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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, March 29, 2017

The Senate met at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend DR. JIM ARCIERI, Pastor of Community Bible Fellowship Church, Red Hill, offered the following prayer:

Good morning. Let us pray.

O Lord, there is no God like You in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping His promises in every generation to those who honor You. You have said, those who honor me, I will honor, and those who despise You, You will disdain. My prayer this morning, for this governing body of Pennsylvania, is that You will graciously grant them the disposition to honor You so that the people of Pennsylvania, in turn, will be honored by You. Lord, You observe not only external actions but, more importantly, You measure internal motivations. My prayer this morning is for all of the hearts and minds of these Your servants that all would be conscious of their motivations and that all would sense You stirring them to love what is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and admirable, whatever is excellent and praiseworthy, and to especially prize integrity in thought, word, and deed. This, I know, honors You. This, I know, will bring Your blessing, in turn, to Pennsylvanians.

Father, in all committee meetings, floor discussions, office deliberations, and in this historic Chamber, I humbly ask You to bring forward wisdom; the kind of wisdom that comes from You, wisdom that is pure, peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and sincere. The kind of wisdom that mitigates against our natural selfishness, pettiness, fearfulness, and arrogance. Lord, replace these our common human tendencies today with the humility to listen to Your voice inside and to hear Your voice through each other, and give these men and women the courage to promote what honors righteousness in government and in community. This I understand from Your promise honors You and, as such, according to Your promise will result in lasting happiness to the Pennsylvanians these servants respectfully represent. This is my earnest request, O gracious God, in the wonderful name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Dr. Arcieri, who is the guest today of Senator Mensch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

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 COSMETOLOGY

March 29, 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, Tracy Bruno, 1075 Sunset Drive, Milton 17847, Northumberland County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve until October 14, 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Robert Patrene, Canonsburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MASSAGE THERAPY**

March 29, 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, Camille Baughman, 24 Walnut Street, Carlisle 17013, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2020, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

March 29, 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, Ann Coughlin, 1420 Locust Street, Apartment 37K, Philadelphia 19106, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, 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 BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

March 29, 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, Carolyn Gatty, 85 Raspberry Lane, Mifflinburg 17844, Union County, Twenty-third Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve for a term of three years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

March 29, 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, Edward Mihelcic, 344 North Ninth Street, Indiana 15701, Indiana County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

March 29, 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, Randy Litman, 864 Garfield Avenue, Lansdale 19446, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, 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

CORRECTION TO NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the

Commonwealth, which was read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

March 29, 2017

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

Please note that the letter dated March 22, 2017, for the nomination of James Gregory, 29 Mimzees Place, Lock Haven 17745, Clinton County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Donald Houser, Coraopolis, resigned, should be corrected to read:

James Gregory, 29 Mimzees Place, Lock Haven 17745, Clinton County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until April 2, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Donald Houser, Coraopolis, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

March 29, 2017

Senators SABATINA, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, LANGERHOLC, HUTCHINSON, RAFFERTY, STEFANO and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 562**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in prescribing opioids, further providing for definitions, for prohibition and for procedure.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 29, 2017.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

JOINT LEGISLATIVE AIR AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE FORESTRY TASK FORCE

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution
Control and Conservation Committee
Room 408, Finance Building
Harrisburg, PA

TO: Ms. Megan Martin
Secretary of the Senate
FROM: Senator Scott E. Hutchinson, Chairman
SUBJECT: Forestry Task Force
DATE: March 27, 2017

In pursuance with Senate Resolution 55, enclosed please find the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee's Report of the Forestry Task Force for the 2015-16 Session.

I am also pleased to present to you the Committee's 2016 Annual Report. This report summarizes the accomplishments of the Committee this past year.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Plummer, Administrative Officer, by email at dplummer@jcc.legis.state.pa.us or by telephone at 717-787-7570.

Thank you.

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 363 (Pr. No. 355)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, providing for prohibition against employment assistance.

SB 406 (Pr. No. 403)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school finances, providing for millage rate increase.

SB 494 (Pr. No. 494)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in collective bargaining, further providing for definitions and prohibiting full-time union leave.

HB 202 (Pr. No. 161)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, further providing for Keystone Exams.

HB 224 (Pr. No. 426)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, providing for administration of epinephrine auto-injectors by school bus drivers and school crossing guards.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SR 34 (Pr. No. 624) (Amended)

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

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 temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator McIlhinney, and legislative leaves for Senator Tomlinson and Senator White.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from

Allegheny, Senator Costa.

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator McIlhinney, and legislative leaves for Senator Tomlinson and Senator White.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator CORMAN asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator AUMENT and Senator GREENLEAF, 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.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, CORMAN, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, GREENLEAF, HAYWOOD, HUGHES, KILLION, LEACH, McGARRIGLE, McILHINNEY, MENSCH, SABATINA, SCARNATI, STREET, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON and WILLIAMS, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 69**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the life and mourning the loss of Dallas Green, whose life greatly benefited all those who lived, played and worked with him.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, before I begin with my comments, I want to particularly thank the Secretary of the Senate, the Legislative Reference Bureau, and especially the legal counsel to the Majority Leader, Diane Acri and Rik Hull, for their help in getting us this resolution so I could present it today.

Mr. President, last week those of us from eastern Pennsylvania, and those of us throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who are Philadelphia Phillies fans, learned very sad news of the passing of Dallas Green, a giant in Pennsylvania sports history. Mr. President, I saw you at a number of those games where we were together. Dallas Green has a special place in baseball history, baseball lore, and certainly within the hearts of Philadelphia Phillies fans. Dallas Green himself was a pitcher in baseball, came up to the Major League where he liked to boast that he was a 20-game winner, and only took 5 years to get to 20 games. He was an exceptional coach, mentor to young players, farm director for the Philadelphia Phillies, eventually a manager for the 1980 World Series championship team, then a front office administrator, and was very successful for a number of baseball teams before returning to the Philadelphia Phillies.

Mr. President, Dallas Green believed in the fundamentals of baseball and kept hammering that home through the Phillies farm system and the world championship team when he managed that team. He believed in the integrity of baseball that once you

stepped between the lines, you played the game that was meant to be played and played it the right way. Though he locked horns with a number of the players during the 1980 World Series team, they really jelled at the end and were able to put together a run of wins in September and October 1980, to eventually culminate into the World Series.

As farm director, he oversaw the development of players like Bob Boone, Larry Bowa, Mike Schmidt, and Greg Luzinski. As a front office administrator and the right-hand man to then-general manager Paul Owens, he was instrumental in working with and acquiring Steve Carlton and acquiring Tug McGraw. If you remember, in September and October 1980, Tug McGraw was unhittable and helped cement the closing of the games, eventually winning the World Series.

Dallas Green was larger than life. I met him a couple of times, but the first time I met him I was at spring training the year after the World Series. I walked into the Dugout Restaurant to have breakfast, and that is where some of the coaches and managers went. As I walked in the door, he was standing there and I said, congratulations Dallas Green. He reached out his hand and said, I am Dallas Green, how are you doing? I thank you for saying that. He was that type of individual where he was the manager of the World Series championship team, wearing his championship ring on his finger, and he took the time to introduce himself to me. I never forgot that. I had the good fortune to see him a few times throughout the years at Phillies games. He breathed life into, at that time, a complacent team, he set it afire, and made sure we acquired the World Series title in 1980.

Mr. President, in his personal life, he bought a farm in West Goshen, Chester County, which is in Senator Dinniman's district, because he liked to watch things grow. He did that as a farmer and he did that as a developer of baseball players, and today we still have that integrity and that understanding of fundamental baseball in the Philadelphia Phillies system and a number of systems throughout Major League Baseball. He will be missed by all of us in Philadelphia - his loud voice, his tall presence, and his strong relationship with the fans of Philadelphia. He was a hard worker, driven, and dedicated to making the team and everyone he came in contact with understand the impact of hard play, and to make sure that we retain the goal. He will forever and ever, in Philadelphia, be a revered figure. I thank Sylvia Green, his widow, for sharing him with us and allowing us to consider him part of our family as well, those of us who are Philadelphia Phillies fans. I am proud that a few years ago the management of the Phillies brought him back as a consultant to, I think, four general managers in the office, because they knew that Dallas understood baseball and could judge players.

So, to the Philadelphia Phillies family, my heartfelt condolences on the loss of Dallas Green, such an important and powerful figure in the history of the Philadelphia Phillies; certainly to Sylvia and the family; and to all of the fans of the Philadelphia Phillies. This is a loss that we all experience and remember, an individual who will live on in our hearts and our thoughts, and certainly in the baseball lore of the city of Philadelphia.

Mr. President, before we have the vote, I would like to yield the floor to my friend and colleague from Philadelphia County whose district includes the former Vet Stadium where the 1980 World Series championship was won and, certainly, Citizens Bank Park today, Senator Farnese.

Thank you, Mr President.

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I will be brief. I certainly echo the remarks of Senator Rafferty. For me, watching the 1980 team as a small boy, it really was a personal experience because it was something that I will always remember, my dad's happiness when that team won that World Series. Years later when I had the privilege to, and honored to be elected to the State Senate and represent that district, I can always remember going to the games with dad, and it was something that he really loved to do. He loved to go to the games and, Mr. President, as you know, I do not think he ever turned down an opportunity to attend a baseball game with you, and anybody else who would take him out there because he truly loved the game and he would always talk about that 1980 team and his love for Dallas Green, and his love for what that team did, and what that team meant to so many kids my age at the time who were growing up in and around the city of Philadelphia and had the real joy and pleasure to have that as a part of our childhood.

So, I, again, echo the comments of Senator Rafferty and express my condolences on behalf of all of my constituents to the Green family and thank the Green family for sharing a wonderful, kind, and amazing person with not just the Philadelphia Phillies, but the entire city of Philadelphia.

Thank you, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

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

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to add that he is also a Phillies fan, as is Governor Wolf. That was a great 1980 team and it shows the importance of coaching with the highest level of professionalism, and that is why Dallas Green was such a special manager and coach.

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

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

YEA-47

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The resolution is adopted.

**GUEST OF SENATOR ROBERT B. MENSCH
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, it my pleasure to introduce the guest Chaplain for the Senate, Dr. James Arcieri. Let me tell you a little bit about Jim. He obtained his bachelor of arts from Lebanon Valley College; his Master of Divinity from the Biblical Seminary in Hatfield, Pennsylvania, outside of Philadelphia; he has a Doctor of Ministry from Providence Seminary; and he is currently pastor of Community Bible Fellowship Church in Red Hill, Pennsylvania. He has been married to his lovely wife for 33 years and they have three adult children. The most important point, according to the pastor, is that we play music together, and I want people to recognize that Jim, along with the rest of our group, came out here last October when we played a fundraiser for breast cancer and prostate cancer. So, he is indeed a multicultural individual and quite committed to his community and to the same issues that we fight every day. So, Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce Pastor James Arcieri and I ask that we give him a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Please let us give Pastor Jim Arcieri, the guest of Senator Mensch, our usual warm Senate welcome.

(Applause.)

Pastor, perhaps you and Senator Mensch could play some music for us. We would love to see you jam here on the floor of the State Senate.

**GUEST OF SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, yesterday I mentioned the fact that today we are declaring it "Female Veterans Recognition Day" here in Pennsylvania, and later this afternoon the Governor will host a reception at his residence specifically to honor female veterans from throughout Pennsylvania. I am truly honored to recognize and have with me an individual who will also be attending that ceremony today, and she is Diane Miller Price. Diane and I have known each other for over 20 years when we first started working on a memorial to female veterans in Reading City Park. We got to work together and I got to understand that when I look at the veteran population in Berks County, Diane rises above in terms of her organizing and her interests in making sure that all veterans are recognized in our county.

Diane is a graduate of West Hazleton High School and she was a member of the Latin Honor Society and the National Honor Society. She is a U.S. Army veteran, Mr. President, and I know these individuals are as special to you as they are to me. From 1978 to 1981 she served 2 1/2 years in Germany and then became a U.S. Army Reserve veteran as well, serving from 1982 to 1984. Currently, she is an officer in the Combined Veterans Council of Berks County, and, in addition, she was a founding member of the Women Veterans of Berks County and served as

past commander from 2000 to 2014. She is currently the chair of the Berks County Armed Forces Advisory Committee from 2005 to present, and she is the leader and organizer of the only countywide veterans parade that we hold in Berks County, our Armed Forces Day Parade, which is usually held in mid-May. Diane tells me this is the oldest Armed Forces parade in the country, being held in Berks County. Talking with Diane, you get the special sense of her concern for veterans. She talks about the bond that veterans experience, male or female, but she is always passionate about the fact that we have to honor our veterans, that we have to insure, even for our returning veterans who are coming back from wars in the Middle East, that they become part of the family and are recognized, not only by fellow citizens, but by government as well in terms of the services that they need.

Mr. President, I hope my colleagues will join me in welcoming Diane Miller Price to the Senate today.

The PRESIDENT. Would Army veteran Diane Miller Price, the guest of Senator Schwank, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate. Thank you for your service, Ma'am.

We have a Lieutenant Governor's Veterans Task Force. Perhaps Commander Price could be involved with the area of women veterans, which is a very important issue.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN R. GORDNER
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, each spring it is my pleasure to host students from Bloomsburg University. Their State and local government class comes to Harrisburg in order to see us in action. They always pick a day that we are in Session. I was able to give them a tour of the House and Senate, and your office was so gracious to allow us to come into your office and see your suite of rooms as well. We went over to the Governor's reception room. We did not see the Jeep out front, so we were not aware that the Governor was here. It is their opportunity to come and learn more firsthand about how our process works. So, in the gallery today, along with their professor, are students from the State and local government class at Bloomsburg University, and I ask that we give them our usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Gordner, our young up-and-coming minds, along with their faculty guidance, from Bloomsburg University, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate. I was delighted to have you in my office as well.

(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN
AND SENATOR THOMAS H. KILLION
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Dinniman.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, even without you turning the microphone on my voice will be loud enough.

The PRESIDENT. I will keep your microphone always on, all the time.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I do not think you want to do that for the benefit of the other Members.

The PRESIDENT. That is true.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce an intern in your office on behalf of myself and Senator Killion, who is a student at Dickinson College majoring in political science. He has told me he has learned a great deal from you, Governor, and from your staff, and in addition, he wants to be on the Senate floor some day, and I think he has the ability and the interest to do so. He went to Rustin High School in the West Chester Area School District. So I hope we can give a warm welcome to your intern, Governor and Mr. President, Jacob Costello. Thank you so much.

The PRESIDENT. Would my great intern and your guest, Senator Dinniman, Jake, you are on the floor with us, give a wave and receive a welcome from our Senate delegation.

(Applause.)

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, he is is also a guest of both myself and Senator Killion.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Killion also has great interns that he sends to our office. Thank you, Senator Killion, for giving us Jake. We also have Jake's family in the gallery. They have spread out up there, I notice, they have a seat in between them, but they are also here to support Jake and visit with us today, so let us give them a round of applause as well.

(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 an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held in the Rules room at the rear of the Chamber immediately.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of an off-the-floor 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.

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 250 (Pr. No. 615) (Rereported)

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

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 ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 171 (Pr. No. 147) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in administrative organization, further providing for gubernatorial appointments.

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-37

Alloway	DiSanto	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Argall	Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Vogel
Baker	Farnese	Mensch	Vulakovich
Bartolotta	Folmer	Rafferty	Wagner
Blake	Gordner	Regan	Ward
Boscola	Hutchinson	Resenthaler	White
Brooks	Killion	Sabatina	Yaw
Browne	Langerhole	Scarnati	
Corman	Laughlin	Scavello	
Dinniman	Martin	Stefano	

NAY-10

Brewster	Haywood	Street	Yudichak
Costa	Hughes	Tartaglione	
Fontana	Schwank	Williams	

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.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 227 (Pr. No. 210) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 227 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 227, Printer's No. 210, 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.

BILL REREFERRED

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.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 288 and **SB 298** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 5 and **SB 7** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 9 (Pr. No. 97) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 9 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 9, Printer's No. 97, 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 54, SB 95, SB 108, SB 128, HB 165, SB 173, SB 178, SB 201, SB 202 and **SB 203** -- 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 221 (Pr. No. 204) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 222 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 229 (Pr. No. 212) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in professional employes, further providing for payment of salaries in cases of sickness, injury or death, repealing provisions relating to alternative payment plan, to persons entitled and to salary while on leave and further providing for Distinguished Educators Program.

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 289, SB 297, SB 303, SB 365, SB 399, SB 435, SB 522, SB 523, SB 552 and **SB 553** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 554 (Pr. No. 613) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, 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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

SB 560 (Pr. No. 614) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

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.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1**

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 250 (Pr. No. 615) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in administration of act, providing for unemployment compensation service centers; and, in contributions by employers and employees, further providing for contributions by employees and for Service and Infrastructure Improvement Fund.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Wagner.

Senator WAGNER. Mr. President, this is a very tough vote for me on this bill, and I will be voting "no" today. I appreciate my colleague, Senator Ward, for introducing this bill, and I also appreciate Senator Gordner's amendment that he introduced yesterday, but this is a very, very deep issue and it is very troubling to me what I have learned since November. I had the opportunity to visit the Altoona and Erie unemployment call centers and talk to people. I learned a lot. I visited the Altoona call center with Senator Eichelberger and I visited the Erie call center with Senator Laughlin. I made those visits in December. In early December, my office filed Right-to-Know requests with the Department of Labor and Industry and we received emails back as part of the Right-to-Know request that two of the three centers were going to be closed in the first quarter or second quarter of this year in 2017. What is troubling to me is that I see this as probably the most extreme case of mismanagement in any single agency, what is taking place and happening. Under Senator Gordner's amendment, he asked for specific information. Well, I come from the private sector business arena, and while we are being told that maybe 200 or 300 people are going to be called back to work, I actually want to know more information. I want to know the names of the people, I want to know the building they work in, I want to know their positions, and their compensation to really understand where people are going to be placed. At the end of the day what I had learned, and I was not part of the original process when this started 10 years ago, but at the end of the day, \$410 million is gone. It is taxpayer money that is gone and I do not think it will ever be recovered. There has been zero accountability with this issue.

Then, even more troubling, we learned, I believe, sometime in January, that there was a person in management over at the Department of Labor and Industry who did not file proper paperwork with the Federal government which resulted in the loss of \$31 million. We are talking about approving \$15 million today, but double that, \$30 million is lost because someone did not do their job. The person resigned but, again, the beat goes on over at the Department of Labor and Industry. The Auditor General is currently doing an audit. He started the audit process back in December. He has actually asked us to wait until the audit is finished. In the private sector business arena, I would never make a decision like this until I had my accounting firm report to me on an audit that was being done. So, I think we are moving way too fast. At the end of the day, what I have learned is that this whole thing was really political in nature, and I think we have evidence of that. I sat through hearings with the Committee on Appropriations. What we gained information-wise from Secretary Manderino was not very helpful. We did learn that some money has been set aside. Again, I tell you today, and I want people to understand, that while I appreciate the intent, this is a very tough vote and I will be voting "no."

In addition, over the last 2 months, I have seen at least 24, at least two dozen laid-off workers who have come to my Senate office here in Harrisburg and met with me to explain their frustration, and I have learned a lot talking to those people. Quite frankly, a lot of these people have great ideas and I do not think management has ever talked to these people, and it is really unfortunate. Yesterday, I had some individuals come to my office and I explained my position and everything that I know and I was essentially asked to look the other way and just cast a "yes" vote for \$15 million because these individuals wanted their jobs back and they gave me examples of people and went on about extreme examples of people not getting benefits approved and stuff like that. So, I did not come to the Senate to look the other way, and quite frankly, I think there has been a process up here for the last 20 or 30 years where people look the other way and voted for things. I believe this bill will pass today even with my "no" vote. I think the information that Senator Gordner is requesting, quite frankly, I do not think will be forthcoming, and I think it is a fruitless effort. At the end of the day, I think there are not any winners here. I think everybody has lost here. Some people think otherwise, but I will tell you that the system was broken in November. It has been broken for probably the last 5 or 10 years, it is going to continue to be broken, and it is going to take some major, major work to improve this system. Again, this is a very tough vote for me today, and as I said, I do not see any winners in this whole process.

So, Mr. President, I thank you for hearing my comments.

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

Senator WARD. Mr. President, I rise today to ask for support for this bill. I do respect, and I know that my colleague does a lot of hard work and inspection into things, and I respect his opinion on all of this. I am not here to defend the Department of Labor and Industry. Some of the things that have been going on there, as we all know, have been going on since Governor Rendell's days. This is not a new phenomenon that things may not be going exactly as they are supposed to go. We will have, when the Auditor General gets his report back, which, at first, he thought

could be done by the end of this month, but now he thinks--I do not know why, I am sure they are doing a lot of hard work--until the end of April. Be that as it may, if there are problems, we will address them in a long-term fix and solution to whatever problems there may be.

This is a temporary funding bill meant to alleviate the backlog and help the folks put some people back to work who are there to help the folks who need that unemployment check. The money that will be moved is coming from the Unemployment Compensation Fund, which is money that these employees have paid into the fund. Now, many of them need to be able to obtain that money. Chances are, if you are applying for unemployment, you do not have 2 weeks', maybe even 1 week, worth of income to buy your food and to pay your utility bills. So this bill is truly meant to help, no matter what else is happening out there, and no matter what we find. This bill is meant to help the people who are trying to collect their unemployment checks. I would appreciate a "yes" vote from my colleagues. Thank you.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise to also ask for support for this legislation. Before I do that, I thank the gentlewoman from Westmoreland County for the work that she and Senator Tartaglione from Philadelphia County did. I can say I participated in numerous phone calls, discussions, and conversations about how we worked, framed, and addressed many of the issues that she just raised. I believe the Senator articulately laid out exactly what my remarks would be along the lines of the intent to allow this to be a short-term solution with a goal and a commitment to work toward a more long-term solution. With respect to some of the things that were raised by the previous speaker, the gentleman from York County, I think, they are certainly issues that need to be addressed, and that is specifically why the Auditor General has taken this issue up, to try to address and find out exactly what has taken place over the course of the past several years along the lines with this particular agency.

At the end of the day, the goal today is to be able to provide relief to those many, many workers who paid into the fund who are sitting at home waiting for the opportunity to expeditiously be able to access their claims, file their claims, and access the resources that are due them as we go forward, in addition to bringing folks back to the Commonwealth who will be able to process those particular claims, the checks, and the like. So, I applaud my colleagues for the work that they have done. I, too, ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, I want to share that there are times when we have mistakes made in the government, maybe even to the level of mismanagement. I do not know if that is present here or not, but I am familiar with sometimes the government not operating in the way that it should, and we are in a situation where I strongly agree that significant changes need to be made in how we operate the unemployment compensation system here in the Commonwealth. At the same time, on the question of who loses, in my district I have had a number of meetings with individuals who have worked for many years, paid into the unemployment compensation system, and at the time that they were to receive unemployment compensation after los-

ing work, the money was not available to them timely. I have had residents in my district who have been faced with eviction, others faced with utility shutoffs, and so what we have to do, in my opinion, is make sure that the losers for any of the weaknesses that we have here in the Commonwealth, in Harrisburg, that we do not distribute our weaknesses to those who rely upon us, those who have paid and are now facing evictions or shutoffs. So even as we look at how to allocate the blame, let us not allocate the burden to those who are least able to bear it.

Thank you, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

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Alloway	Eichelberger	McGarrigle	Tartaglione
Bartolotta	Farnese	McIlhinney	Tomlinson
Blake	Fontana	Mensch	Vogel
Boscola	Gordner	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Brewster	Haywood	Sabatina	Ward
Brooks	Hughes	Scarnati	White
Browne	Killion	Scavello	Williams
Corman	Langerholc	Schwank	Yaw
Costa	Laughlin	Stefano	Yudichak
Dinniman	Martin	Street	

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Argall	DiSanto	Hutchinson	Reschenthaler
Baker	Folmer	Regan	Wagner

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators VULAKOVICH, COSTA, ARGALL, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, FOLMER, GREENLEAF, HUTCHINSON, KILLION, MARTIN, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, VOGEL, WARD, WHITE, YAW, YUDICHAK and SCAVELLO, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 70**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 30, 2017, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" in Pennsylvania.

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 call on my colleagues to support this resolution proclaiming March 30, 2017, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" in Pennsylvania. Forty-four years have passed since America's involvement in Southeast Asia ended, and yet that conflict continues to impact our society. The 15 years of American involvement in Vietnam, in a way, marked the end of idealism and innocence for our nation. This was not a conventional war in any sense. For the first time, television brought this war into family living rooms every evening. We, as a nation, moved beyond the glamorized and sanitized war stories of Hollywood. America truly lost its innocence as we saw and heard the true images and sounds of war. If it was tough for families at home to cope with the Vietnam War, it was pure hell for the soldiers who served there. Americans truly were strangers in a strange land where it was difficult, if not downright impossible, to tell friend from enemy. All it took was one mistake or one moment of carelessness and the consequences could be fatal. More than 304,000 American service members were wounded in Vietnam, and of the 58,193 service members who lost their lives, 3,144 were from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

What made it worse for many veterans was the way the conflict finally ended. All those years in the jungle and on those hilltops and the lives lost seemed so worthless, with the final airlift from Saigon and the inglorious collapse of the south. In fact, March 29 and March 30 are historical dates. March 29 marks the day that the last of our U.S. troops departed Vietnam in 1973. March 30 marks the date that the last of our Armed Forces landed at home. While statues, parades, and honors were bestowed upon those who served in World War I and World War II, that was not the case for veterans who served in the jungles of Southeast Asia. They came home to a divided nation, received little gratitude, and in some cases got outright animosity as a reward for their service and sacrifice.

Therefore, it is appropriate that Pennsylvania and the United States of America pay tribute to the unsung heroes of Vietnam. Mr. President, let us offer a special prayer of gratitude for those men and women who served in Southeast Asia and never forget those whose dreams were left unfulfilled. I ask for an affirmative vote on this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for a very important resolution. The Chair also has family members who are Vietnam veterans and appreciates all they have done. It is time to welcome them home again.

Thank you, Senator Vulakovich.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senator SCHWANK, on behalf of Senators WILLIAMS, FONTANA, McGARRIGLE, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, SABATINA, BLAKE, BOSCOLA, COSTA, BROWNE, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, FARNESE and McILHINNEY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 71**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing April 4, 2017, as "Equal Pay Day" in Pennsylvania in recognition of the need to eliminate the gender gap in earnings by women and to promote policies to ensure equal pay for all.

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

Senators SABATINA, LANGERHOLC, BLAKE, RESCHENTHALER, BREWSTER, FONTANA, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, MARTIN, BROWNE, YUDICHAK, WHITE, SCAVELLO, HUTCHINSON, COSTA, KILLION, RAFFERTY, BARTOLOTTA, BOSCOLA, FOLMER, AUMENT, VULAKOVICH, HUGHES, FARNESE and MENSCH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 72**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of April 2017 as "Autism Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SABATINA. Mr. President, my resolution designates the month of April 2017 as "Autism Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. One in 45 children ages 3 to 17 have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It is the fastest-growing developmental disability, affecting more than 2 million individuals nationwide. Autism generally appears before the age of 3 and impacts the normal development of the brain in areas of social interaction, communication skills, and cognitive function. Individuals with autism typically have difficulties in verbal and nonverbal communication, social interaction, and leisure and play activities. Autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is considered a spectrum disorder that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees. There is no single cause of autism or cure, but increased awareness and funding can help families today. Individuals living with autism spectrum disorder can be assisted in reaching their greatest potential through accurate early diagnosis, intervention, and appropriate education and various therapies. Our government is also doing its part to assure a better quality of life for those with developmental disabilities.

The Department of Human Services created the Office of Developmental Programs, which includes the Bureau of Autism Services, to provide expertise and support for all agencies serving Pennsylvanians living with autism spectrum disorder. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues today to join me in designating April 2017 as Autism Awareness Month in Pennsylvania so that we can help identify the causes of autism, seek a cure, and insure that children and adults with autism are treated with dignity and respect in an inclusive environment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for a very important resolution. We still have to spread awareness for autism. It affects so many people, and we can only solve the issue if we work 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 SCAVELLO, LANGERHOLC, BREWSTER, RESCHENTHALER, FONTANA, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, SABATINA, BROWNE, KILLION, ARGALL, RAFFERTY, COSTA, AUMENT, VULAKOVICH, HUGHES, FARNESE and MENSCH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 73**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 8, 2017, as "Cushing's Syndrome Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, I offer this resolution designating April 8, 2017, as "Cushing's Syndrome Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania. This disease affects between 10 and 15 million people, most commonly between the ages of 20 and 50. Cushing's syndrome is an endocrine disorder that is caused by an overexposure of the body's tissues to the hormone cortisol. Some of the symptoms include upper body obesity, rounded face, increased fat around the neck, thinning arms and legs, fatigue, weakness, high blood pressure, and mood disorders. Cushing's syndrome, sometimes called hypercortisolism, is relatively rare and delayed treatment of the disease significantly reduces treatment options. Therefore, it is important to educate the public about the symptoms of the disease in an effort to increase the rate of successful treatment.

Thank you for joining me in recognizing April 8, 2017, as Cushing's Syndrome Awareness Day in Pennsylvania.

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.

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 Chief Jan D. Cromer by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Ross, Paul T. Ahrensfield, Mabel Starr Burke, Courtney S. Birkbichler, Devin Davis, Akanksha A. Bhusari, Paul C. Dodson, members and coaches of the Nativity Blessed Virgin Mary High School Girls' Basketball Team and to members and coaches of the Minersville Area Junior/Senior High School Girls' Basketball Team by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Betty M. Fairchild by Senators Argall and Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John S. Graham by Senators Argall and Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stafford, Leon H. Gehman, Marion R. Monskie, Doris J. Starr, Minerva A. Bitner, Dean Thomas McBride, Frances A. Wenger, Joseph G. Berta and to Ruth H. Markley by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Adam J. Barberio, Paul Kunkle, Austin Bryce Belles, Mary R. Baker, John Wilkes, Jr., Robert Muller, Jr., Wayne County Historical Society and to United Way of Wyoming Valley by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Corporal David E. Guenther, Louise Hickman and to Christopher R. Metrovich by Senator Bartolotta.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Keith Moss by Senators Blake and Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charles Chrin, Stephanie Yachim, members and coaches of the Bethlehem Catholic High School Girls' Basketball Team, citizens of Whitehall Township and to Whitehall Township Industrial and Commercial Development Authority by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Karen El-Chaar by Senators Boscola and Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Barbara Green by Senators Boscola and Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Irv Weinrich, John Werkheiser, Deb Tretter, Anna Marie Byrne, George Bonser, Dennis Berns, James Reilley, Mike Baker, Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Concord Chamber Singers and to International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 126 by Senators Boscola, Browne, and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michele Kessler by Senator Boscola and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James Nesbit, Joseph F. Gassette, Jr., Cristopher Cooley, Steven Fabian Lisowski, Suzette M. Shaffer Schultz and to Joseph B. Falce by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Morgan E. Bender, Floyd E. Mills, Malana Beach, Talia Morgenstern, Beth C. Hillmar, Elizabeth Harrington Hughes, Mabel Arlene Flaugh, Justin Gaber, Kelly DeLong, Sarah Loughry, Ava Bayless, Joseph M. Batt, Beau Bayless, Andrew Ischo, Gage Bayless, Sharpville Area Middle School, Community Counseling Center of Mercer County, members and coaches of the Greenville Junior/Senior High School Boys' Basketball Team, Doud Hill Farms, members and coaches of the Meadville Area Senior High School Boys' Basketball Team and to members and the coach of Calvary Baptist Christian Academy Girls' Basketball Team by Senator Brooks.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Paul Super, Paul Kochanasz, Jr., Margaret U. Pearson, Marguerite Fadil, Carl Raymond Schock, Mary E. Yourgal, Edward Steven Jandl, Geoffrey S. Brace, Clifford Miller, Albert M. Lilly, Hazel Carter, Theresa M. Fisher, Elizabeth Katherine DeLong, Lillian D. Duran, Esther M. Wallace, Robert William Brownbridge, Cedar Crest College, Miers Insurance, Inc., American Bank of Allentown, Lehigh Valley Community Foundation, Lehigh County Agricultural Society and to Calvary Temple of Allentown by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. J. Robert Lovett, Dana Emswiler, Terry Capuano, Timothy Cunningham, Sean Flueso, Rebecca McCabe, Stephanie Taddeo, Claire Furino, Janice Osborne, Bosch Rexroth Corporation, Lutron Electronics Company, Inc., Dual Temp Company, Inc., Allentown School District Foundation, Pennsylvania Joint Board of Workers United, Service Employees International Union, Northampton County Department of Human Services and to Lehigh County Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Children by Senators Browne, Boscola, and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Atul Gopalan, Rachel Swope and to Jonathan Okasinski by Senator Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. George L. Sones, Lieutenant Colonel Rod A. Deitrick, Dr. James E. Johnson, Clayton Lee Moyer, Joel Matthew Stewart Balzer, Michael Bradley Boliek, Mark J. Hall II, Cael Sanderson, Zain A. Retherford II, Jason M. Nolf, Bo D. Nickal, David L. Colton, Vincenzo Joseph, Stephen S. Snook, Juniata Valley Winery, Seven Mountains Wine Cellars and to Mapleton Volunteer Fire Department by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable R. Stanton Wettick, Jr., and to Henry Jon Adrian by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dan Onorato by Senators Costa and Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph F. Greenwalt, Jeremy O'Neill, Keith Cowdright, Jack M. Hines, Jr., Emil Johan Gunnar Mossblad, Eugene Gerard, Luke Daniel Carstens, Dylan Joseph Tezak and to Joshua Nolan Pfender by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Nash, Ryan D. Kushner and to The DiMatteo Agency, Inc., by Senators Dinniman and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew Snyder, Nolan Bistline and to Nathan H. Woleslagle by Senator DiSanto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Jolene Grubb Kopriva, Lucas R. Shenk and to Russell Allen Stevens by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Louise Chappel Beischer Lobb and to Carol Rotunda Christ by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Isaac D. Wynn, William Michael Sr., and to George M. Myers by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Hunsberger, Paul Carson McKenzie, Evelyn T. Austin, Sarafina B. Ramalho, Brittany A. Palmer, Shannon C. Hanrahan, David W. Shelly, Christopher Edmondson, Joseph Leo Ruane and to Timothy John Ruane by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to members and coaches of the Archbishop Wood High School Girls' Basketball Team by Senator Greenleaf and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief William Kelly and to William James Conran by Senator Haywood.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Carol Wong by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wagner, Dr. David McAdoo, Harry Whittemore, Heather Power, Sherry Kulinski, Isaiah Markert, Terry Schossler, Dalton J. Abrams, Lilith A. Frakes, Blake T. Ristau, Michelle S. Switala, Jane Ellis, Jerry Lutz, Brian Christman, Sheena Baker, Betty Snyder, Betty Hoke, Laura Dorunda, Autumn Leaf Festival, Jenks Township Supervisors, Heavenly Gaits Therapeutic Riding Center and to citizens of Richland Township by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Chad F. Kenney, Erin R. McCullough, Stephen A. Mooney, Jason Lang, Lisa Moore, Nathan J. Lipiarski, Chester Heights Fire Company and to Rotary Club of Chester by Senator Killion.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Justin McCoy, Max Murin and to Melvyn D. Wingard by Senator Langerholc.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ronald Strong by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alexander David Carl Beidleman by Senator Martin.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David Welsh, Jason Martin and to Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church by Senator McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Edward C. Gibson, Jr., by Senators McGarrigle and Killion.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Paul Willman, Nathan Schaeffer, Nathaniel Maier, Zachary Ritchey, Richard Vorwald, Charles Joseph Mina, Michael Francis DeFrancesco and to members and coaches of the Boyertown Area Senior High School Girls' Basketball Team by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert Charles Fobia, Emma M. Gaal, Ryan Conner Hunt and to citizens of Worcester Township by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael Henry Gordon, Adam Jonathan Minarich, John Stanley Smith, Kyle Richard Hummel, Carson Phillip Schulz, Brenda C. Tewell and to Jack R. Weaver by Senator Regan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Steven Lane, Trevor Mahoney, Harry Harkins, Maddy Andrews, Seth Stoll, Abby Hay, Stephen Hopta, Trinity Ward, Jack Fitzpatrick, Nino Bonaccorsi, Robert A. Jankowski, Jr., Jubilee Christian School of Mt. Lebanon, members of the Quaker Valley High School Girls' Swim Team, members of the Quaker Valley High School Boys' Swim Team, members and coaches of the Moon Area High School Girls' Gymnastics Team, members of the Mt. Lebanon High School Girls' Swim Team, members and coaches of the Chartiers Valley High School Girls' Basketball Team and to members and coaches of the Upper St. Clair High School Speech and Debate Team by Senator Reschenthaler.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Marc Rodriguez and to Nicholas Merrigan by Senator Sabatina.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Kramer, Reverend Leo Gallina, Nicholas Gismondi, Craig Hartburg, Doug Schatz, Kyle Schatz, Eleanor Klees, Donald Musgrave, Gavin Park, Blackbird Distillery, Allegheny Bradford Corporation, Bradford Ecumenical Home and to Brookville Equipment Corporation by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Edith D. Stevens, Raymond Charles Pasqua III and to Sebastian D. Churion by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Stanley Joseph Szortyka and to members and coaches of the Reading Senior High School Boys' Basketball Team by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Davis by Senator Stefano.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alexis L. Davis and to Temple University Hospital by Senator Street.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Huth, Cindy Cook, Stuart Coren and to Suburban One League by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Martha Robinson Shannon, Virginia Herzog, Taylor Petrak, Doug Danko, members and coaches of the Rochester Area High School Bocce Team, members and coaches of the New Castle Senior High School Boys' Basketball Team and to members and coaches of the Wilmington Area High School Boys' Basketball Team by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Aaron Laurent, Joseph Matthew Salamone, Justin Thomas Weidinger, Ronald Luniewski and to Brian Venturella by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Technical Sergeant Meceikee K. Williams by Senator Wagner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sara Christoff, Mary Louise Trunzo, Joseph Anthony Zele and to Evergreen Conservancy by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sharon Neilson by Senator Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. David E. Shaffer and to Mr. and Mrs. James Crandle, Jr., by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ann Noone, Ron Faraday, Kelly Carroll, Barbara Green and to White Haven Area Community Library and Visitor Center by Senator Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Judith A. Newman, Patricia Kopeck, Daniel J. Coll, Vincent Alessandri, Diane Kormos, Alfonso Pellegrini, Mark Krakowski, Kristyn C. Tokash, Bonnie L. Gross, Nancy E. Gaughan, Fred Rosencrams and to William Ives by Senators Yudichak and Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ron Faraday by Senators Yudichak and Blake.

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 James M. Baloga, to the family of the late William John Rogers, to the family of the late Lydora Marie Drake, to the family of the late Angela A. Baloga and to the family of the late Norman D. Krause by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Honorable Horace A. Davenport by Senator Haywood.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Mary Jo Lloyd Spiecker, to the family of the late Francis J. Spiecker, to the family of the late Harry J. Armitage and to the family of the late Florence Ann Frei by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late William Thaddeus Coleman, Jr., by Senator Williams.

POSTHUMOUS CITATIONS

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

A posthumous citation honoring the late Marlene Fowler was extended to the family by Senators Browne, Boscola, and Scavello.

Posthumous citations honoring the late John J. Pinder, Jr., the late George Gibson McMurtry, the late John W. Dutko, and the late Charles E. Kelly were extended to the families by Senator Vulakovich.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of all bills reported from committee for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 363, SB 406, SB 494, HB 202 and HB 224.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017

Off the Floor	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (to consider House Bill No. 271)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017

11:00 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS and APPROPRIATIONS Subcommittee on Education, Workforce, Community and Economic Development (joint public hearing on Farm Show Lease Leaseback)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, very briefly, I had an opportunity earlier this morning to make some comments about Senate Bill No. 171 before its final passage. I do believe it is important to say a few things so folks understand some of the issues, I think, that surround the legislation. Over the last couple of days, and I guess since last Session, bills like this have been framed as partisan or aimed at diminishing one branch of government's power over another. For me, I really do not believe that is the case, not as a legislator, nor as an attorney. To me, it is not an issue of a Republican or Democratic Governor who may be in office, Republican or Democratic Majority which may be in power, but for me, it is really about checks and balances. That is the way that I have looked at Senate Bill No. 171 and the way,

quite frankly, I have looked at numerous bills that have come up which have given the legislature, and specifically the Senate, an opportunity to weigh in and advise and consent on numerous appointments throughout various boards and agencies within the Commonwealth which are extremely important, Mr. President, to the people whom we represent when we go back to our districts. We are the ones who our constituents look to to explain to us the decisions of these agencies, and it is critically important for us to have a relationship, an understanding, of the folks who are being appointed and are going on those agencies to serve the folks we represent.

Checks and balances can take many forms, and we all understand that. It can be as simple as an informal way just from mere respect for the role and responsibility of the legislature in the decisions that affect the people they represent, or it can come in the form of a more formal statutorily-mandated responsibility, if those relationships are lacking. So, whatever the situation is, whatever it might be, and wherever the circumstances find themselves, and, again, it does not matter what Majority party is in power, quite frankly, I look at this legislation, especially from the standpoint of being in the Minority right now, as giving, even if it is a small amount, of opportunity to have a little bit more insight. I think it is incumbent upon myself as a legislator to make sure that I am diligent about looking into that and taking advantage of that on behalf of my constituents. So again, whatever the situation is, I think, in my opinion, we as a legislature, it is not only prudent for us, I think, but it is important for us to be able to weigh in on those decisions that affect people whom we are elected to represent. I think that is something that will move past administration to administration, Majority to Majority, and Minority to Minority, but I think it is something that we need to understand and work on.

The reason I supported Senate Bill No. 171 today is for the same reasons that I have supported similar legislation that has been presented like that because I, again, believe that the opportunity for us as a legislative branch is critical to weigh in and to have an understanding of all these types of appointments. It is my hope that this legislation will continue to foster, or help foster a better checks and balances system between the three different branches of government because, as we all know, that is how it is supposed to work.

Thank you, Mr. President, for the opportunity.

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I sincerely thank my colleague from Philadelphia County, Senator Farnese, for his comments regarding my Senate bill, the one that we passed today and sent over to the House. This bill, and bills like it, originated with bipartisan ideals and bipartisan authorship. A former Member of the Democratic Caucus here in the Senate of Pennsylvania was the one who agreed with me and worked with me on having Senate oversight of gubernatorial appointments such as the CEO of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, such as DRPA, and other organizations. It had nothing to do with who was in the office of Governor, whether it was a D or an R. It had everything to do with the legislature, specifically the Senate, exercising its authority to offer advice and consent on those appointments and to give the public the chance to hear, at one of the confirmation hearings, the qualifications of this individual that the Governor was sending to the Senate for a CEO-type position.

Mr. President, the CEO of the Turnpike is responsible for tens of millions of dollars, is responsible for an organization that has undergone much change, and is undertaking construction projects all throughout the east to west and north to south, just as the DRPA handles tens of millions of dollars, and there is to be no accountability to us or to the public? That is wrong. Mr. President, that was the whole determination as to why we were going to do those bills, the Democratic Senator and myself, and we are going to continue to drop those and push for passage regardless of a D or an R in the Governor's mansion to make sure that the Senate of Pennsylvania works with the Governor and has the opportunity to air the person's qualifications in public before approval by the Senate of Pennsylvania. I thank those individuals who stood and voted with me today on that particular piece of legislation.

Finally, Mr. President, to all of my colleagues here in the Senate of Pennsylvania, and to all of those who are watching on PCN, and certainly to all of the people of Pennsylvania, a happy and blessed Easter and a blessed Passover.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair welcomes our young guests in the gallery along with their teachers and parents. Great to have you with us.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Street.

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I rise today to point out that I introduced legislation today calling for the protection of our sacred places, given the recent unfortunate history of Jewish, Islamic, and even Christian places of worship, cemeteries being desecrated. I think it is important for this body to consider and ultimately protect those most sacred places and give them the heightened protection and security that we all believe they deserve. I point out for the record that we initiated the Senate to begin this most important process. Thank you.

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

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, April 18, 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 12:45 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.