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SENATE

TUESDAY, March 21, 2017

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend DORRY NEWCOMER, Pastor of Newtown United Methodist Church, Newtown, offered the following prayer:

Let us begin with a moment of silence.

Holy One, we give You thanks for the blessings of this day, and we call upon Your presence as we do the work entrusted to us by the citizens of the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. May everything we do, say, and decide today support the common good and serve to build up the well-being of all. Let us not be content with patriotic words and displays, but give us the strength and patience to work patriotically for justice and peace. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Newcomer, who is the guest today of Senator McIlhinney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

March 21, 2017

Senators HUGHES, HAYWOOD, BOSCOLA and STREET presented to the Chair **SR 37**, entitled:

A Resolution establishing a task force on law enforcement practices and procedures used in response to large scale demonstrations, protests and other acts of civil disobedience.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, March 21, 2017.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bills for concurrence, which were referred to the committees indicated:

March 20, 2017

HB 56, 57, 58, 61, 62, 63 and 289 -- Committee on Judiciary.
HB 59 -- Committee on Health and Human Services.
HB 178, 202, 224 and 250 -- Committee on Education.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 95 (Pr. No. 315)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and immunities, providing for immunity for constitutionally protected communications.

SB 222 (Pr. No. 549) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in organization and jurisdiction of courts of common pleas, further providing for courts of common pleas.

SB 260 (Pr. No. 240)

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in administration, further providing for committee.

SB 298 (Pr. No. 294)

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.

SB 421 (Pr. No. 415)

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in general administration relating to correctional institutions, providing for salary of corrections managers.

SB 522 (Pr. No. 534)

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in judicial boards and commissions, further providing for definitions and for publication of guidelines; in juvenile matters, further providing for inspection of court files and records; in prisoner litigation, further providing for prisoner filing fees; in particular rights and immunities, further providing for immunity of State parole officers and for immunity of program administrators and supervisors; in sentencing, further providing for dispositions of persons found guilty but mentally ill, for collection of restitution and penalties, for sentencing proceeding and place of confinement, for information required upon commitment and subsequent disposition, for transfer of inmates in need of medical treatment, for applicability, for registry, for initial registration, for duty to inform, for assessments, for administration, for global positioning system technology, for immunity for good faith conduct, for Pennsylvania State Police, for duties of probation and parole officials, for duties of

facilities housing sexual offenders, for board and for annual performance audit; in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in general administration, providing for powers of peace officers; in county correctional institutions, further providing for county recording system; in State intermediate punishment, further providing for definitions; in community corrections centers and community corrections facilities, further providing for definitions, for department, for offenders who may be housed, for authority of Commonwealth employees, for authority of chairman and for escape; providing for certain offenders residing in group-based homes and for reporting; further providing for probation and parole; in Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, further providing for definitions, for administration, for Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, for board chairperson, for board action, for meetings, for offices, for district directors, for district office employees, for disciplinary action, for political activities, for advisory committee, for certain offenders residing in group-based homes, for general powers of board, for specific powers of board, for probation services, for sentencing court, for general criteria for parole, for right of access to inmates, for parole power, for violation of terms of parole, for parole procedure, for victim statements, for general rules and special regulations, for early parole of inmates, for definitions, for status as peace officers and for supervisory relationship; providing for supervision of offenders and for agents; in county probation officers' firearm education and training, further providing for definitions, for County Probation Officers' Firearm Education and Training Commission, for commission membership, for powers and duties of commission, for training mandatory, for requirements for program participation and for the County Probation Officers' Firearm Education and Training Fund; in Interstate Compacts, further providing for Interstate Compacts, for deputization and for supervisions of persons paroled by other states; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Criminal Justice; providing for the transfer of functions, powers and duties; and providing for appropriations for the Office of Victim Advocate.

SB 523 (Pr. No. 550) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in crime victims, further providing for responsibilities of department, local correctional facilities and board; in administration, further providing for office and for powers and duties of victim advocate and providing for confidentiality of records; and, in financial matters, further providing for costs for offender supervision programs.

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

SB 178 (Pr. No. 551) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 37 (Historical and Museums) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in powers and duties of Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, further providing for specific powers and duties, for personal property and for documents, and providing for Commonwealth archival records, for local government archival records and for access to older public records; and, in historic properties, further providing for powers over certain historic property.

SB 303 (Pr. No. 317)

An Act authorizing the release of Project 70 restrictions on certain lands owned by the Borough of Tipton, Berks County, in exchange for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on other lands to be acquired by the Borough of Tipton, Berks County.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SR 36 (Pr. No. 552) (Amended)

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to reauthorize the Rohrabacher-Farr amendment to prevent the United States Department of Justice from spending funds to interfere with the implementation of state medical marijuana laws.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Williams and Senator Yudichak.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Brooks.

Senator Fontana requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Williams and Senator Yudichak.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of January 25, 2017, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of January 25, 2017.

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

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Williams has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is 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, I extend my thanks to my constituent, Pastor Dorry Newcomer from Newtown United Methodist Church, for serving as guest Chaplain today and offering the opening prayer for our Session. Pastor Dorry is accompanied by her husband, Philip. Please join me in giving them a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator McIlhinney, Pastor Dorry and her husband, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate. Thank you for your prayer.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Jefferson, Senator Scarnati.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, I appreciate the prompt calling on me. Thank you very much.

The PRESIDENT. We are all here for you, Senator.

Senator SCARNATI. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce my constituent who is seated in the gallery. Joe Holbrook is job shadowing in my Harrisburg office today. He is a senior at Northern Potter High School in Potter County. If you do not know where that is, look at a map of New York State, it is right next to it. Joe is the son of Joe and Wendy, and he is the 6th generation Joseph in his family. He is a member of the FFA, Model UN, Mock Trial, and Quiz Bowl. He is a bright young man interested in a career in politics. He is joining me today, and I ask the Senate for a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Scarnati, Joe Holbrook, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate.

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR CAMERA BARTOLOTTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington, Senator Bartolotta.

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, today I have a group of very special guests joining us from the 46th Senatorial District. They are the 2016 PIAA State Class AAAA Girls' Soccer Champions, who are seated in the gallery. The champions include 39 players from the Canon-McMillan High School Girls'

Soccer Team. Also seated with the ladies are school principal, David Helinski; head coach, David Derrico; assistant coach, Larry Shaw; and athletic director, Frank Vulcano.

Back in November, the Lady Macs captured the State championship. The team scored with 4 minutes, 25 seconds remaining in overtime to give Canon-McMillan a 1-0 victory over Central Bucks South in the PIAA Class AAAA Championship at Hersheypark Stadium. The team battled high winds and rain which turned to sleet by the end of the game. This victory marked the Lady Macs' first State title. The Lady Macs finished their 2016 season with a 24-1-1 record and playing their second State title game in three seasons. After clinching the PIAA State soccer championship title, the team finished its season ranked No. 8 in the nation by MaxPreps out of more than 16,000 teams.

I am honored to recognize the outstanding achievement of these athletes and the guidance and coaching that led to this victory. Mr. President, please join me in extending a very warm Senate welcome to the girls' soccer team champions from Canon-McMillan High School and their principal, coaches, and athletic director.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Bartolotta, the Lady Macs champions, and the whole delegation with them, please rise so that we may welcome you to the State Senate and congratulate you.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR RYAN AUMENT PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, it is my pleasure today to introduce a very special guest, Master Sergeant Clarence Stuck, United States Army Retired. Clarence is joined today by his lovely wife, Kathy. He is the brother of Kenneth Stuck, a former corporal with the 1st Cavalry Division, whose remains were recently returned from North Korea nearly 65 years after being declared missing in action.

Clarence's brother Kenneth enlisted in the United States Army in 1950 and was sent to fight in Korea. On November 1 of that year, Kenneth was assigned to Company L, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, when his unit was attacked by the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces in Unsan, North Korea. Kenneth's unit was part of a screening force defending a withdrawal route when enemy forces attacked. On November 2, with little hope of rescue, Kenneth's unit attempted to escape and evade the enemy. He was declared missing in action as a result of this attempt. He was 24 years of age. In the years that passed, Clarence and his family held out hope that his brother might be found alive, but as time went on, they hoped that, at the very least, his remains would be identified and returned home. Their prayers were answered when they received a call from the United States Army's Department of Casualty and Mortuary Affairs on November 5, 2015. Kenneth's remains were found among 322 bodies in a mass trench-like grave outside of North Korea's notorious Camp 5 in Pyoktong. Kenneth was returned home and was finally laid to rest in Hummelstown on January 30, 2016.

Clarence, we here are so pleased that your brother is finally home and he is at peace. Clarence is a fellow Korean War veteran who spent 28 years in the military before retiring as a Mas-

ter Sergeant. A true military family, he also has two sons who are retired from the United States Air Force, and a daughter-in-law who has served in a field hospital in Iraq. Since Kenneth went missing, Clarence never stopped searching for his brother, a true testament to his devotion to his brother and to his family.

Mr. President, as a sign of respect for Kenneth and his service to this country, I respectfully request that the Senate observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice Kenneth made for all of us here today and his family's devotion to bringing him home to his final resting place.

The PRESIDENT. To honor the final return home of Kenneth Stuck and the devotion of his great family, at Senator Aument's request, we will now observe a moment of silence.

(Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of KENNETH STUCK.)

The PRESIDENT. God bless the Stuck family and God bless America.

Master Sergeant Stuck, while you are on your feet, please let us welcome you and thank you for your devotion to our country and to your family. Kathy Stuck as well, thank you for being here. Would the Senate please give our usual warm and thankful welcome to Sergeant Stuck.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL R. REGAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Senator Regan.

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, that is definitely a tough act to follow, but I am honored today to introduce a team who has earned their seventh consecutive District 3 championship in an unprecedented sweep. The seven-time victor is the Cumberland Valley High School Varsity Cheerleaders, who are joining us today in the gallery. As any spectator of a recent sporting event knows, the cheerleaders of today are more than just pretty faces. They are highly-trained athletes who can flip and flex with the best gymnasts, withstand freezing cold weather, and keep their spirits high when the play on the field is nothing more than a series of sacks and fumbles. Please allow me to recite the championships these amazing athletes have earned this year.

The Cumberland Valley High School Varsity Cheerleaders are the District 3 Champions, the UCA Regional Champions, and the PIAA State Champions. This is Varsity's fourth State championship since 2013. Needless to say, these girls have dominated their sport in every way. The team is comprised of nine seniors, nine juniors, six sophomores, eight freshman, and all of the school spirit you could ever imagine. They are coached by Kristi Shaffner, Bethany Mullin, Amanda Peterson, and Makenna Dively.

These young ladies are exceptional athletes and also amazing students and community leaders. They truly make Cumberland Valley, central Pennsylvania, and this entire Commonwealth very proud. I am also honored and humbled to have them with me today and extremely grateful for the privilege of introducing them to the Senate. Mr. President, please join me in turning the tables on these amazing cheerleaders in cheering for these first-rate State champions.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Will the guests of Senator Regan, the Cumberland Valley High School Cheerleading State Champions, coaches, and staff please rise so that we may cheer for you.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ARTHUR L. HAYWOOD PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, I am honored to be here today to introduce and recognize more than 100 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., as well as students from their ASCEND program. In recognition of "AKA Day" in Pennsylvania, I had the privilege of recently speaking at a local chapter where we discussed citizen advocacy, and that was used today. With nearly 300,000 active members around the world, the AKAs do good locally, nationally, and globally since its founding at Howard University more than a century ago.

Leading the delegation today is Toni Kendrick, regional director of the Great Lakes region. I thank Toni and all of the AKAs for joining us in the Capitol today. I look forward to seeing some of the AKAs who are here today as members of the General Assembly in the near future. I ask that we give them our usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Haywood, the great representatives of Alpha Kappa Alpha and Toni Kendrick, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate. You all look great.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR JAY COSTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I thank my colleague for recognizing the wonderful sorority, but we cannot go without mentioning the wonderful person whom we all know very well, our Chairman of the Public Utility Commission, Ms. Gladys Brown, who is up in the gallery.

The PRESIDENT. Of course, let us welcome Gladys Brown, a very famous AKA.

(Applause.)

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I am very honored today to introduce a student from the University of Pittsburgh who is shadowing me, like many other colleagues have shadows today, from the great University of Pittsburgh. My student today is Stephanie Kong. Stephanie is a senior at Pitt majoring in psychology. She is part of the Institute of Politics program, and she is currently serving under the auspices of Congressman Keith Rothfus in Allegheny County and many other counties, for that matter. After graduation, Stephanie plans to attend an organizational behavior graduate program studying gender role sponsorships, equal pay, and women's rights. In the future she hopes to work in a position where she would be advocating for disadvantaged individuals.

Join me in welcoming Stephanie Kong to the Pennsylvania State Senate, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Will the guest of Senator Costa, Stephanie Kong, an outstanding young woman, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL J. FOLMER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Folmer.

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce two constituents from the 48th Senatorial District who are currently interning for the Lieutenant Governor. The first is Emily Sweeney, who graduated from Palmyra High School in Lebanon County and currently is a senior at Lebanon Valley College. Emily is doing her thesis on voting behavior and will be graduating this May with a degree in politics and a minor in law and society. She wanted to intern in the Lieutenant Governor's Office to learn more about State government and more about the law-making process. At college, she is a writing center tutor, a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science National Honor Society. After graduation from Lebanon Valley College, Emily plans to attend law school.

My second guest is Brynn Black, a 2014 graduate of Dover High School in York County and daughter of Pamela and Gerald Black. She is currently a junior at York College of Pennsylvania and is studying international relations with a minor in Spanish. Brynn works in the college's academic advisory office as a peer adviser to undeclared students. Through her internship with the Lieutenant Governor's Office, she is looking forward to gaining a broader knowledge of policy procedure and a deeper understanding of how government functions. After graduation she would like to attend graduate school and some day work for the Department of State.

Senators, please join me in a warm Senate welcome to both Emily Sweeney and Brynn Black.

The PRESIDENT. Will the guests of Senator Folmer, Emily Sweeney and Brynn Black, the outstanding interns from my office, please rise. You are on the floor already. Ladies, give us your best pageant wave, and Senators, please welcome these two outstanding young women.

(Applause.)

I know that Brynn has a very large delegation in the gallery. Would your family please rise so we can welcome them here as well, because I know they are excited. Thank you for being here.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHELE BROOKS AND SENATOR SCOTT E. HUTCHINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Mercer, Senator Brooks.

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, today I am very pleased and proud to introduce four students from Pitt Titusville, as well as two of their school leaders. This distinguished group is here as part of Pitt Day at the Capitol, where students are showcasing their pioneering research in medicine, business, education, energy, and other emerging fields. Joining us in the gallery today are Matthew Baker, who is from Spartansburg in Crawford County and is a sophomore majoring in business; Rebecca

Fagley, who is from Greenville in Mercer County and is a freshman majoring in liberal arts; Briana Davis, from Baltimore, Maryland, who is a freshman majoring in biological science; and Savannah Pollow, from Youngsville in Warren County, who is a sophomore majoring in psychology. She is Senator Hutchinson's constituent, and he joins me in introducing her to the Senate. Accompanying the students are David Fitz, dean of the school, and Tammy Carr, director of marketing and assistant to the president.

Like the town of Titusville itself, which came alive with the discovery of oil in the 1850s, these students are bringing new life to their college campus, their communities, and our Commonwealth with their discoveries. They are continuing to make us all Pitt proud and Pennsylvania proud. In meeting these students, it is evident that Pitt Titusville remains a place rich in natural resources, but also in fostering the talent of our youth.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues in the Senate to please join me in giving these promising young guests our usual warm Senate welcome. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Brooks, the very smart, talented young people from Pitt Titusville, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR RANDY VULAKOVICH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, of course a warm welcome to the students from the University of Pittsburgh, and today, of course, was the Legislator for a Day student program. My only disappointment was I could not spend more personal time talking to my student. It was a very involved day, but I think she got to see a lot. The student who shadowed me today was Danielle Henkel from the University of Pittsburgh, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, and she is majoring in political science, with a certificate in global studies. She is interested in public policy because she loves solving problems and helping people. She believes public policy presents a unique challenge because it requires the policy creators to collaborate with so many groups who have different goals in order to compromise. She is interested in this particular experience because she is a huge believer in the power of learning beyond the classroom. She believes that books can only teach someone so much about the world, and the best way to learn is through experience.

I ask that the Senate recognize Ms. Henkel with our usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Vulakovich, Danielle Henkel, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, I recognize three guests who are seated in the Senate gallery. Victoria Baumert and David Madara are seniors at Hamburg Area High School and are

shadowing me for the day. We definitely gave them their money's worth. Both are very accomplished students. David will begin his studies at Wilkes University in the fall, and Victoria will be moving on to Albright College.

Also joining us today is John Matulevich from St. Clair, a 2016 graduate of Bloomsburg University with a B.A. in interdisciplinary studies and a concentration in public health administration. John is interning in my district office. Would my colleagues join me in giving them their proper recognition today.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Argall, Victoria, David, and John, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR GUY RESCHENTHALER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator RESCHENTHALER. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to welcome an impressive young man to the Senate of Pennsylvania today, Jai-W Hayes-Jackson. Jai-W is participating in the Institute of Politics' Legislator for a Day program and is shadowing me. Jai-W plans to graduate in the spring from the University of Pittsburgh with a bachelor's degree in political science and a minor in history and sociology. Jai-W has been involved in many different organizations, including his role as an environmental education teaching apprentice with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy. I am happy to welcome all of the Pitt students visiting today for Pitt Day in Harrisburg. I wish Jai-W the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

Mr. President and colleagues, please join me in giving my honored guest a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Reschenthaler, Jai-W, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR KIM L. WARD PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator WARD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Denis Egidio, a political science major from the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. He is shadowing me as part of the Legislator for a Day student program. With this, he wanted to learn what it was like every day with a legislator instead of what he has read in books. He is a political science major, so he gets all that, but he really wanted to see it, and he really got to see a lot today. He became interested in politics when he saw the fire and passion that it caused in some people, and you can see that still today if you turn on your television. He is interested in how politics work and how to practically approach it. He is a veteran with military experience as a Marine. He has received a Good Conduct Medal and a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. His hobbies include golf, reading, and he is an avid sports fan.

So please join me in welcoming a really wonderful young man, Denis Egidio, to the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Ward, Denis Egidio, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate.

(Applause.)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators SCHWANK, SCARNATI, COSTA, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, FARNESE, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, HAYWOOD, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, KILLION, LANGERHOLC, LAUGHLIN, LEACH, MARTIN, McGARRIGLE, McILHINNEY, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, REGAN, SABATINA, SCAVELLO, STEFANO, STREET, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, VOGEL, VULAKOVICH, WAGNER, WHITE, WILLIAMS, YAW and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 43**, entitled:

A Resolution mourning the loss of Albert R. Boscov and extending heartfelt condolences to his wife and family.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, today I invite you, my colleagues, and our guests here today to join me in a condolence resolution mourning the loss of a great businessman and philanthropist, Albert R. Boscov.

Mr. Boscov passed away February 10, leaving behind his wife, Eunice, a family, and a Commonwealth full of people who truly appreciated his efforts to better our community. When I think of the American dream and what it means to strive for it and to live it, I think of Albert Boscov. I cannot help but smile when I think of him. After serving in the Navy, Mr. Boscov joined the family business, and with his creative flair, relentless drive, and a knack for retail, he helped build Boscov's Department Stores into the largest family-owned department store chain in America.

Mr. B placed people first. He considered his customers his friends, and his coworkers his family, all while making it his mission to help those in need. No person was too big or too small for Mr. Boscov to care about. He would help someone buy their first home in Reading with as much enthusiasm as when he lent his expertise to elected officials. I had the great fortune, Mr. President, of knowing Mr. Boscov personally over 30 years and having the chance to observe him. I think he found the secret to success. In fact, there were a couple of secrets I think he knew about. One was to do what you love and you will never, ever be bored or unhappy, and that here was a man who could come into a meeting room laughing, joking, singing a song, and somehow get incredible business done, but that was Mr. Boscov. He also understood, and I think this may have been most important, that by giving you receive even more. He was selfless in his determination to help communities throughout the Commonwealth, not

just where his stores were, but also in places where he knew there were great needs in our communities.

He was an extraordinary man and one whom I know I will miss, and many of my colleagues who knew him as well will too. We have lost a truly legendary Pennsylvanian, Mr. President, and I ask that the Senate join me in a moment of silence to honor this great man. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair asks everyone to stand for a moment of silence to honor the great Mr. B, Albert Boscov.

(Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of ALBERT R. BOSCOV.)

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

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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 immediately 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 immediately for a caucus.

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 LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Yudichak has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Reschenthaler.

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

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. 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, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a continuance of the recess for the purpose of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held in the Rules room.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, 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 OVER IN ORDER

SB 167 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

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.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator COSTA offered the following amendment No. A0443:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by inserting after "reporting":
, for prohibited activities

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 7 through 9, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 1. Sections 13A04(a), (d) and (e)(1) and 13A05(a), (b)(4), (6) and (8) and (d) of Title 65 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 10 and 11:

Section 2. Section 13A07(e)(1) and (2) of Title 65 are amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:
§ 13A07. Prohibited activities.

(e) Contingent compensation.--

(1) A person may not compensate or incur an obligation to compensate a person to engage in lobbying for compensation contingent in whole or in part upon any of the following:

(i) Occurrence, nonoccurrence or amendment of legislative action.

(ii) Occurrence, nonoccurrence or amendment of an administrative action [other than procurement described in paragraph (1)(iv) of the definition of "administrative action" under section 13A03 (relating to definitions)].

(iii) The receipt or award of a grant, credit, loan, capital funding, contract or any other form of Commonwealth funds awarded by an agency. The provisions of this subparagraph shall apply to an affiliated entity.

(2) A person may not engage in or agree to engage in lobbying for compensation contingent in whole or in part upon any:

(i) Occurrence, nonoccurrence or amendment of legislative action.

(ii) Occurrence, nonoccurrence or amendment of an administrative action [other than procurement described in paragraph (1)(iv) of the definition of "administrative action" under section 13A03].

(iii) The receipt or award of any grant, credit, loan, capital funding, contract or any other form of Commonwealth funds awarded by an agency. The provisions of this subparagraph shall apply to an affiliated entity.

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(g) Definitions.--The following words and phrases when used in this section shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Affiliated entity." Any of the following:

(1) A subsidiary or holding company of a lobbying firm or other business entity owned in whole or in part by a lobbying firm.

(2) An organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)) established by a lobbyist or lobbying firm or an affiliated entity.

Section 3. Section 13A10(c) of Title 65 is amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 4, line 23, by striking out "2" and inserting:

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On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, very briefly, we discussed this amendment earlier in this Session. It relates to government relations individuals being able to premise their contingency fee upon the award of a grant, or an RCAP, or something along those lines. This would prohibit that activity. It was a measure that passed here in the Senate in previous Sessions, and I ask for my colleagues' support along those lines.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 171 and **SB 227** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 265 (Pr. No. 247) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge carrying State Route 3012 over the Susquehanna River between City Island and the intersection with State Route 1010 and State Route 1027, commonly referred to as the Market Street Bridge, as the Senator Harold Mowery Market Street Bridge.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

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

NAY-1

DiSanto

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 7, SB 9, SB 42, SB 50, SB 54, 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, AMENDED AND REREFERRED

SB 133 (Pr. No. 155) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act imposing a duty on the Department of Transportation to file with the Department of Homeland Security a request for extension of time to comply with the REAL ID Act of 2005; and making a related repeal.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?
Senator WARD offered the following amendment No. A0500:

Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 6 and 7:

Section 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the REAL ID Compliance Act.

Section 2. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Department." The Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth.

"REAL ID Act." The provisions of Division B of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror and Tsunami Relief, 2005 (Public Law 109-13, 119 Stat. 231).

"Secretary." The Secretary of Transportation of the Commonwealth.

"Standard-issued driver's license or identification card." A driver's license or identification card issued by the department that does not meet the requirements of the REAL ID Act.

"REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card." A driver's license or identification card issued by the department that meets the requirements of the REAL ID Act.

Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by striking out "1" and inserting:

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Amend Bill, page 1, line 8, by striking out "Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth" and: inserting
department

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting after "the":

United States

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 11 through 13, by striking out "provisions of Division B of the Emergency Supplemental" in line 11, all of line 12 and "Tsunami Relief, 2005 (Public Law 109-13, 119 Stat. 231)" in line 13 and inserting:

the REAL ID Act

Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 15 and 16:

Section 4. Compliance with the REAL ID Act.

In complying with the requirements of the REAL ID Act as determined by the United States Department of Homeland Security, the department shall provide individuals seeking application for a driver's license or identification card under 75 Pa.C.S. § 1510 (relating to issuance and content of driver's license) or renewal under 75 Pa.C.S. § 1514 (relating to expiration and renewal of driver's licenses) an option to obtain either a standard-issued driver's license or identification card. The department shall ensure that each standard-issued driver's license or identification card or REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card clearly indicates its designation as compliant with the REAL ID Act or not.

Section 5. Legislative report.

Within 90 days of the effective date of this act, the secretary shall present a report to the chair and minority chair of the Communications and Technology Committee of the Senate, the chair and minority chair of the Transportation Committee of the Senate and the chair and minority chair of the Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives providing details and all estimated costs associated with the implementation and maintenance of all remaining requirements for compliance with the REAL ID Act as determined by the United States Department of Homeland Security. The report shall also include all estimated initial and recurring costs to establish and maintain a two-tiered system which provides individuals a choice between being issued either a standard driver's license or identification card or a driver's license or identification card which is compliant with the REAL ID Act.

Amend Bill, page 1, line 16, by striking out "2" and inserting:

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Amend Bill, page 2, line 3, by striking out "3" and inserting:

7

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

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

It was 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, as amended, was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 172, SB 173, SB 201, SB 202, SB 203, SB 221 and SB 229 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 251 (Pr. No. 300) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

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 LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 279 (Pr. No. 273) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 288 and **SB 297** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

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

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 192 (Pr. No. 224) (Rereported)

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.

SB 274 (Pr. No. 264) (Rereported)

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.

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

SB 250 (Pr. No. 541)

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, providing for unemployment compensation call centers; and, in contributions by employers and employees, further providing for contributions by employees and for Service and Infrastructure Improvement Fund.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators BROWNE, DINNIMAN, SABATINA, EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, AUMENT, LEACH, RESCHENTHALER, COSTA, SCAVELLO, RAFFERTY,

FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, KILLION, BREWSTER, BOSCOLA, VULAKOVICH, FARNESE and HAYWOOD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 45**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of February 26 through March 4, 2017, as "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania in conjunction with the observance of "National Eating Disorders Awareness Week."

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

Senators BROWNE, GREENLEAF, EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, KILLION, COSTA, HUGHES, MENSCH, AUMENT, HUTCHINSON and WHITE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 46**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2017 as "International DeMolay Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators RAFFERTY, DINNIMAN, ARGALL, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, MENSCH, SCHWANK, COSTA, KILLION, VULAKOVICH, SCAVELLO, BLAKE, FARNESE, HUTCHINSON, AUMENT and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 47**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 22, 2017, as "Architects' Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, briefly, it is my distinct pleasure to be able to introduce this resolution again this year. It is a day that we recognize architects and remind the residents of this Commonwealth of the deep contributions made by the architects to our history, texture, and quality of life in Pennsylvania. The American Institute of Architects Pennsylvania was founded in 1909 and is a statewide component of the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. President, we are well aware of the architects working with the Commonwealth on a number of issues including green buildings. This is a day we can say thank you to them, salute their profession, and I ask for a unanimous aye vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators SCHWANK, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, BREWSTER, SABATINA, GREENLEAF, MENSCH, ARGALL, BARTOLOTTA, SCAVELLO, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, RESCHENTHALER, KILLION, VULAKOVICH, HUGHES, YUDICHAK, BAKER, AUMENT, HUTCHINSON, WHITE and HAYWOOD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 48**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the United Way as it celebrates the 130th anniversary of its founding and honoring the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I am honored today to offer a resolution on behalf of the United Way of Pennsylvania and the 57 different county United Way chapters in the Commonwealth that are celebrating an anniversary today, 130 years of United Way, and Lehigh Valley is celebrating 100. More important, Mr. President, is the work that United Way is doing in our Commonwealth in each of our communities. What is so interesting is that each community is different, as we know. We all have different social needs and different community needs. However, the United Way, by working in partnership with businesses and other community leaders, jointly decides what the goals are, what are the issues that they are going to focus on, and raise money to support.

One example, certainly, is the Ready.Set.READ! program in Reading, in Berks County, which has a goal of having 90 percent of third-graders reading proficiently by the year 2020. It is a very ambitious goal, but it is one that we have been working jointly on for about 5 years and we are on the road to success. This case is true in each community where a United Way is present. It is a wonderful collaboration that helps to make not only those counties and communities better, but the entire Commonwealth. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the work of the United Way in their communities. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Schwank, for standing up for such a tremendous organization as the United Way.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northampton, my feisty friend, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, before I introduce a resolution, I want to give a shout-out to the Greater Lehigh Valley United Way, as it is their 100th anniversary, and I did serve as a loaned executive for them way, way back, and I can personally attest to the great work they do for our communities.

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

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

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, SCHWANK, BROWNE, MENSCH, BREWSTER, GREENLEAF, LEACH, SABATINA, SCAVELLO, RAFFERTY and RESCHENTHALER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 49**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 8, 2017, as "International Women's Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, each year the United Nations recognizes the date of March 8 as "International Women's Day." My resolution recognizes this occasion here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is a momentous date that has been recognized and celebrated across the world since the early 20th century. This day is aimed at bringing awareness to the struggles of women and what they have worked to achieve throughout history, such as the right to an education, voting, and proper working conditions. Around the world, men and women alike celebrate the progression toward fairness and equity in women's economic, political, and social opportunities without regard to ethnicity, language, creed, or status. International Women's Day commemorates those individuals tirelessly and visibly working to advance women's rights and supporting women around the world as they steadfastly pursue their dreams and their goals.

Women have overcome some daunting hurdles over time: war, domestic violence, disease, oppression, poverty, income inequality, and so many other challenges. For 2017, the theme is "Be Bold For Change." You hear me say this on the Senate floor a lot. It is time to be bold. It is time to do something bold. Let us act boldly. So let us act boldly for change when it comes to women's rights. Mr. President, we need to not look much further than our own Chamber to witness the strength of women. I am proud to represent the voices of women not only in my work as an elected official but also in my position as a member of Senate leadership. Gender balance is needed in leadership, as well as respect and value for each other's differences as we continue to be inclusive and root out workplace biases. I ask the Senate to join me, along with the global community, in recognizing the strides and achievements that women have made. Let us not forget the adversity that many women still face on a daily basis, especially today, and the violence against them.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks my friend from the Lehigh Valley for her boldness and for working for women's rights. Let us all do that together.

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

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

Senators VULAKOVICH, ARGALL, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, MARTIN, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SCHWANK, YUDICHAK, SABATINA, WARD, FOLMER, KILLION, AUMENT, MENSCH, WHITE, BLAKE, SCAVELLO, TARTAGLIONE and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 50**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of African-American military pilots who served honorably during World War II.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, it is truly an honor to rise today to offer this resolution recognizing the 76th anniversary of the Tuskegee Airmen. There were many, many distin-

guished units that served our nation during World War II, but few, if any, had the long-ranging impact as the 1,000 African American pilots who trained at the segregated Moton Field Air Base in Tuskegee, Alabama, beginning March 22, 1941. Seventy-five of those pilots hailed from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Overall, these pilots flew more than 15,000 missions in the European Theater, earning 3 distinguished unit citations, 8 Purple Hearts, 14 Bronze Stars, and 96 Distinguished Flying Crosses.

The bombers they escorted were able to complete their missions with relatively low losses. In fact, at a time when jet aircraft were in the experimental stages, the Tuskegee Airmen, in propeller-driven planes, destroyed three German ME-262 jet fighters and damaged five additional jet fighters without losing any bombers or any of their own fighter aircraft. On another mission, the Tuskegee Airmen discovered a German destroyer in the harbor of Trieste, Italy, and sank the ship by strafing it with 50-caliber machine guns. Simply remarkable. Like I said, these men amassed an amazing record under fire.

We must never forget that back in that era, the Tuskegee Airmen essentially fought two wars, one against the military forces overseas and the other against racism at home and abroad. The Tuskegee Airmen Memorial, the largest outdoor memorial of its kind in America, located in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, was dedicated on September 15, 2013, to commemorate the legacy of the airmen who hailed from western Pennsylvania.

Mr. President, it is appropriate that we honor these men and their combat record and for their leadership role in breaking through prejudice and serving as true models for generations to come. I ask for an affirmative vote.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Vulakovich for a truly inspiring resolution of the Tuskegee Airmen, and I will visit Sewickley to see the Airmen Memorial.

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 Senator HAYWOOD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 51**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 21, 2017, as "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day" in Pennsylvania.

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

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 Lewis E. Ebert and to Christopher M. Leisey by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lois V. McDevitt by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Mendygral by Senator Baker and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Action Party Rentals by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Timothy Barrar by Senators Dinniman and Killion.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas Hartswick by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph E. Kantz by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Stanley J. Travis, Jr., by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elizabeth Masters by Senator Haywood.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ryan Porto, Rachel Attebery, Christopher Cossman, Matt Gallagher, David Hicks, Peter Zucca, Madeline G. Payne and to Norriton Fire Engine Company by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David J. White, Heartline Press, Inc., Printing and Design and to DelFera Heating and Cooling by Senators McGarrigle and Killion.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Evan Darroch by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kevin M. Doverspike by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Richard H. Gehring and to Francis B. Weiss by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Niko Robert Stanley Silfies, Michael Markey Silver and to members and coaches of the Oley Valley High School Field Hockey Team by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend and Mrs. Donald L. Harbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gardner and to Floyd C. Koch III by Senator Yaw.

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 Dr. William Claude Hewson, Sr., and to the family of the late Charlotte Eby Bartlett by Senator Dinniman.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late John Joseph Byrne by Senators Dinniman, Killion, and Tomlinson.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator FOLMER. 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 95, SB 178, SB 222, SB 250, SB 260, SB 298, SB 303, SB 421, SB 522 and SB 523.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017

9:15 A.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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FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017

10:00 A.M.	PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (to consider issues related to school construction funding)	O'Block Jr. H.S., Plum, PA
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017

9:00 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY and VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (joint public hearing on the State Workers Insurance Fund and the impact of the Cancer Presumption Act)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	AGING AND YOUTH, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES and INTER- GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS (joint public hearing to examine the impact on the Commonwealth on the consolidation of the Departments of Health, Human Services, Aging and Drug and Alcohol Programs)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Folmer.

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, I rise to talk about an issue I am sure nearly every Member of this Senate and probably nearly every House Member has talked about at some point in time, namely, property taxes. Mr. President, if other school districts are like mine, people say school property taxes are their biggest headache and they want the total elimination of these taxes to be a top priority of the General Assembly, and recent statewide polls have indicated that. As I am now in my 11th year in this Senate, and I am not trying to be funny, I actually feel like I am in the movie "Groundhog Day," I have heard a lot of talk about school property taxes but I have not seen much action to eliminate them.

The problem, Mr. President, in reaching this much-needed and long-overdue goal has proven to be elusive because of what it takes for total elimination of these onerous and ever-growing taxes. Total elimination of school property taxes requires nearly \$14 billion in replacement revenue. That is what it would take to eliminate school property taxes. It is a big number, nearly half of our total State budget. So, any effort to eliminate school property taxes is difficult, and this difficulty is compounded by the fact that there are only four basic tax options capable of raising the required \$14 billion in replacement revenue to totally eliminate school property taxes. To raise \$14 billion in replacement revenue to eliminate school property taxes, you basically are looking at just four other taxes to be used as replacement revenue to

eliminate school property taxes: the personal income tax, PIT; the earned income tax, EIT; the sales or use tax; and/or another tax to be named later.

Mr. President, I challenge anyone in this Chamber, anyone in this building, or anyone in this Commonwealth to name one other revenue source that can be used to help raise \$14 billion in replacement revenue to completely eliminate school property taxes. You will not find another option because there are no other options. It is basically just, as I said earlier, the PIT, the EIT, the sales and use tax, or some new tax. Yes, you can offer other plans to partially eliminate school property taxes or shift the burden by calling for things like freezes for senior citizens on their property taxes, but, however, these plans do not eliminate school property taxes, they simply continue to shrink the base, and that is the problem, making it harder for people to own their own homes. And that, Mr. President, is the key to the total elimination of school property taxes: homeownership; a fundamental principle of our great constitutional republic.

In drafting the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson took the sentiments of English philosopher John Locke, who previously wrote, all individuals are born with certain inalienable and natural rights. Among these fundamental natural rights, Locke said, are life, liberty, and property. Jefferson turned these words into, and I quote, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Article 14 of the U.S. Constitution prohibits any State from depriving "any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." Article I, Section 1, of our Pennsylvania State Constitution under the "Inherent rights of mankind" states: "All men are born equally free and independent, and have certain inherent and inalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing and protecting property and reputation, and of pursuing their own happiness."

My question to each of you is this: how can these fundamental property rights, guaranteed by the founding principles of our great republic, be fulfilled if people are simply renting their property from schools rather than owning their property? Renting property is the net effect of current school property tax, Mr. President. Fortunately, taxpayers have an alternative to this status quo. Senator Argall's Senate Bill No. 76 uses three of the four existing alternative options to make a truly workable plan to eliminate school property taxes by replacing them, dollar for dollar, with replacement revenues. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 76 does this by expanding both the rates and the base of the sales tax and increasing the personal income tax. At the same time, it gives school districts the ability to continue to raise revenue at the local level through either a PIT or an EIT after, of course, local voter approval. Under Senate Bill No. 76, the sales tax would be broadened and expanded to 7 percent. The PIT would be increased from 3.07 percent to 4.95 percent.

Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 76 is able to replace school property taxes and it is fair, plus people have at least some control over paying the sales tax, the consumption tax. More people pay sales and personal income taxes than those who pay property taxes, a bigger and broader tax base, since Article III, Section 14, of our State Constitution says, "The General Assembly shall provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and effi-

cient system of public education." And sales and personal income tax are paid a little at a time rather than one big bill at the end of the year or part of your escrow, which more than doubles, sometimes, your total monthly payment.

Like any State tax policy, shifting from one tax to another will result in different impacts on different taxpayers. To calculate how these proposed sales tax changes would impact you, compare what you now pay in school property taxes to what you need to spend under an expanded sales and a higher PIT. Increasing the sales tax to 7 percent and expanding its base would mean you, as an individual property owner, would need to spend \$14,285.71 in newly taxable items for each \$1,000 you now pay in school property taxes before you would become a net loser.

Opponents of this plan have had two main objections to its original drafting. They said the numbers do not work and the bill is technically flawed. And, in a sense, Senate Bill No. 76 had those problems, but I am honored to say, having worked with Senator Argall to address both of those issues and correct them, changes to this plan were drafted through an ardent process of meeting with opponents, carefully going through their concerns, studying two Independent Fiscal Office analyses of the plan and dissecting 13 pages of comments from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue on the bill as originally drafted. This process resulted in a plan that works. The numbers add up, Senate Bill No. 76 addresses all of the excuses for not supporting the total elimination of school property taxes. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 76 allows us to reach a much-needed and long-overdue goal of eliminating school property taxes. If you support Senate Bill No. 76, you support the total elimination of school property taxes. If you do not support Senate Bill No. 76, or worse, you say there has to be a better plan, then you are supporting the status quo.

Now, Mr. President, I apologize if anyone finds my comments to be harsh or critical. I am not trying to be that way. However, how many times can we say we support elimination of school property taxes but yet do nothing to eliminate them? The taxpayers deserve better. We have all heard the arguments against Senate Bill No. 76: it does not work; I do not like the sales tax on certain items or certain services; the PIT rate makes me uncomfortable. I understand and appreciate these concerns, I really do, but at the same time, I say to you, if you cannot support Senate Bill No. 76, then please give me a plan that you can. I guarantee you, if you offer an alternative plan to Senate Bill No. 76, it will either not be the complete elimination of school property taxes, or you are talking about raising replacement revenues from one of four - the PIT, personal income tax; the earned income tax; the sales and use tax; or some other new tax.

This is not the first time we have been down this road. Obviously, the issue has been going on for decades in this State. Countless others have tried, and while some of them have gotten measures signed into law, none of these proposals has ever totally eliminated school property taxes. In 1965, Act 511 was passed to reduce the burden of both the school and municipal property taxes through a myriad of other taxes, which included amusement, mercantile, gross receipts, taxes on business, realty transfer taxes, per capita taxes, personal property taxes, occupation, occupational privilege taxes, and local earned income tax. These taxes proved to be equally unpopular and were changed or repealed over the years while school taxes continue to increase.

In 1987, then Governor Casey and the General Assembly developed and sent to the voters a bipartisan plan that would have included expanded wage taxes, optional personal property, and sales taxes for counties, use of realty transfer tax by municipalities, municipal service fees, millage restrictions on property taxes, and payments for tax-exempt properties. That plan was overwhelmingly rejected by the voters statewide by a margin of 4 to 1.

During the Rendell administration, enactment of gaming and subsequent expansion of gaming was promised to reduce property taxes by a minimum of 20 percent. It did not and it has not. All the wailing and gnashing of teeth about the advantages or disadvantages of these taxes will not change the numbers, and it will not establish any new options for total elimination of school property taxes.

Mr. President, I conclude with again saying, if you support the goal of totally eliminating school property taxes and you do not have an alternative to Senate Bill No. 76, then you are supporting the status quo. The time is now. The people have heard the promises to eliminate school property taxes. They have seen plans come and go. Senate Bill No. 76 works, it has been vetted, and it is the only plan that will eliminate school property taxes. So the time has come, vote for Senate Bill No. 76.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, very briefly, I applaud the gentleman for raising the issue with respect to trying to address the issue of property tax relief in this Commonwealth. I think as we both know, and every Member in this Chamber knows, it has been controversial and a subject that has been a big part of, particularly, our communities, when we go back and represent our districts along the lines of trying to take steps to do that. As he mentioned in his remarks, we, in fact, did do some things over the course of the past 25 or 30 years. We have not been fully successful along those lines.

Mr. President, as some of you know, Senate Democrats have asked for a Special Session on property tax to address this situation, and not necessarily to look at one particular bill, but to be able to raise awareness of the issue and raise conversation about what needs to be done along the lines of property tax relief in this Commonwealth. Our good friend from the Bethlehem area, Senator Boscola, has been a longtime champion of this issue and, more importantly, a couple of years back, also was able to garner support for a Special Session on property tax relief. Unfortunately, we were not able to bring any of this to closure. So, I welcome the opportunity for the gentleman to join us in asking that the Governor create a Special Session on property tax relief.

Mr. President, there is a lot of conversation about particular plans, and while, again, we are open to any conversation along the lines, whether it be Senate Bill No. 76, or any type of other measure that is out there, I would like to maybe put a plug in for a version the Senate Democrats have been advancing for the last couple of years. It is not a total elimination of school property taxes, however, what it would do is provide for in excess of \$2,000 back to homeowners. Every single homeowner in this Commonwealth who pays property taxes would receive a rebate check in the amount of up to \$2,000 based upon the amount of money they pay in school property taxes.

Let me be clear. You mention Senate Bill No. 76, and it is oftentimes referred to as complete elimination. If one takes a look at the legislation it is only elimination unless a school district has debt service that it must continue to pay. Most school districts continue to have debt service, so there will still be an obligation for taxpayers and homeowners to pay the property taxes until that debt service has been completed and paid back.

With respect to the legislation that Senate Democrats have been proposing, it calls for up to a \$2,000 reduction and it does three things. It looks to increase the personal income tax to a lesser degree than what Senate Bill No. 76 does. It looks to increase the sales tax, only increase the sales tax, it does not broaden the base of sales tax as Senate Bill No. 76 does. Finally, it looks to the property tax relief we are already getting through the Gaming Act, along those lines. That is why we think that particular version is the better conversation for us to have as a part of a discussion during a Special Session than possibly Senate Bill No. 76.

One other point I will make is that as we look at Senate Bill No. 76, as I mentioned to you, one version that we put forth, and again, there are a number out there, it does not require that the commercial properties in this Commonwealth be exempt from having to pay property taxes. If you eliminate property tax for everyone under Senate Bill No. 76, you are relieving the commercial community of about \$3 billion of property tax that they will no longer be paying to school districts, and that is something that is significant and we have to take a look at. So, at the end of the day, we are relieving those entities that I like to refer to as the Walmarts and some of those other large places, they will not be paying \$3 billion in property taxes. At the end of the day, that is part of the \$14 billion that the gentleman referred to that now must be spread across all Pennsylvania taxpayers as we go forward. So it is something that we think is significant and needs to be addressed.

Finally, Mr. President, on the distribution side, because we talk a lot about eliminating the school property taxes, but we do not talk enough about the distribution of those resources, the question under Senate Bill No. 76 is, do we want the State of Pennsylvania, the General Assembly, to determine how school district dollars are going to be spent and how many dollars we send to our school districts? Last week a number of us had the opportunity to meet with school administrators or school board members in the Pittsburgh area and we learned a lot about, in public and private conversations, the concern about this particular measure, Senate Bill No. 76, and the impact it is going to have on school districts to be able to determine at the local level how we are going to drive out resources and, more importantly, what level of resources are going to make their way to those school districts. The concern is that we are going to be locking in significant inequities as it relates to what school districts currently receive, and we need to all be cognizant of that as we go forward.

So, as we talk about property tax relief, we also have to talk about the appropriate manner in which we distribute these dollars that will be coming to the State and that we will be driving back to the school districts. To me, that is something we need to be cognizant of and at the same time taking control, in many aspects, away from the school districts. The version Senate Democrats have been proposing does not necessarily do that but it does collect the resources and drive them back to the school districts,

but allows for local control to be an issue there. At the end of the day what has to happen is a conversation about property tax relief. As was mentioned, this is a top priority for many of our constituents across the Commonwealth, and we stand ready to join our colleagues from the other side of the aisle, folks over in the House, and certainly the Governor's Office to have a real sincere conversation about how we address property taxes. At the end of the day we can debate it and whatever plan makes its way through the process, that is what we will live with, but going forward that has to be the discussion and it is has to be an open conversation with multiple plans to be considered.

So I appreciate the gentleman bringing the issue to the floor and to the attention of our colleagues, and we stand with him in wanting to address this issue as we go forward.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I do commend colleagues on both sides of the aisle for recognition of the need to eliminate property taxes and keeping that conversation going, and maybe, as I talked earlier today, be very bold when it comes to a solution.

I am going to switch gears here because, Mr. President, before what I would say the remnants of Snowstorm Stella completely melt in oblivion, I would like to take this opportunity to repeat my call for legislation that would require drivers to remove snow and ice from their vehicles. We have had a relatively mild winter, one probably that is a little unusual, but it does not really detract from the dangerous and deadly threat of dislodged flying ice on our highways, especially when a storm like Stella does occur. People have been seriously harmed by ice debris crashing through their windshields. Over the past several weeks there have been a lot of reports of injuries, a lot of vehicle damage, and, I have to say, Mr. President, in the past there have been some deaths. People have died. A woman from my district named Christine Lambert died in such a way. It happened on Christmas Day in 2005 while she and her family were driving to Carbon County. She died instantly when a huge chunk of ice dislodged from a truck and crashed right through her windshield like a missile. The truck driver probably did not even notice what happened and never stopped.

Mr. President, our current law only deals with snow and ice issues after a tragedy has occurred, meaning the legislation says, after snow and ice is dislodged, if there is death or serious bodily injury, you can face a fine. It does not enable the police to stop and perhaps warn motorists who ignore their responsibility to clear ice and snow before they take to the road. Our current law has no preventative component, and that is something that we should all want to change. My legislation, Senate Bill No. 435, is a responsible yet substantive effort to deter drivers from driving with snow and ice caked to their vehicle.

I have introduced this bill over the last three Sessions. Each time opposition from the trucking industry has blocked its passage. I am proud to say that I have worked closely with the industry leaders on ways to approach this highway safety issue while recognizing some of the unique issues and problems that truck drivers face. They are now on board with the legislation and supportive of the legislation. Specifically, the bill would allow truck drivers 24 hours after a snowstorm to remove snow and ice from their vehicle, the same amount of time people are

given to clear their sidewalks. I am also pleased that this bill is aimed at educating and deterring this kind of hazardous driving rather than being overly punitive. If a police officer believes accumulated snow and ice is hazardous, the officer would be able to fine the driver up to \$75 based on circumstances, or perhaps maybe issue a warning. The goal is to make our highways safer, not delay, not hassle, or seriously inconvenience drivers. Hopefully, this compromise legislation will deter and prevent tragedies like the one that ended Christine Lambert's life from ever happening again.

So, Mr. President, let us get this reasonable bill on the books so we can begin raising public awareness and make our highways so much safer. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman, who has been working on this issue for years, and the Chair appreciates the effort.

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 4:49 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.