in inchoate crimes, further providing for the offense of manufacture, distribution, use or possession of devices for theft of telecommunications services; in assault, further providing for the offense of terrorism; in loss of property rights relating to sexual offenses, further providing for general rule and repealing provisions relating to process and seizure, to custody of property and to disposal of property; in forgery and fraudulent practices, further providing for the offenses of copying and recording devices and for trademark counterfeiting; in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense of gambling devices, gambling, etc.; in wiretapping and electronic surveillance, further providing for seizure and forfeiture of electronic, mechanical or other devices; in minors, further providing for sentencing and penalties for trafficking drugs to minors; in nuisances, further providing for the offense of scattering rubbish; in other offenses, further providing for drug trafficking sentencing and penalties; in vehicle chop shop and illegally obtained and altered property, further providing for loss of property rights to Commonwealth and repealing provisions relating to procedure with respect to seized property subject to liens and rights of lienholders; in enforcement relating to Fish and Boat Code, further providing for forfeiture of fish and devices; in actions, proceedings and other matters generally relating to Judicial Code, providing for forfeiture of assets; in forfeitures, repealing provisions relating to controlled substances forfeiture, to terrorism forfeiture and to procedure with respect to seized property subject to liens and rights of lienholders; in size, weight and load relating to Vehicle Code, further providing for transporting foodstuffs in vehicles used to transport waste; in liquid fuels and fuel use tax enforcement, further providing for forfeitures and process and procedures and for disposition of fines and forfeitures; providing for conduct of forfeiture; and making repeals of provisions of the Liquor Code and another act relating to certain forfeiture of property.

SB 146 (Pr. No. 270) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, providing for lottery winnings intercept.

SB 176 (Pr. No. 168)

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense of cruelty to animals; and, in child protective services, further providing for persons required to report suspected child abuse.

SB 221 (Pr. No. 204)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, providing for the offense of selling or furnishing dextromethorphan to minors and imposing a penalty.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Alloway, Senator Brooks, Senator Folmer, Senator Regan, and Senator Stefano.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Williams, Senator Leach, Senator Dinniman, Senator Schwank, and Senator Yudichak, and a legislative leave for Senator Tartaglione.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Alloway, Senator Brooks, Senator Folmer, Senator Regan, and Senator Stefano.

Senator Costa requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Williams, Senator Leach, Senator Dinniman, Senator Schwank, and Senator Yudichak, and a legislative leave for Senator Tartaglione.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

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

CALENDAR

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 6, ADOPTED

Senator CORMAN, without objection, called up from page 3 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 6**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution establishing a special bipartisan, bicameral legislative commission to recommend improvements to the delivery of emergency services in this Commonwealth and develop and promote legislation in furtherance of its recommendations.

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

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, I introduced Senate Resolution No. 6, which is a concurrent resolution which calls for a special commission to study and make recommendations on our fire and EMS operations in Pennsylvania.

In 2003, our friend and former colleague, Senator Mike Waugh, introduced Senate Resolution No. 60, which called for a special commission to study and make recommendations on the improvement and delivery of fire and EMS services in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In 2004, the Senate Resolution No. 60 commission put forth 23 recommendations. In 2005, the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness accepted the report. Last year, I convened a working group to review where Senate Resolution No. 60 recommendations stood. A lot of hard work was done. We saw that many of those recommendations were completed, and all saw some type of activity, some with good results, and some needing more attention.

Despite the work that was done, there remains a number of challenges for our fire and EMS, most importantly, seeing a drop

in the number of volunteers from 300,000 in the 1970s to only 50,000 today. Furthermore, the cost of apparatus has grown to over \$1 million, for example, for a ladder truck. Our goal is to have a comprehensive review of what was done and what is needed in terms of our fire and EMS community. Secondly, and most importantly, is to preserve our volunteer fire and EMS system in Pennsylvania for another generation. The commission, which will be assisted by the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee, will make its recommendations by June 1, 2018.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

YEA-48

Alloway	DiSanto	Leach	Stefano
Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Street
Aument	Folmer	McGarrigle	Tartaglione
Baker	Fontana	McIlhinney	Tomlinson
Blake	Gordner	Mensch	Vogel
Boscola	Greenleaf	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Brewster	Haywood	Regan	Wagner
Brooks	Hughes	Resenthaler	Ward
Browne	Hutchinson	Sabatina	White
Corman	Killion	Scarnati	Williams
Costa	Langerholc	Scavello	Yaw
Dinniman	Laughlin	Schwank	Yudichak

NAY-0

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR CHARLES McILHINNEY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator McILHINNEY. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce Christine Dukes, her nephew, Andrew Coyne, along with his parents, Robert and Theresa Coyne. Christine is a constituent from Doylestown and she won a day at the Capitol visit as part of a fundraiser for Council Rock School District, where she works as a teacher's assistant. Andrew and his parents reside in Waynesboro and are constituents of Senator Alloway. Andrew is a freshman at Waynesboro High School, and he is interested in computers and politics. Theresa works in member services at the YMCA, and Robert is a senior systems engineer at Leidos. Please join me in giving them a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator McIlhinney please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR STEWART J. GREENLEAF PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, I rise to recognize our Chaplain for today, Reverend Jacob Presley. Reverend Presley and his wife, Molly, have been married for 11 years and have a daughter and son. Reverend Presley is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, and attended seminary at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Before moving to Montgomery County, the pastor served two churches in southern California, and served as a youth pastor in Wyoming and North Carolina. He has been a pastor in my district at Bux-Mont Baptist Church in Hatboro for the past 8 years. We are proud to have him here to lead our Session today with a wonderful prayer. Thank you very much.

The PRESIDENT. Will the guest of Senator Greenleaf, our guest Chaplain for today, Reverend Presley, please rise to be welcomed to the State Senate. We thank you for your prayer.
(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Folmer, Senator Regan, Senator Yudichak, and Senator Schwank have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

GUEST OF SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I am happy to begin this Session by introducing my first guest who is here with us today. I have a student, Hallie Jacobs, who is my student shadow today. Hallie is an 11th-grade honor student from Schuylkill Valley High School in Leesport and is considering majoring in international affairs with a concentration in international environmental studies. In addition to her course studies, she is also hoping to join the Air Force ROTC in college. Currently, Hallie is the Miss America's Greater Reading's Outstanding Teen and participates in many community-based programs, including Civil Air Patrol, Voiceup Berks, Leo Club, Yearbook Club, and is her class vice president. As you can tell, Mr. President, Hallie is one busy young lady, and she told me this morning she was recently inducted into the National Honor Society at her school as well. She is quite an accomplished young woman, and I am very pleased to have her here with me today. I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming her. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Will the guest of Senator Schwank, the outstanding Hallie, 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 immediately as well.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Baker.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Baker. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

LEAVE CHANGED

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request that Senator Bartolotta's leave be changed from a personal leave to a temporary Capitol leave.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests that Senator Bartolotta's leave be changed from a personal leave to a temporary Capitol leave. Without objection, the leave will be changed.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 69 (Pr. No. 159) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense of cruelty to animals.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Alloway	DiSanto	Martin	Tartaglione
Argall	Eichelberger	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Aument	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel
Baker	Fontana	Mensch	Vulakovich
Bartolotta	Gordner	Rafferty	Wagner
Blake	Greenleaf	Regan	Ward
Boscola	Haywood	Reschenthaler	White
Brewster	Hughes	Sabatina	Williams
Brooks	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yaw
Browne	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak
Corman	Langerholc	Schwank	
Costa	Laughlin	Stefano	
Dinniman	Leach	Street	

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.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 42 and **SB 50** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 51 (Pr. No. 32) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), known as The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, in creation of leases, statute of frauds and mortgaging of leaseholds, requiring the disclosure of flood history to lessees of residential real property.

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

SB 59 (Pr. No. 40) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Prison Industry Enhancement Authority; providing for employment of prisoners by private industry and for subcontracts with correctional agencies; establishing guidelines for prisoner compensation; and providing for location of private sector prison industry.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 60, SB 62, SB 128, SB 137, SB 171 and **SB 172** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 170 (Pr. No. 146) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 12, 1931 (P.L.575, No.200), entitled "An act providing for joint action by Pennsylvania and New Jersey in the development of the ports on the lower Delaware River, and the improvement of the facilities for transportation across the river; authorizing the Governor, for these purposes, to enter into an agreement with New Jersey; creating The Delaware River Joint Commission and specifying the powers and duties thereof, including the power to finance projects by the issuance of revenue bonds; transferring to the new commission all the powers of the Delaware River Bridge Joint Commission; and making an appropriation," further providing for the Delaware River Joint Commission, for composition, for employees, for financing and for executive sessions; providing for majority approval and contract procedures; further providing for report; providing for conflicts of interest and for master plan; creating the Port Authority Transit Corporation Commuter's Council; further providing for definitions; authorizing the Governor to apply for approval; prohibiting the entrance into a compact until passage of a similar act; and making editorial changes.

SB 181 (Pr. No. 276) (Amended)

An Act providing for performance-based budgeting and tax credit efficiency review; establishing the Performance-Based Budget Board and providing for its powers and duties; and conferring powers and imposing duties on the Independent Fiscal Office.

SB 261 (Pr. No. 243) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time, further providing for infancy, 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.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 261 (Pr. No. 243) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time, further providing for infancy, 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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 9 (Pr. No. 97)

An Act requiring identification of lawful presence in the United States as a prerequisite to the receipt of public benefits.

SB 166 (Pr. No. 271) (Amended)

An Act providing for protection of paychecks of certain workers and for the collection of political contributions.

SB 167 (Pr. No. 272) (Amended)

A Joint Resolution proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, prohibiting the Executive Department and school districts from making payroll collections of dues, fees and political contributions.

SB 169 (Pr. No. 145)

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in lobbying disclosure, further providing for registration, for reporting and for registration fees, fund established, system and regulations.

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senator CORMAN, on behalf of Senators GREENLEAF, LEACH, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, FOLMER, RESCHENTHALER, FARNESE, YAW, AUMENT, MARTIN, FONTANA, WARD, BROWNE, COSTA, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, YUDICHAK, BOSCOLA, STREET, VULAKOVICH and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 17**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of January 2017 as "National Human Trafficking Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, Senator Greenleaf has remarks for the record.

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

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Centre, Senator CORMAN, on behalf of the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator GREENLEAF.)

Mr. President, the resolution I offer recognizes January 2017 as "National Human Trafficking Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. It is imperative to eliminate human trafficking, including early or forced marriage, commercial sexual exploitation, forced labor, labor obtained through debt bondage, involuntary servitude, slavery and slavery by descent. To combat human trafficking in this Commonwealth and globally, Pennsylvania's State and local government officials must be aware of the realities of human trafficking and dedicated to stopping this contemporary manifestation of slavery.

Efforts should be made to actively oppose all individuals, groups, organizations, and nations who support, advance, or commit acts of human trafficking and to work to end human trafficking around the world through education. Victims of human trafficking need support in order to escape and to recover from the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual trauma associated with their victimization.

In 2014, Pennsylvania took a positive step forward in this area with the passage of Act 105 which rewrote the Commonwealth's human trafficking statute to better enable prosecutors to charge human traffickers and increased penalties for human trafficking. I am also reintroduc-

ing my "Safe Harbor" legislation this Session that would require that sexually exploited children be diverted from the criminal justice system to more appropriate human services.

That said, it is important to raise awareness of and actively oppose human trafficking. I ask for your support for adoption of this resolution.

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

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

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. Larry Gainer by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Cadet Staff Sergeant James R. Hagberg, Cadet Staff Sergeant Breyden C. J. Olander and to Dorothy Louise Dyke by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William Sombo, Timothy O'Malley, Nick Janosek, Donald Hensler, Brian Pingree, Fred Kosanovic, William Hinish, Dewayne Vargo, Kerry Ochap and to Deanna Bostard by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to E. Ronald Rogers by Senator Yudichak.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Mae Figura and to the family of the late Brianna Rose Smarkusky by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Charles L. Worthington, Sr., by Senator Tomlinson.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator RAFFERTY. 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 8, SB 9, SB 146, SB 166, SB 167, SB 169, SB 176, SB 181, SB 221, SB 227 and SB 229.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017

10:00 A.M.

GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider
Senate Bills No. 30, 123 and 192)

Room 8E-B
East Wing

Off the Floor	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bill No. 241)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017

1:00 P.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (H) and VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (S) (joint public hearing on Veterans Issues)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I appreciate the recognition. Today is an important day. Today is January 31, 2017, and actually it is important for a number of reasons. Today is the day I met my wife 15 years ago. How about that? Today is the day I met her, today, this day, 15 years ago.

The PRESIDENT. Very fortuitous day, and you are indeed a lucky man.

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I am a blessed brother, as they would say, all right?

Equally as important, if not more so, today is the last day that folks can sign up and enroll in the Affordable Care Act, which I affectionately call Obamacare. Let us be real clear, Mr. President, just about every President in the history of this nation attempted to put in place health insurance for all American citizens. Just about every President in the history of this nation worked diligently to attempt to have health insurance provided for every American citizen. Every President, from the Rough Rider, Teddy Roosevelt, to President Clinton, to both Presidents Bush, and then to President Barack Obama, all tried, all failed, except our past President, our immediate past President, President Barack Obama. He got it done. It was a heavy political price he had to pay. Still, I am sure he is trying to heal his wounds from the slings and arrows that were and continue to be thrown his way for a program that insures currently over 24 million American citizens and provides support and protections for millions more. The right to eliminate lifetime limits on your insurance, that applies to everybody, Mr. President. The opportunity to have equal care no matter of gender, despite gender, that applies to everyone, Mr. President. The opportunity to have your children enrolled on your own personal private health insurance until 26 years of age, that applies to everyone, not just for those 24 million additional folks who have signed up and have health insurance.

I thank President Obama for working so hard to make something so good happen for so many people in this nation and in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is important that we recognize this history-making public policy achievement in the context and the fact that today is the last day, January 31, for this open enrollment period for people to enroll in the Affordable Care Act.

This message has as its foundation, I think, two pieces. First of all, healthcare.gov is the Web site. That is the Web site if you want to enroll in the Affordable Care Act, which I affectionately call Obamacare. You can enroll all the way up until midnight this evening, healthcare.gov. The phone number to call, and there are several, but the one that first comes up on my computer here, my phone here, is 800-318-2596. That is the number to call,

800-318-2596. There is still time. It is about 3 p.m. today. Folks have until midnight, so they have another 9 hours if they want to enroll.

It has been a huge benefit to millions of citizens across the Commonwealth and a huge benefit to millions of people across this nation. It is the best opportunity available that currently exists for health insurance for Pennsylvania residents and American citizens. Healthcare.gov, 800-318-2596.

Let me finally say this, Mr. President. I am not sure exactly what direction the world is going in emanating from Washington, D.C., 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, and the White House. Last night, we had the Monday night massacre, where the acting Attorney General made a decision based on scholarly legal training, and you as an attorney can appreciate this, Mr. President, based on scholarly legal training and the advice, I am sure, of folks with whom she counsels to make a decision not to pursue, not to follow through with the President's executive order banning, essentially, Muslims from coming to this nation. I am not sure where we are going when she made that decision and then was summarily fired. As I understand it, soon afterward the head of the Immigration Enforcement Office was fired. I am not sure where things are going, Mr. President, with respect to the fact that just about every one of the current cabinet nominees in Washington, D.C., have not completed filling out all of their financial papers, have not completed submitting all of their ethics responsibilities to the Office of Government Ethics in Washington, D.C.; however, they still get confirmed by the slimmest of margins. I am not sure where things are going, Mr. President, when the gentleman who won the Electoral College vote on November 8 still has not provided his tax returns, and quite frankly, thumbs his nose at all of us who play by the rules, have our returns in by April 15, and the vast would probably reveal them. I am not sure where things are going with respect to what is happening in Washington, D.C. Spontaneous demonstrations from all over not just the nation, but the world. Millions of people rose up the previous weekend, immediately after the inauguration, all over the world. It was the largest demonstration in the history of this nation. Thousands demonstrated all over the world in the last 48 hours, not just here in this country, but in the last 48 hours in response to the President's executive order.

What I do know is that it is a fool who urges the repeal of the Affordable Care Act without having something in place to follow it up to provide insurance to the millions of people who have benefitted so greatly from a program currently in place. How can you eliminate a program and not have something in place to fix it? The conversation about, well, this is a complicated matter and this has all these kinds of ins and outs and we need to be really thoughtful about how we come up with it. Well, those who are saying that have had at least 6 years to figure out all of the complications. We need to keep this in place. It is providing health insurance to millions of people across this nation. It has provided relief and benefit to millions of people here in Pennsylvania. To summarily move, to have this matter, to have this important public policy snatched away from us without having something significant in place, well, Mr. President, it is a fool's vote, and the individual who votes that way will rue the day they made that decision.

It is not too late. You have until midnight tonight for the open enrollment period. Go to healthcare.gov, or make that phone call, 800-318-2596, sign up, enroll, get the coverage that, I am sure,

you so desperately need. Millions of people have taken advantage in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, millions more have taken advantage across the nation, but we need to, Mr. President, voice our concerns to those who have the responsibility of carrying out our affairs in Washington, D.C., to not just do the right thing, but to thoughtfully pursue and thoughtfully consider all of their actions as it has not only international but national and local impact on their decisions. Do not be careless, do not be carefree, do not be thoughtless as to what is currently taking place at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. What is happening in the most important position in this world is very disconcerting. Millions of people across this State are very concerned and millions more are worried about what the future holds for them. So sign up for that healthcare right now. You can still get it. Enjoy the work of President Obama and a thoughtful Congress who not too long ago put in place a measure that has since then provided health insurance for 24 million individuals.

Healthcare.gov is the Web site to go to, 800-318-2596 is the phone number to dial, but equally as important, if not more so, say a prayer for this nation. Say a prayer for those who have the responsibility to lead us, because with the way things are playing themselves right now, Mr. President, we are not being the best of ourselves in Washington. The way things are playing out right now, Mr. President, the worst of us is revealing itself. It is not a pretty sight. We can do so much better. We can be so much better. We have been so much better when we have worked together, recognized our similarities, recognized and respected our mutual concerns, and respected those as opposed to what is happening right now. In many ways, it is the destruction of what we have known to come and love as being an American citizen.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I want to concur in some ways with my colleague and good friend from Philadelphia. We have been in this Chamber together for more years than either one of us would like to admit probably, and we have chaired a lot of committees together and are very good friends. We both like the Temple Owls, that is always a good thing, too.

Mr. President, I do concur with him when he asked Congress to be thoughtful, to take their time to get it right. That is always important, no matter what they are doing, but in particular, over the piece of legislation that he is talking about. I wish they would have done that back when they passed the Affordable Care Act. If you recall, in those days, the then Speaker of the House from San Francisco, Speaker Pelosi, made the comment, we need to pass this so that we could find out what is in it. I do not think that was particularly thoughtful at the time when they passed the legislation, although as well-intended as it might have been.

Let us remember, when you are talking about having hundreds of millions more people insured, they are not really insured, they are on Medicaid, a federal government subsidy which costs a significant amount of money both to the Federal government and to the States. Now that we have been in this a few years, the Federal government picked up 100 percent of the share for a while. Now, some of that burden is going to come onto the States, which we are going to have to find in our budget. It is important that they have healthcare, it is important that we find ways to make sure everyone has access to affordable healthcare.

I do not know that I would call a Federal or State government subsidy affordable healthcare. I think that is what it is, it is a subsidy.

We also have to remember all of the people who, when they got their bills in October, who are paying for their own insurance, got 40-percent, 50-percent, 60-percent premium increases. A lot of these things we talk about are great - keeping your dependents on your insurance for more years up to the high 20s, and for pre-existing conditions being allowed for - but that all costs money. Insurance is a risk-based policy, as the former Democratic chair of the Committee on Banking and Insurance would know. You do not risk against the known, you are not insuring against the known, you are insuring against the unknown. If you are insuring against the known, you do not get life insurance policies when you are dying. People are not going to write that policy, it is not a very good risk. So, we need to come up with some insurance policies in this country that allow people to be able to afford to buy an insurance policy, not get a subsidy from the government, but allow them to afford to go and get an insurance policy, and that has been elusive for us.

It is a very difficult thing because healthcare is extremely important. It is not something that we really want to shop around for. When you are sitting at home and watching television, you will see all kinds of crazy car insurance commercials like Geico, which is probably the most entertaining, but there are many of those types of commercials. We shop around for car insurance. We get the best rates. It is the same thing with life insurance, same thing with your retirement, you shop around and try to find what is the best thing for you. Healthcare is different and it is different for all of us because we want the best care. We do not necessarily want to shop for it. That is hard to insure. So it has been elusive. I agree with the gentleman that we should not repeal it just for the sake of repealing it. I do think they need to be thoughtful and they need to take their time and try to come up with something that works for all Americans; for Americans who do not have any health insurance now but also the Americans who are paying for health insurance, because the last thing we want to do is drive more payers off of the insurance companies for buying insurance and putting more people on a government subsidy. That is very, very expensive.

Now, our friends in Washington do not care about the costs because they do not balance their budgets. It is pretty easy to spend and be benevolent and run big programs up when you do not have to balance your budget. That is a pretty simple job if you are in Congress. Here in the States we do not have that luxury, and thank goodness we do not. We are like school districts, we are like municipalities, and we are like homeowners. At the end of the day, we have to balance our budgets. So, if we are going to provide a subsidy, we have to figure out a way to pay for it, and that is important. Pennsylvania is an aging State that has more and more people heading toward retirement, heading toward long-term care programs that the State has which are appropriate, that are a bigger burden on the taxpayers. So, we need to be able to find ways to make sure that younger people who are working have good jobs here in Pennsylvania who can create the wealth, who can provide the taxes that can then help pay those benefits. You cannot have one without the other and you cannot have too big a burden on one or else they will go a different direction.

So, it is a very, very important debate. I think my colleague is very right to ask for caution to figure out what the replacement is before you repeal, but I do think it is fair to say there are problems with the current program. Hopefully, cooler heads -- cooler heads in Washington do not happen very often, no matter who is in charge down there, and it is unfortunate. Things are a little bumpy right now. I was not a big fan of executive orders when the previous President was using them and I am not a big fan of executive orders now. I think that circumvents the process, the process of going through Congress, and the balance of powers, and getting the executive branch to sign on. So, hopefully, they will come to cooler heads and begin to negotiate and come up with a healthcare policy so that more people can afford to buy health insurance. At the end of the day, that is what we really want. We want people working, people having jobs, and being able to afford to pay for their healthcare. That would be a perfect world, and hopefully we can get there.

Mr. President, one final thing I did want to mention, I saw a tweet from a local Capitol reporter that says the current chief of staff for the Governor, Mary Isenhour, is stepping down. I do not know if that is accurate or not. I assume it is, if it is out there in the public domain, I want to say Godspeed. I think Mary did a fantastic job for this Governor. I think when you see the accomplishments the Governor had in the first year, when he had other chiefs of staff who I do not think were quite as effective compared to his second year when she was the chief of staff, the Governor got a few significant things signed into law. So, I am not sure what Mary's plans are, but she was, I think, an honest broker, someone who was good to work with, and I wish her the best and I look forward to whoever is next in line at the front office. Even though we are on opposite sides of the aisle, so to speak, with the Governor, I think the chief of staff was an honest broker who helped negotiate some important pieces of legislation that ultimately became law. So, I take a moment to wish her well and look forward to working with the next chief of staff for the Governor.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Hughes is satisfied. Always a class act of two great Senators, two distinguished gentlemen, as we like to say, as a call back to the famous Sheryl Lee Ralph and her acting ability.

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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, February 1, 2017, at 11 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 3:14 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.