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SENATE

MONDAY, March 27, 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 JULIE RECHER, Pastor of Atone-ment Lutheran Church, Wyomissing, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

God of life, we gather in this Chamber to do the work of governing Your people in the State of Pennsylvania. You care for all people, no matter what they call You, or whether they call on You at all. Help us to have that same regard for all people, particularly those we consider to be very different from us. Call us anew to the work of law and justice, upholding the dignity and rights of all people. Guide us as we go to our varied tasks. Help us to listen as well as to speak, and empower us to advocate as well as compromise. Most of all, remind us of our call to serve, knowing we are here representing others as well as ourselves. To You we dedicate and entrust our work today. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Recher, who is the guest today of Senator Schwank.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

CORRECTIONS TO NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

March 23, 2017

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

Please note that the letter dated March 22, 2017, for the nomination of David Stonesifer, 807 Sycamore Road, Mohnton 19540, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Betsy Joyce, Gladwyne, resigned, should be corrected to read:

David Stonesifer, 807 Sycamore Road, Mohnton 19540, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve until October 14, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Betsy Joyce, Gladwyne, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS

March 23, 2017

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

Please note that the letter dated February 28, 2017, for the nomination of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg [sic] 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Funeral Directors, to serve for a term of five years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Donald Murphy, Camp Hill, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Funeral Directors, to serve for a term of five years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Donald Murphy, Camp Hill, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

March 23, 2017

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

Please note that the letter dated March 2, 2017, for the nomination of Stephen A. Latanishen (District 6), 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ronald Weaner, Biglerville, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Stephen A. Latanishen (District 6), 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ronald Weaner, Biglerville, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

March 23, 2017

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

Please note that the letter dated March 22, 2017, for the nomination of Anna Moran, 1262 Cedar Top Road, Shillington 19607, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Bruce Goodman, Harrisburg, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Anna Moran, 1262 Cedar Top Road, Shillington 19607, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve until March 14, 2020, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Bruce Goodman, Harrisburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

March 23, 2017

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

Please note that the letter dated February 24, 2017, for the nomination of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Dauphin *[sic]* County, Fifteenth *[sic]* Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Denise Wilcox, Doylestown, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Denise Wilcox, Doylestown, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

March 27, 2017

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

Please note that the recall dated February 28, 2017, for the nomination dated December 14, 2016, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apartment 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Karl Streilein, Corry, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apartment 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Karl Streilein, Erie, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS

March 23, 2017

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

Please note that the letter dated February 28, 2017, for the nomination of Ronald N. Jumper, Jr. (Public Member), 247 North Middlesex Road, Carlisle 17013, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Earnest Long, Gettysburg, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Ronald N. Jumper, Jr. (Public Member), 247 North Middlesex Road, Carlisle 17013, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Earnest Long, Gettysburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

March 24, 2017

Senators BLAKE, FONTANA, COSTA, SCHWANK, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, WARD and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 16**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, providing for immediate suspension of operating privilege.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 24, 2017.

Senators BROWNE, BAKER, SCHWANK, COSTA, AUMENT, HUTCHINSON, MENSCH, HAYWOOD, RESCHENTHALER, SCAVELLO, WARD, FONTANA, KILLION and BLAKE presented to the Chair **SB 211**, entitled:

An Act providing for a grant program for a Statewide 2-1-1 system; and imposing duties on the Department of Health.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 24, 2017.

Senators HUGHES, BLAKE, LEACH, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, HAYWOOD, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, COSTA, BROWNE and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 405**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Lead Remediation and Abatement Superfund.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 24, 2017.

Senators KILLION, BLAKE, ARGALL, AUMENT, BAKER, COSTA, FARNESE, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, HAYWOOD, LEACH, McGARRIGLE, RAFFERTY, SABATINA, SCARNATI, TARTAGLIONE, VULAKOVICH, YUDICHAK and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 530**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1987 (P.L.220, No.39), known as the Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act, further providing for definitions, for reciprocity, for restriction on the use of title "licensed clinical social worker," for penalties and for unlawful practice; and repealing provisions related to appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 24, 2017.

Senators AUMENT, SCAVELLO, RAFFERTY, BLAKE, KILLION, LEACH, YUDICHAK, STEFANO and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 531**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1987 (P.L.220, No.39), known as the Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act, further providing for definitions, for qualifications for license, for reciprocity, for penalties and for unlawful practice and repealing provisions relating to appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 24, 2017.

Senators COSTA, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, BAKER, FARNESE, WAGNER, MENSCH, YUDICHAK, DINNIMAN, TARTAGLIONE, VULAKOVICH, HUGHES, SCHWANK, WARD, HAYWOOD and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 532**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in lobbying disclosure, further providing for prohibited activities.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 24, 2017.

Senators SCHWANK, COSTA, SABATINA, TARTAGLIONE, BREWSTER, BROWNE, BLAKE and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 533**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for emergency addiction treatment; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 24, 2017.

Senators COSTA, BREWSTER, SABATINA, YUDICHAK, LEACH, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, FARNESE, DINNIMAN and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 534**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for addiction prevention and treatment assessment and establishing the Opioid Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 24, 2017.

Senators DINNIMAN, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, WHITE, WARD, RAFFERTY, MENSCH, COSTA, BROWNE, VULAKOVICH, FARNESE, HAYWOOD and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 535**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for child opioid awareness education.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 24, 2017.

Senators BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, COSTA and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 536**, entitled:

An Act providing for Commonwealth support for an Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselor Loan Forgiveness Program for qualified alcohol and drug addiction loan forgiveness applicants.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 24, 2017.

Senators DINNIMAN, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, COSTA, KILLION, MENSCH, AUMENT, SABATINA and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 539**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 24, 2017.

Senators MENSCH, FOLMER, ARGALL, FONTANA, COSTA, VULAKOVICH, SCAVELLO, RAFFERTY, BREWSTER, RESCHENTHALER, AUMENT, SABATINA, SCARNATI, YUDICHAK and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 540**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, further providing for excuses from attending school.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 24, 2017.

Senators BROWNE, GREENLEAF, COSTA, MENSCH, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY and KILLION presented to the Chair **SB 541**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, further providing for exceptional children, education and training.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 24, 2017.

Senators BROWNE, BARTOLOTTA, EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, FOLMER, COSTA, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, MENSCH, WARD, BREWSTER, STEFANO, VULAKOVICH, SCAVELLO and RESCHENTHALER presented to the Chair **SB 542**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, further defining unlawful acts concerning emergency prescriptions.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 24, 2017.

Senators BROWNE, SCARNATI, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, KILLION, MENSCH, BAKER, YUDICHAK, BLAKE, REGAN and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 544**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in authorized disposition of offenders, providing for district attorney justice fee.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 24, 2017.

Senators BROWNE, VULAKOVICH, SCAVELLO and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 545**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, in sterilization of dogs and cats, further providing for spaying or neutering as condition for release of certain animals and repealing certain provisions relating to sterilization of dogs and cats.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 24, 2017.

Senators McILHINNEY, RAFFERTY, MENSCH, DiSANTO and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 546**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for film approval by parent or guardian and imposing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 24, 2017.

Senators SCHWANK, COSTA, HUGHES, BLAKE, FONTANA, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, FARNESE, BOSCOLA, MENSCH, BROWNE and SABATINA presented to the Chair **SB 547**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, further providing for dating violence education; and, in sexual violence education at institutions of higher education, further providing for definitions and for education program.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 24, 2017.

Senators SCHWANK, HUGHES, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, SABATINA, BREWSTER, FONTANA, YUDICHAK and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 548**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in other offenses, providing for the offense of prohibited distribu-

tion of a private image; and, in particular rights and immunities, further providing for damages in actions for unlawful dissemination of intimate image.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 24, 2017.

Senators SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, SABATINA, YUDICHAK, HAYWOOD, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, BROWNE and BLAKE presented to the Chair **SB 549**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of Public Welfare and its departmental administrative and advisory boards and commissions, further providing for domestic violence and rape victims services; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 24, 2017.

Senators SCHWANK, COSTA, HUGHES, YUDICHAK, VULAKOVICH, FONTANA, ARGALL, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY and STREET presented to the Chair **SB 551**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in charter schools, further providing for funding for charter schools.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 24, 2017.

Senators AUMENT, VULAKOVICH, MARTIN, EICHELBERGER, VOGEL, FOLMER, RESCHENTHALER, GORDNER, BARTOLOTTA, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, SABATINA, BAKER, BREWSTER and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 552**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Department of Military Affairs, further providing for Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund; in State Veterans' Commission and Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans' Affairs, further providing for Veterans' Trust Fund; in Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Commission, repealing provisions relating to the Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund and to expiration; and, in registration of vehicles, further providing for Pennsylvania monument registration plate.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 24, 2017.

Senator RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 553**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled substance; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for penalties and for ignition interlock.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 24, 2017.

Senators GREENLEAF, LEACH, BREWSTER, RESCHENTHALER, FARNESE, YAW, FONTANA, COSTA, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA, BARTOLOTTA, STREET, DINNIMAN, BROWNE, HUGHES, LAUGHLIN, BLAKE, HAYWOOD and SCAVELLO presented to the Chair **SB 554**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Stat-

utes, in human trafficking, further providing for definitions, repealing provisions relating to appropriate implementation for minor victims of human trafficking, providing for special relief to restore victim's dignity and autonomy and for safe harbor for sexually exploited children, establishing the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund and imposing penalties; in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense of obstructing highways and other public passages; in public indecency, further providing for the offense of prostitution and related offenses; and, in juvenile matters, providing for immunity and for dependency in lieu of delinquency.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 24, 2017.

March 27, 2017

Senators GREENLEAF, MARTIN and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 556**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income and for returns of married individuals, deceased or disabled individuals and fiduciaries; and abrogating regulations.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 27, 2017.

Senators SCARNATI, McGARRIGLE, YAW, SCAVELLO, AR GALL, BARTOLOTTA, RESCHENTHALER, VULAKOVICH, MARTIN, MENSCH, KILLION, RAFFERTY, WARD, YUDICHAK and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 557**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in departmental powers and duties as to supervision, adding provisions relating to certain group-based homes.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 27, 2017.

Senators RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, YAW, BOSCOLA and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 558**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for department records for vehicle registration.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 27, 2017.

Senators VULAKOVICH, STEFANO, ALLOWAY, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE, BREWSTER, Di SANTO, FOLMER, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, LANGERHOLC, LAUGHLIN, MARTIN, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SCHWANK, VOGEL, WARD and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 559**, entitled:

An Act providing for expense reimbursement of public officials and public employees.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 27, 2017.

Senators GREENLEAF, BREWSTER, BROOKS, RESCHENTHALER, VULAKOVICH, SCHWANK, COSTA, MENSCH, McGARRIGLE, HAYWOOD, RAFFERTY, BROWNE and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 560**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in wiretapping and electronic surveillance, further providing for definitions, for exceptions to prohibition of interception and disclosure of communications and for exceptions to prohibitions in possession, sale, distribution, manufacture or advertisement of electronic, mechanical or other devices; and providing for recordings by law enforcement officers.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 27, 2017.

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 24, 2017

Senators SCHWANK, COSTA, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, BLAKE, FARNESE, STREET, BROWNE and SABATINA presented to the Chair **SR 57**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to establish an advisory committee on rape and sexual violence prevention education on postsecondary school campuses to conduct a comprehensive study of the issue of rape and sexual assault on postsecondary school campuses and environs and to report its findings and recommendations to the Senate.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 24, 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 24, 2017

HB 27 -- Committee on Law and Justice.

HB 99 and **104** -- Committee on Local Government.

HB 114, 126, 424, 478 and **644** -- Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 151 -- Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development.

HB 162, 177 and **298** -- Committee on Labor and Industry.

HB 165, 204 and **247** -- Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

HB 188 and **215** -- Committee on Transportation.

HB 234, 236, 280 and **285** -- Committee on Judiciary.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
P.O. Box 2063
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

March 21, 2017

Ms. Megan Martin
Secretary of the Senate
Senate Post Office Box 203053
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

Dear Ms. Martin:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I have enclosed the 2015-16 Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority (PEDA). This report is required by section 5 of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority and Emergency Powers Act, Act of December 14, 1982, P.L. 1213, No. 280, as amended, §§ 71 P.S. 720.1 *et seq.*

During the 2015-16 year PEDA assisted selected projects from the October 2014 PEDA awards in deploying their projects across Pennsylvania. PEDA, utilizing available funds from the Energy Development Fund, Growing Greener II, Duquesne Light Settlement Fund and the Growing Greener Community Environmental Initiative fund, selected 28 projects totaling nearly \$12.5 million in financial assistance.

In the upcoming year, PEDA will continue to manage existing grants as well as identify new financial and technical assistance opportunities for projects in accordance with the PEDA Energy Development Plan.

If you have questions, please contact Sarah Clark, Director of Legislative Affairs, by e-mail at saraclark@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.783.8303.

Respectfully,

PATRICK McDONNELL
Acting Secretary

The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the Library.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MINORITY LEADER

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

Senator James Brewster as a member of the Public School Building Construction and Reconstruction Advisory Committee.

Senator Jay Costa as a member of the Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Bartolotta and Senator Brooks, and a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Hughes.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Bartolotta and Senator Brooks, and a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Hughes. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of January 31, 2017, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of January 31, 2017.

Senator CORMAN. 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 taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

YEA-48

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

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

GUEST OF SENATOR MARIO M. SCAVELLO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monroe, Senator Scavello.

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, I am honored to be here on the floor of the Senate to recognize Ms. Heather Pope, who is interning in my district office. I had the pleasure of meeting Heather approximately a year ago when she was in high school and she was awarded an award from the Chamber in our district. After meeting her, I told her right away she was going to intern with me next year.

Heather is a freshman at Northampton Community College Monroe Campus with a concentration in general studies. She is not sure what she wants to do yet. It might very well be political science. Heather is broadening her horizons as an intern in my office and absorbing the aspects of this field to see what she would like to do in the future. I have no doubt that whatever field Heather enters she will choose wisely and she will do very well. Please welcome Heather Pope, who is seated in the gallery. I thank Heather for bringing her many talents to my office and for her hard work and dedication.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Scavello, Heather Pope, please rise so that we may give you our customary warm welcome.

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

GUEST OF SENATOR STEWART J. GREENLEAF PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, I rise to introduce my guest, Caitlin Dryden, who is 21 years of age and is from Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania, the community I live in. She is a political science major and is in her junior year at Lebanon Valley College. She has been very active on campus as president of Phi Sigma Sigma and the Student Alumni Association. She aspires to follow in the footsteps of her parents, who are both lawyers, and she is currently working in the Lieutenant Governor's Office. I am sure she has been doing a very good job and she is on the Senate floor to my left. Caitlin is a real go-getter. She started out to expand her horizons, build connections, and bring clarity to her career aspirations during her time in the Capitol. Caitlin has a great future ahead of her, and it is my pleasure to introduce her.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Greenleaf, Caitlin Dryden, who is already here with us on the Senate floor, please receive our welcoming applause, and thank you for being such a great intern in our office and making such a big impact. Thank you, Caitlin.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I am delighted to welcome Pastor Julie Recher here today. She served as our guest Chaplain. Pastor Recher graduated with a bachelor of arts in psychology from Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia, in 2008, and from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia with her Master of Divinity in 2013. Along the way she completed an internship at a Lutheran church in the Lehigh Valley. Serving in her first call at Atonement Lutheran Church in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, Pastor Recher was ordained in September 2014 in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She has enjoyed getting to know the community and delving into the varied ministries of the congregation, including worship, pastoral care, youth, small groups, and family ministry.

We should note, Mr. President, that Atonement Lutheran Church is very active in our community sponsoring many, many activities that have an impact far beyond the church congregation. Pastor Recher has a passion for spreading the love of God through action as well as words. She is joined today by her wife, Johanna. Would you join me, Mr. President, in welcoming our guest minister. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Schwank, Pastor Recher, please rise so that we may welcome you. Thank you for your prayers.

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of off-the-floor meetings of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations and the Committee on Appropriations to be held in the Rules room, followed by a Republican caucus in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, after the committee meetings, the Senate Democrats will caucus.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations and the Committee on Appropriations to be held in the Rules room, to be followed by 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.

LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Wagner has returned, and his personal leave is cancelled.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a legislative leave for Senator Greenleaf. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 30 (Pr. No. 11) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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-47

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

NAY-2

Brooks Hutchinson

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 167 and **SB 171** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 192 (Pr. No. 224) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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:

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| Aument | Farnese | McIlhinney | Tomlinson |

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| Baker | Folmer | Mensch | Vogel |
| Bartolotta | Fontana | Rafferty | Vulakovich |
| Blake | Gordner | Regan | Wagner |
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| Brewster | Haywood | Sabatina | White |
| Browne | Hughes | Scarnati | Williams |
| Corman | Killion | Scavello | Yaw |
| Costa | Langerholc | Schwank | Yudichak |
| Dinniman | Laughlin | Stefano | |

NAY-2

Brooks Hutchinson

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 227 and **SB 288** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 7 and **SB 9** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 50 (Pr. No. 31) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in seller disclosures, further providing for real estate seller disclosure form.

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

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9, the bill was laid on the table.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 54 and **SB 95** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 128 (Pr. No. 163) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preemptions, providing for leave and compensation mandates.

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

SB 128 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 128, Printer's No. 163, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 173, SB 178, SB 201, SB 202, SB 203, SB 221, SB 222, SB 229 and SB 250 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 260 (Pr. No. 240) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 297, SB 298, SB 303, SB 421, SB 522 and SB 523 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 36, ADOPTED

Senator CORMAN, without objection, called up from page 6 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 36**, entitled:

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.

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

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-47

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

NAY-2

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

The PRESIDENT. The resolution is adopted.

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

Senator ALLOWAY, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported communications from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, recalling the following nominations, which were read by the Clerk as follows:

MEMBER OF THE ANIMAL HEALTH
AND DIAGNOSTIC COMMISSION

February 28, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 23, 2017, of Damien M. Bower, 813 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Meghann Pierdon, Lancaster, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

February 28, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 6, 2017, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Gerald Rader, Skippack, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF CRANE OPERATORS

February 28, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 14, 2016, of Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Crane Operators, to serve until December 8, 2020, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jack Pletcher, Scottsdale, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

March 22, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 14, 2016, of Damien M. Bower, 813 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John O'Donnell, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

March 22, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 14, 2016, of Damien M. Bower, 813 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Marla Moon, State College, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

February 28, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 14, 2016, of Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Richard Hawley, Camp Hill, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

February 28, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 14, 2016, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apartment 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Karl Streilein, Erie, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS

February 28, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 14, 2016, of Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Robert Ford, Bryn Mawr, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS

February 28, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 14, 2016, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Hiram Ribblett, Johnstown, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

March 22, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 1, 2016, of Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Psychology, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Steven Cohen, Southampton, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

March 22, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 9, 2017, of Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, to serve for a term of three years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice David Stein, Indiana, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

March 2, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 14, 2016, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apartment 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Dan Murphy, Bryn Mawr, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I request that the nominations just read by the Clerk be returned to His Excellency, the Governor.

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

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be returned to the Governor.

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES
AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

Senator ALLOWAY, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following nominations made by His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read by the Clerk as follows:

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Sheri Risler, 130 Chinaberry Drive, Lafayette Hill 19444, Montgomery County, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Martin Levin, New Tripoli, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

December 9, 2016

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Shaina M. Hilsey, 23 Glover Drive, Garnet Valley 19060, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until graduated or separated from the University, vice Sara Dickson, Clarion, graduated.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

December 9, 2016

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Logan L. Steigerwalt, 4825 Timberline Road, Walnutport 18088, Northampton County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until graduated or separated from the University, vice Chelsea Getsy, California, graduated.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

December 9, 2016

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Brian Swatt, 622 Pompano Lane, Indiana 15701, Indiana County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until graduated or separated from the University, vice Todd Garrett, Mercer, graduated.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS**

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Dina Klavon, 46 South 15th Street, Pittsburgh 15203, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Landscape Architects, to serve for a term of three years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Daniel DiMucci, West Chester, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS**

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Robert Wernicki, 133 Neely Street, Fair Oaks 15003, Beaver County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Richard Bruno, Brockway, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Luanne Chubb, 294 Riverview Rd., King of Prussia 19406, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Richard Hawley, Camp Hill, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Sandra Campbell, 201 Northbrook Drive, Media 19063, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Kevin Fitzgerald, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Geraldine Grzybek, 2715 Thoroughbred Court, #1013, Allison Park 15101, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2018, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John Noone, Exton, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION BOARD
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND
SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS**

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elizabeth Catania, 934 Catherine Avenue, Woodlyn 19094, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve for a term of six years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION BOARD
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND
SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS**

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Francis Stanton, Jr., 50 Fir Drive, Richboro 18954, Bucks County, Sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Robert Ford, Bryn Mawr, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Katherine Bradley, 106 Tagg Lane, Gardners 17324, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Psychology, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joseph French, State College, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Neal Hufford, 4303 Lewis Road, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John Hickey, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, George Mermon, 60 Great Oaks Drive, Nesquehoning 18240, Carbon County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

March 2, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Dan Murphy, 833 Colony Court, Bryn Mawr 19010, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Scott Weisser, 1061 Bridgetown Pike, Langhorne 19053, Bucks County, Sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

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

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator ALLOWAY,

That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering certain nominations made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I call from the table certain nominations and ask for their consideration.

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Sheri Risler, 130 Chinaberry Drive, Lafayette Hill 19444, Montgomery County, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Martin Levin, New Tripoli, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

December 9, 2016

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Shaina M. Hilsey, 23 Glover Drive, Garnet Valley 19060, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until graduated or separated from the University, vice Sara Dickson, Clarion, graduated.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

December 9, 2016

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Logan L. Steigerwalt, 112 Meadow Lane, Northampton 18067, Northampton County, Eighteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until graduated or separated from the University, vice Chelsea Getsy, California, graduated.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

December 9, 2016

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Brian Swatt, 301 Washington Avenue, Jermyn 18433, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until graduated or separated from the University, vice Todd Garrett, Mercer, graduated.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Dina Klavon, 46 South 15th Street, Pittsburgh 15203, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Landscape Architects, to serve for a term of three years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Daniel DiMucci, West Chester, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Robert Wernicki, 133 Neely Street, Fair Oaks 15003, Beaver County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Richard Bruno, Brockway, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Luanne Chubb, 294 Riverview Rd., King of Prussia 19406, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Richard Hawley, Camp Hill, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Sandra Campbell, 201 Northbrook Drive, Media 19063, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Kevin Fitzgerald, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Geraldine Grzybek, 2715 Thoroughbred Court, #1013, Allison Park 15101, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2018, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John Noone, Exton, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION BOARD
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND
SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS**

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elizabeth Catania, 934 Catherine Avenue, Woodlyn 19094, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve for a term of six years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION BOARD
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND
SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS**

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Francis Stanton, Jr., 50 Fir Drive, Richboro 18954, Bucks County, Sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Robert Ford, Bryn Mawr, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Katherine Bradley, 106 Tagg Lane, Gardners 17324, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Psychology, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joseph French, State College, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS**

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Neal Hufford, 4303 Lewis Road, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John Hickey, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS**

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, George Mermon, 60 Great Oaks Drive, Nesquehoning 18240, Carbon County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS**

March 2, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Dan Murphy, 833 Colony Court, Bryn Mawr 19010, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Scott Weisser, 1061 Bridgetown Pike, Langhorne 19053, Bucks County, Sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

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

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 133 (Pr. No. 555) (Rereported)

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.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator CORMAN, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following resolution:

SR 44 (Pr. No. 563)

A Resolution condemning acts of hate and vandalism against the Jewish community.

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

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators RAFFERTY, SABATINA, TARTAGLIONE, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, RESCHENTHALER, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, COSTA, KILLION, VULAKOVICH, BLAKE, BOSCOLA, FARNESE, BARTOLOTTA, AUMENT, HUGHES and SCAVELLO, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 58**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2017 as "Distracted Driving Awareness Month" 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, this month is recognized throughout the United States to reinforce distracted driving awareness education. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. Examples include, but are not limited to, texting, eating, grooming, tuning the radio, or turning your head to talk to passengers. According to PennDOT, there were 14,810 crashes involving a distracted driver in 2015. Additionally, there were approximately 280 distracted-driving fatal crashes between 2011 and 2015, or an average of 57 fatal crashes per year, a statistic that has, unfortunately, remained stagnant in this period. Our anti-texting law under Title 75, Section 3316, prohibits drivers from sending, reading, or writing a text-based communication via an interactive wireless communications device while the vehicle is in motion. This law is a primary offense, and the penalty is a summary offense of \$50. Drivers can also be cited for distracted driving under other actions such as careless driving and reckless driving.

Mr. President, organizations that promote distracted driving awareness include the National Highway Safety Administration, PennDOT, National Conference of State Legislatures, National Safety Council, Governors Highway Safety Association, AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and AT&T's *It Can Wait*. Mr. President, I ask the Senate to consider the seriousness of this resolution and offer an affirmative vote for its passage.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for a well-thought-out resolution. So well-thought-out that his co-chairman from the Committee on Transportation would like to add his 2 cents.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Sabatina.

Senator SABATINA. Mr. President, I rise to join my colleague and fellow Committee on Transportation chairman, Senator Rafferty, to seek unanimous support for a resolution designating April 2017 as "Distracted Driving Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Distracted driving impacts all of us. As drivers, we have a responsibility to keep our eyes on the road and our hands on the wheel at all times. Yet we have all been distracted at one time or another, whether it is answering a phone call or text or setting up GPS. All these actions take away our attention from the road. These actions may seem harmless but they can have dangerous and deadly consequences. In 2015 there were more than 14,000 crashes involving a distracted driver in Pennsylvania. When we drive distracted, we jeopardize the safety of ourselves, our passengers, other motorists, pedestrians, and road maintenance workers. No text or phone call is worth endangering these lives.

So, Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to join Senator Rafferty and me in designating the month of April 2017 as Distracted Driving Awareness Month in Pennsylvania as a way to remind motorists to stay focused on one task at a time. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman from Philadelphia for also adding very constructive thoughts on a very important resolution.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator CORMAN, on behalf of Senator TOMLINSON, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 59**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of March 2017 as "National Athletic Training Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators VULAKOVICH, COSTA, AUMENT, BAKER, BREWSTER, BROOKS, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, FOLMER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUTCHINSON, KILLION, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SCAVELLO, WARD, WHITE, YUDICHAK, BLAKE, MENSCH, HUGHES and FARNESE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 60**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 5, 2017, as "Gold Star Wives Day" in Pennsylvania and honoring and recognizing the sacrifices made by the spouses and families of fallen members of the armed forces of the United States.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to offer this resolution designating April 5, 2017, as "Gold Star Wives Day" in Pennsylvania. The Gold Star Wives were established on

April 5, 1945, as a way to unite the spouses and families of members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who have died on active duty or as a result of a service-connected disability. Even as our men and women in uniform continue to serve in dangerous regions around the world, it is also important that we honor the spouses and families who have had to make the ultimate sacrifice.

When our men and women deploy overseas into hostile environments, they know they carry the thoughts and prayers of their friends and families. That care and concern provides our soldiers with strength as they face the dangers involved with military duty. But we must never forget that the deployment of our military overseas is also very tough on the families they leave behind. For those families, there is nothing more unnerving than the unexpected ringing of a doorbell or a telephone call at an unusual hour. We have a solemn duty as a nation to remember those families and their sacrifice, and that is where the Gold Star Wives come into the equation. They are there to assist the families left behind by fallen members. Pennsylvania is part of the Middle Atlantic region and has two chapters, one in Philadelphia and one in greater Pittsburgh.

Mr. President, I present this resolution as a humble but heartfelt tribute to those spouses and families who have displayed gold stars. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for a very important resolution of a group of heroes who need to be recognized, and this resolution helps that process.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brendan Furman by Senator Bartolotta.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew A. Guindine by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michelle Andrews, Lee Ann Kolbe, Elise Symia, Brian Hunter, Jackie Yandrisevits, Mimi Griffin, Greater Easton Development Partnership, members and coaches of the 1951 William Allen High School Boys' Basketball Team, Lehigh Valley Carpenters-Joint Apprenticeship Training Center and to Goldenberg Group and TCH Development by Senators Browne, Boscola, and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Anna Miller by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to citizens of the Borough of Geistown by Senator Langerholc.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Phyllis G. Eckelmeyer, Alan R. Fetterman, Friends of Washington Crossing Park and to Moyer Indoor/Outdoor by Senator McIlhinney and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Justin Scarpulla by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jeffrey Wehler by Senator Scarnati.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA**COMMITTEE MEETINGS****TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017**

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| 9:30 A.M. | LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 5, 365 and 399) | Room 8E-A East Wing |
| 10:00 A.M. | TRANSPORTATION (public hearing with Secretary Leslie Richards regarding PennDOT's Budget and Program Priorities; and to consider Senate Bills No. 289, 435 and 553) | Room 8E-B East Wing |
| 11:00 A.M. | VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Bill No. 552; and House Bill No. 165) | Room 8E-A East Wing |
| 11:30 A.M. | JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 108, 554 and 560; and Senate Resolutions No. 32 and 35) | Room 8E-B East Wing |
| Off the Floor | COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (to consider House Bill No. 151) | Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm. |

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017

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| 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. |
| 9:30 A.M. | EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 363, 406 and 494; Senate Resolution No. 34; and House Bills No. 202 and 224) | Room 8E-A East Wing |
| 1:00 P.M. | AGING AND YOUTH, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES and INTER-GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS (joint public hearing, along with the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, 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. |

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 Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 3:23 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.