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**SENATE**

WEDNESDAY, February 1, 2017

The Senate met at 11 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

**PRAYER**

The following prayer was offered by Senator ARTHUR L. HAYWOOD:

Let us pray.

We end 3 days of Session today, and we have come to the Capitol from our homes, some less than 20 minutes away, some up to 5 hours away. We have left our loved ones to serve in the Capitol, and we leave our loved ones home to manage without us. That also includes the nights and weekends of our work. What does it mean for those whom we leave? In a way, we really do not know, though we may try. Are they alone? Afraid? Or maybe relieved? In either case, Almighty, care for those whom we leave in order to do the hard work of self-governing. Look out for them and us.

Almighty, some of us have recently lost loved ones or are troubled about a friend, a mother, a father, a brother, a sister, a niece or a nephew, or a grandchild. Exigencies of life affect us too. Please help us through these challenging times. Build our faith. This is my prayer for the Senate. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Haywood, who is also joined by his lovely wife, Julie. It is a pleasure to have her here with us. Thank you, Senator Haywood, for a great prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

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

Senator Vincent J. Hughes as a member of the State Employees' Retirement Board.

Senator Scott E. Hutchinson as a member of the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee.

Senator Charles T. McIlhinney as a member of the State Employees' Retirement Board.

Senator John C. Rafferty as a member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing.

Senator Patrick Stefano as a member of the Mining Reclamation Advisory Board.

Senator Kim Ward as a member of the Film Advisory Board.

Ms. Michele Denk as a member of the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Advisory Committee.

Mr. John J. St. Clair as a member of the Citizens Advisory Council to the Department of Environmental Protection.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator STEFANO, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries, reported the following bills:

**SB 30 (Pr. No. 11)**

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, providing for power to set fees; in fiscal affairs, further providing for collection fee for uncollectible checks; in fishing licenses, further providing for non-resident and tourist licenses, for one-day resident fishing license, for license, permit and issuing agent fees and for license and permit packaging options; in special licenses and permits, further providing for net permits, for boat and net licenses for boundary lakes, for permits for protection and management of particular fish, for permits for the use of explosives, for Lake Erie fishing permits and for fishing guide and charter boat permits; in regulated fishing lakes, further providing for licenses and for fees; in dams, bar racks and migration devices, further providing for obstructing migration of fish; in preliminary provisions, further providing for fees; and, in registration and titling of boats, further providing for issuing agents, for fees and for notice for boats and related equipment.

**SB 123 (Pr. No. 106)**

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for hunting on Sunday prohibited.

**SB 192 (Pr. No. 224)**

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Game Commission, further providing for powers and duties of commission and for accountability; and, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for license costs and fees and making an editorial change.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Leach and Senator Tartaglione.

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

Senator Costa requests legislative leaves for Senator Leach and Senator Tartaglione.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Senator CORMAN asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator GREENLEAF, 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.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Senators BAKER, TARTAGLIONE, SABATINA, DINNIMAN, BROWNE, BARTOLOTTA, GREENLEAF, BREWSTER, FARNESE, FOLMER, VULAKOVICH, AUMENT, FONTANA, MARTIN, WARD, MENSCH, COSTA, WHITE, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, SCAVELLO, STREET, BOSCOLA and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 18**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing February 3, 2017, as "National Wear Red Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I am pleased to rise today with Senator Tartaglione to sponsor the Senate "National Wear Red Day" resolution to raise awareness about heart disease and strokes in women. The first Friday in February each year is the day set aside nationally to bring attention to the number one killer of women. Since the crusade began 15 years ago, tremendous strides have been made. Some risk factors cannot be helped like family history or age, but others can be managed. Nearly 90 percent of women have made at least one healthy behavior change by quitting smoking, losing weight, increasing their exercise routine, checking their cholesterol, changing their diet, or talking to their doctors about heart health. It is important for women to know their numbers for cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar, and body mass index, but there are five silent heart attack symptoms that everyone should be aware of: shortness of breath, pain in the upper back, jaw, and in both arms or neck, discomfort in the center of your chest, nausea or flu-like symptoms, and sweating. Do not ignore these warning signs. Please join us in spreading the message to save the hearts and lives of those you love. So wear red and Go Red For Women on February 3.

I am pleased also at this time to offer for the record written comments by my friend and colleague, Senator Tartaglione. So, we ask for your unanimous support and we encourage everyone to wear red, go red, and help save the lives of women in your life.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the Senator from Luzerne and also the Senator from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione, for your work on this important issue.

Without objection, Senator Tartaglione's remarks will be spread upon the record.

*(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator BAKER on behalf of the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator TARTAGLIONE:)*

Mr. President, too often women are the caretakers in their families. They take care of their children, spouses, and everyone around them, but unfortunately, they do not take care of themselves. Not only does heart disease claim the lives of more women than men each year, but also, 1 women is killed every 80 seconds by cardiovascular disease, making it the most deadly of all diseases among women. Yet, only one in five American women believes that heart disease is her greatest health threat.

This year, Senator Baker and I hope to change these odds. As part of the American Heart Association's Go Red Campaign, we are offering this resolution to ensure women understand the risks of heart disease. We are encouraging every female in this State to become more aware and proactive in maintaining their own cardiovascular health. Today, Mr. President, we are asking for an affirmative vote on this resolution to declare Friday, February 3, 2017, as "National Wear Red Day" so that we may continue our outreach efforts until we reach every mother, daughter, sister, and friend in the Commonwealth. Thank you.

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

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

**YEA-48**

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

The PRESIDENT. The resolution is adopted.

**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 an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Labor and Industry to be held in the Rules room.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Labor and Industry to be held in the Rules room, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

**AFTER RECESS**

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

**CALENDAR**

**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**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 third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Langerholc.

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Rafferty, Senator Eichelberger, and myself, we submit 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 Cambria, Senator LANGERHOLC:)*

Mr. President, on Monday, Senate Bill No. 261 was before the Senate Committee on Judiciary. I was provided the bill, bill summary, and the intent. I did not stop there. I reviewed all prior testimony before the committee, hearing notes, and all applicable case law. As a former assistant district attorney, I was always required to thoroughly prepare, review, and research my cases. This job is no different.

I am compassionate to the victims of these horrendous acts. Those who committed these acts are no different than those who commit homicide. To commit such heinous acts in essence takes the life and soul of a child. Many never recover - succumbing to drug and alcohol dependence. For those who do, they spend many years struggling with the effects of this terrible crime. Oftentimes, the victims do not even reveal to their closest loved ones the trauma of these acts.

Senate Bill No. 261 meets the requirements of the Pennsylvania Constitution, and ensures perpetrators of these horrendous acts are held both criminally and civilly liable well into the future.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to vote in the affirmative on Senate Bill No. 261. Our laws must protect our children and punish those who target them. Thank you.

*(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Blair, Senator EICHELBERGER:)*

Mr. President, as a result of a Grand Jury Report on the Altoona Johnstown Catholic Diocese, the problem of sexual abuse has become a very personal issue to many people in the communities I serve. I have

spoken with victims of abuse and heard the unthinkable details of what happened to them as children and the scars of suffering that continue.

As a member of the Committee on Judiciary last Session, I worked with others to improve this legislation within the parameters of our State Constitution. Although this bill cannot fix the heinous actions of the past, it will have a tremendous impact on those actions in the future.

Therefore, I support this bill and ask my colleagues in the House to support it, as well.

*(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator RAFFERTY:)*

Mr. President, I believe it is well known that I support a more expanded version of the bill we see here today. My interpretation of the meaning of the remedies clause to our State Constitution and applicability of same in the instance before us differs from some of my colleagues' interpretation. I look forward to the continued evolution of this important issue and await to see action on this matter in the House of Representatives.

I commend Senator Scarnati on his work on Senate Bill No. 261, which does afford greater safeguards to the victims and extends both the criminal and civil statute of limitations. Time is of the essence to embrace victims' rights. Institutions cannot continue to purposely hide these criminals. Passage of Senate Bill No. 261 today to the House forces a quicker focus on resolving the issue to the benefit of the victims. Thank you.

And the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

**YEA-48**

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

**NAY-0**

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

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

**SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED**

**SB 8 (Pr. No. 269)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 9, SB 42, SB 50, SB 60, SB 62 and SB 128** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**SB 137 (Pr. No. 91)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Department of Military Affairs, providing for Civil Air Patrol; and, in authority of Department of Transportation, further providing for authority of department.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

#### BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 146** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

#### BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**SB 166 (Pr. No. 271)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

**SB 167 (Pr. No. 272)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

#### BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**SB 169 (Pr. No. 145)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

**SB 170 (Pr. No. 146)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 171, SB 172 and SB 176** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

**SB 181 (Pr. No. 276)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 221, SB 227 and SB 229** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator WARD, from the Committee on Labor and Industry, reported the following bill:

**SB 241 (Pr. No. 281)**

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.

**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 Colin Joseph Ahrensfield and to Stewart Jon Mehrkam by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief Larry Martin, Jane M. Koller and to Mount Calvary Christian School by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore S. Czekaj, Dr. Herbert L. Ray, Jr., Zachary Christopher Makosey and to Saint Agnes Church by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Crawford County Conservation District by Senator Brooks.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John L. Walters and to Donna K. Mills by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wagner by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dorothy Reichold Keen and to William Hufford by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mary Agnes McDonald King by Senator Haywood.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Madeline McEachin by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to George J. Betzler by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Raisa Rogers by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jason Gonzalez, Jr., and to Susan Folk by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the citizens of the Borough of Tarentum and to Bauerstown Volunteer Fire Company by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Pennsylvania Showmen's Association by Senator Wagner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. James Otterbein by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Erma Jean Fuller by Senator Yudichak.

**BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION**

Senator REGAN. 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 30, SB 123, SB 192 and SB 241.**

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017

11:30 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (H) and LABOR AND INDUSTRY (S) (joint informational hearing on unemployment compensation issues) <b>C A N C E L L E D</b>	Room 60 East Wing
12:30 P.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bill No. 3)	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 10, 137, 166 and 167)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 10; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
<u>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017</u>		
9:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing on Impacts of Pharmaceuticals on Pennsylvania Waterways)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
9:30 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 7, 173, 201, 202 and 203)	Room 8E-B East Wing
3:00 P.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing to consider nomination of Estelle Richman to the Philadelphia School Reform Commission)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017</u>		
9:00 A.M.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (public hearing on REAL ID)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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.
Off the Floor	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (to consider Senate Bill No. 133)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

**PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES**

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, very briefly, I want to mention, on behalf of the citizens of Pennsylvania, in our great State Museum located right next to the Capitol Building there is a particular display right now that might be or should be of interest to many of us here in Pennsylvania. It is artifacts from BB-38, battleship *Pennsylvania*. You have the chance to see the silver serving set and some of the other artifacts, like uniforms actually worn by sailors on the battleship *Pennsylvania* when it was commissioned for active duty. Just a little side note, Mr. President, when the battleship *Pennsylvania* was commissioned in 1916, the United States Congress felt that there was only enough money to build two battleships of the *Pennsylvania* class following the *Nevada* class with heavier armaments and more guns, 14-inch guns on the battleship *Pennsylvania*. The two sister ships were the *U.S.S. Pennsylvania* and the *U.S.S. Arizona*.

Mr. President, both were at Pearl Harbor on that day of infamy, December 7, 1941. Today, the *Arizona* is still resting there as a memorial to all of those who lost their lives that day, and battleship *Pennsylvania* received minor damage that day and returned to active duty in the Pacific for the remainder of World War II. It is a great exhibit. It is educational and it is entertaining for people to go with their families.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for pointing out an important attraction in Pennsylvania. As a history buff, I will make it a point to go.

Thank you, Senator Rafferty.

**RECESS**

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, February 6, 2017, at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 11:54 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.