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**SENATE**

TUESDAY, April 18, 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 CHUCK ARNOLD, of Grace Point Church, Newtown, offered the following prayer:

Our Heavenly Father, we come to You today with a heart of thankfulness for the many blessings that You have granted us. Lord, I ask that You continue to have Your hand on this great nation and that You provide the leaders with wisdom to guide us in the right direction. It is with a heart of thankfulness that we ask guidance for our leaders in this great State, give clear direction and wisdom so that all may be blessed by the decisions that are made today.

Lord, I pray for safety for our State and for our country. Allow us to speak freely and to share our thoughts with each other. Let us be mindful of those who are struggling each day. Lord, thank You for our military personnel. Keep them free from harm and allow them to serve well. I pray for our country's prosperity. I pray for those who feel alone and helpless.

Lord, thank You for all You do in our lives. Let us be grateful for all You have provided. Thank You for our family and friends. As various discussions take place today, may they do so with a sense of cooperation and caring. Grant us today Your peace. It is in Your name that we ask all of these things. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Arnold, who is the guest today of Senator McIlhinney.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**RECALL COMMUNICATIONS  
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 SOCIAL  
WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

March 30, 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 Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, 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 Mandy Fauble, Meadville, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

April 12, 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 17, 2017, of Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, to serve until July 1, 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Pullo, York, 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 AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

April 12, 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 (Public Member), 813 North

2nd Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth 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 Mary Louise Doyle, Chester, 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 COSMETOLOGY

April 12, 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 Mary K. Topper, Esquire (Public Member), 223 Pine Street, Apartment 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, 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 Elaine Gowaty, Murrysville, 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 COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF  
EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF  
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

April 12, 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 10, 2017, and corrected January 31, 2017, of Damien M. Bower, 813 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 14, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ronald Steele, Erie, deceased.

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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA  
FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

April 12, 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 20, 2017, of Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Dis-

trict 8), 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 Glade Squires, Downingtown, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING  
FINANCE AGENCY

April 12, 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 Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, to serve until July 20, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice K. Scott Baker, Pittsburgh, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
DAUPHIN COUNTY

April 12, 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 Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 223 Pine Street, Apartment 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Dauphin County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice the Honorable Bernard L. Coates, deceased.

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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

April 12, 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, and corrected on December 15, 2016, of Mary K. Topper, Esq., 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice the Honorable Mark I. Bernstein, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
WESTMORELAND COUNTY

April 12, 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 10, 2017, of Mary K. Topper, Esq., 223 Pine Street, Apt. 3A, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Westmoreland County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice the Honorable Debra A. Pezze, deceased.

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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

April 12, 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 Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice the Honorable Robert Fean, Milford, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

April 12, 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 Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Stephen Margeson, Carlisle, 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 OPTOMETRY

April 12, 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 Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, 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 his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Gregory Bittner, Allison Park, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

PROTHONOTARY AND CLERK OF COURTS,  
BERKS COUNTY

April 12, 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 Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts, Berks County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice the Honorable Marianne Sutton, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE  
RETIREMENT COMMISSION

April 12, 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 Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Public Employee Retirement Commission, to serve until October 27, 2021, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Christ Zervanos, Harrisburg, 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 VEHICLE  
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

April 12, 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. (Public Member), 901 Capital Street, Harrisburg 17102, 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 his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Rene Barczak, Philadelphia, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF  
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 SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**

March 30, 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, Amy Keisling, 1422 Garalyn Road, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, 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 Mandy Fauble, Meadville, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION**

March 30, 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, the Honorable John Wozniak, 1359 Kemmer Street, Johnstown 15905, [data missing], Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice the Honorable Sean Logan, Pittsburgh, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

March 31, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, William Harris, 502 Cherry Lane,

Johnstown 15904, Cambria County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment 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.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

**JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ARMSTRONG COUNTY**

March 31, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 922 North 3rd Street, Apartment 311, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Armstrong County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice the Honorable Kenneth G. Valasek, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

**JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

March 31, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 922 North 3rd Street, Apartment 311, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Montgomery County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice the Honorable William J. Furber, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

**JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, SOMERSET COUNTY**

March 31, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 922 North 3rd Street, Apartment 311, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Somerset County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice the Honorable John M. Cascio, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

**JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, YORK COUNTY**

March 31, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 922 North 3rd Street, Apartment 311, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, York County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice the Honorable Stephen P. Linebaugh, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

March 31, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Allegheny, Magisterial District 05-2-23, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice the Honorable Dennis R. Joyce, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

March 31, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Luzerne, Magisterial District 11-1-05, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice the Honorable Paul J. Roberts, Jr., resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUSTICE

March 31, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Mercer, Magisterial District 35-3-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice the Honorable Lorinda L. Hinch, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

April 5, 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, Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve until June 23, 2018, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Brian Fill, Tarentum, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

SHERIFF, BLAIR COUNTY

April 5, 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, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Sheriff, Blair County, to service until the first Monday of January 2018, vice the Honorable Mitchell Cooper, Altoona, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 18, 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, Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Bucks, Magisterial District 07-2-05, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice the Honorable C. Robert Roth, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
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 NURSING

March 30, 2017

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

Please note that the letter dated March 29, 2017, for the nomination of 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, should be corrected to read: Ann Michele Coughlin, 1420 Locust Street, Apartment 37K, Philadelphia 19102, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for reap-

pointment 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 PENNSYLVANIA  
TURNPIKE COMMISSION

March 31, 2017

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

Please note that the letter dated March 30, 2017, for the nomination of the Honorable John Wozniak, 1359 Kemmer Street, Johnstown 15905, [data missing], Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice the Honorable Sean Logan, Pittsburgh, resigned, should be corrected to read:

The Honorable John Wozniak, 1359 Kemmer Street, Johnstown 15905, Cambria County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice the Honorable Sean Logan, Pittsburgh, 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:

April 5, 2017

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, HUGHES, FONTANA, FARNESE, SCHWANK, BREWSTER and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 281**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in preliminary provisions, providing for voter's bill of rights; and, in election districts and polling places, further providing for public buildings to be used where possible and portable polling places.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 5, 2017.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, HUGHES, FONTANA, FARNESE, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, LEACH and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 282**, entitled:

An Act providing for election day registration; and prescribing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 5, 2017.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, SCHWANK, BROWNE, LEACH and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 283**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in voter registration, further providing for application with driver's license application.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 5, 2017.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, FARNESE, SCHWANK, BREWSTER and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 285**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in dates of elections and primaries and special elections, further providing for special elections for Senator and Representative in the General Assembly.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 5, 2017.

Senators BOSCOLA, SCHWANK, DINNIMAN, FOLMER and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 286**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the use of the indirect initiative and referendum as powers reserved to the people.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 5, 2017.

Senators FOLMER, EICHELBERGER, SCARNATI, VULAKOVICH, RAFFERTY, VOGEL, DINNIMAN, STEFANO, AUMENT and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 550**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in Department of the Auditor General, further providing for audits of agencies receiving State aid.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 5, 2017.

Senators TOMLINSON, GREENLEAF, MENSCH, FOLMER, COSTA, BROOKS, RESCHENTHALER, VULAKOVICH, HUTCHINSON, WHITE and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 565**, entitled:

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 academic impact of scores on Keystone Exams.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 5, 2017.

Senators TOMLINSON, GREENLEAF, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, COSTA, SABATINA and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 566**, 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 a natural gas severance tax; and repealing expiration provision relating to unconventional gas well fees.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 5, 2017.

Senators ARGALL, SCHWANK, BARTOLOTTA, RESCHENTHALER, BREWSTER, GORDNER, RAFFERTY and LAUGHLIN presented to the Chair **SB 567**, entitled:

An Act regulating controlled plants and noxious weeds; establishing the Controlled Plant and Noxious Weed Committee; providing for powers and duties of the Controlled Plant and Noxious Weed Committee; imposing powers and duties on the Secretary of Agriculture and

municipalities; prescribing penalties; establishing a category of controlled plants and providing for the permitting of controlled plants intended to be grown for biomass and biofuel production or for other beneficial purposes; and repealing the Noxious Weed Control Law.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 5, 2017.

Senators ARGALL, RESCHENTHALER, STEFANO, SCAVELLO, SCARNATI, COSTA, AUMENT, REGAN, VOGEL, YAW and VULAKOVICH presented to the Chair **SB 568**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in fiscal provisions relating to public assistance, providing for distribution of SNAP benefits.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, April 5, 2017.

Senator FONTANA presented to the Chair **SB 570**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further defining "eligible entity."

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, April 5, 2017.

Senators STREET, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, LEACH, DINNIMAN, HUGHES, COSTA, AUMENT, FONTANA, RESCHENTHALER and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 571**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in arson, criminal mischief and other property destruction, further providing for the offense of institutional vandalism.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 5, 2017.

Senators DINNIMAN, COSTA, SCHWANK and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 574**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in consolidated county assessment, further providing for subjects of local taxation.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 5, 2017.

Senators DINNIMAN, YUDICHAK, COSTA, MENSCH, SCHWANK, FONTANA, HUTCHINSON, RAFFERTY, STEFANO, BROWNE and KILLION presented to the Chair **SB 575**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in volunteer firefighters, further providing for definitions, for statement of purpose, for funds and for audits.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 5, 2017.

Senators LEACH, ALLOWAY, SABATINA, MARTIN, RAFFERTY, COSTA, BROWNE and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 577**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the sale of shark fins; and imposing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 5, 2017.

Senators WILLIAMS, LEACH, FARNESE, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, STREET, HAYWOOD, COSTA, SCHWANK, HUGHES, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, BLAKE and McILHINNEY presented to the Chair **SB 578**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 5, 2017.

Senators SABATINA, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, SCHWANK and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 579**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in alternative form of regulation of telecommunications services, providing for voluntary suspension of service.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 5, 2017.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, SABATINA, COSTA, YUDICHAK, SCHWANK and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 580**, entitled:

An Act providing for workplace health and safety standards for public employees and for powers and duties of the Secretary of Labor and Industry, establishing the Pennsylvania Occupational Safety and Health Review Board, providing for workplace inspections and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 5, 2017.

Senators SABATINA, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, MENSCH, BREWSTER, COSTA and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 581**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, in pharmaceutical assistance for the elderly, further providing for definitions, providing for medication synchronization, further providing for the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly Needs Enhancement Tier and for board and providing for medication therapy management.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, April 5, 2017.

April 6, 2017

Senators WAGNER, SCARNATI, COSTA, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, ARGALL, RESCHENTHALER, BARTOLOTTA, BOSCOLA and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 537**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in intermediate units, further providing for staff; in professional employees, providing for athletic leaves of absence; and, in vocational education, further providing for organization and operation of schools and institutes.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 6, 2017.

Senators WAGNER, SCARNATI, COSTA, RAFFERTY, ARGALL, BOSCOLA, WARD, RESCHENTHALER, BARTOLOTTA and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 538**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in retirement for school employees, further providing for definitions; in retirement for State employees and officers, further providing for credited State service; and providing for benefits and rights for State employees.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 6, 2017.

Senators McILHINNEY, REGAN, SCARNATI, ARGALL, MARTIN, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, BARTOLOTTA, BROWNE, BAKER and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 569**, entitled:

An Act providing for the use of investigational drugs, biological products and devices by terminally ill patients.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, April 6, 2017.

Senators DINNIMAN, FONTANA, VULAKOVICH, MENSCH, RAFFERTY and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 572**, entitled:

An Act providing for the use of investigational drugs, biological products and devices by terminally ill patients under 18 years of age.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, April 6, 2017.

Senators DINNIMAN, FONTANA, COSTA, RAFFERTY, BLAKE, MENSCH and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 573**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the Pennsylvania Premise Alert System.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 6, 2017.

Senators DINNIMAN, FONTANA, SCHWANK, GREENLEAF and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 576**, entitled:

An Act providing for the reimbursement of programs for patient expenses associated with participation in cancer clinical trials.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, April 6, 2017.

Senators HUGHES, RESCHENTHALER, SCHWANK, RAFFERTY, HAYWOOD, MENSCH and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 582**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Council on Jazz Education and Preservation and providing for its powers and duties; and establishing the Jazz Legacy Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 6, 2017.

Senators VULAKOVICH, BREWSTER, COSTA, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, STEFANO and VOGEL presented to the Chair **SB 584**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages licenses and regulations, further providing for wine and spirits auction permits.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, April 6, 2017.

Senators STEFANO, WHITE, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, VOGEL, WAGNER and VULAKOVICH presented to the Chair **SB 585**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting certain payments from the State Treasury and certain activities of Commonwealth departments during a budget impasse; establishing the Budget Impasse Critical Services Fund; and providing for disbursements from the fund and other special funds during a budget impasse.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 6, 2017.

April 7, 2017

Senators ARGALL, VULAKOVICH, WAGNER, KILLION, FOLMER, YUDICHAK, WARD and REGAN presented to the Chair **SB 586**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in consolidated county assessment, further providing for appeals by taxing districts and providing for standards of redress in appeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, April 7, 2017.

Senators BAKER, MARTIN, GORDNER, FOLMER, RAFFERTY, MENSCH, BROWNE and SCAVELLO presented to the Chair **SB 587**, entitled:

An Act providing for statutory construction of Pennsylvania wage and hour laws.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 7, 2017.

Senators BROWNE, COSTA, AUMENT, McILHINNEY, HUGHES, BARTOLOTTA, BREWSTER, KILLION, MENSCH, VULAKOVICH, BAKER, HAYWOOD, SABATINA, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, VOGEL and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 588**, entitled:

An Act providing for museum preservation and for grant program; imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; establishing the Pennsylvania Museum Preservation Fund; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 7, 2017.

April 13, 2017

Senators BOSCOLA and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 280**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in qualifications of electors, further providing for qualifications of electors at primaries; in party



organization, further providing for only enrolled electors to vote at primaries or hold party offices; in nomination of candidates, further providing for candidates to be nominated and party officers to be elected at primaries and providing for procedure for unenrolled electors to cast primary ballots and for form of declaration of party enrollment; and, in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, further providing for manner of applying to vote, persons entitled to vote, voter's certificates, entries to be made in district register, numbered lists of voters and challenges and for voting check list.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 13, 2017.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, SCHWANK, LEACH and RESCHENTHALER presented to the Chair **SB 284**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, providing for employment leave for voters.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 13, 2017.

Senators LANGERHOLC, TOMLINSON, EICHELBERGER, GORDNER, YAW, VOGEL, VULAKOVICH, SCARNATI, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, BARTOLOTTA, WHITE, STEFANO, MARTIN, WARD, WAGNER, AUMENT, McGARRIGLE and SCAVELLO presented to the Chair **SB 589**, entitled:

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fees, further providing for annual hauling permits; and, in size, weight and load, further providing for maximum gross weight of vehicles and for conditions of permits and security for damages and providing for permit for movement of freight via natural gas vehicles.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 13, 2017.

Senators STEFANO and WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 590**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in forgery and fraudulent practices, further providing for bad checks.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 13, 2017.

Senators STEFANO, MENSCH, WARD, FOLMER, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 591**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, in contracts, providing for voting by a county commissioner.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 13, 2017.

Senators STEFANO, SCARNATI, MENSCH, EICHELBERGER, WHITE, WAGNER, FOLMER, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, AUMENT, MARTIN, DiSANTO, DINNIMAN and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 592**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in duties and powers of

boards of school directors, providing for posting of offers of employment for certain administrators; and, in intermediate units, providing for posting of offers of employment for certain staff.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 13, 2017.

Senators STEFANO, WHITE, WARD and VULAKOVICH presented to the Chair **SB 593**, 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 qualifications.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 13, 2017.

Senators STEFANO, SCARNATI, MENSCH, HUTCHINSON, WARD, WHITE, YAW, RAFFERTY, BAKER, RESCHENTHALER, VULAKOVICH, VOGEL, LANGERHOLC, COSTA, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, YUDICHAK, SCHWANK and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 594**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in sales and use tax, further providing for exclusions from tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 13, 2017.

Senators STEFANO, FOLMER, MENSCH, VOGEL, WAGNER, AUMENT and LANGERHOLC presented to the Chair **SB 596**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in ethics standards and financial disclosure, further providing for restricted activities.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 13, 2017.

Senators STEFANO, MENSCH, WARD, VOGEL, FOLMER, RAFFERTY, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, LANGERHOLC, VULAKOVICH and BLAKE presented to the Chair **SB 597**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further providing for money of authority.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 13, 2017.

Senators STEFANO, HUTCHINSON, MENSCH, BAKER, FOLMER, RAFFERTY, VOGEL, WARD, VULAKOVICH, WAGNER, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, RESCHENTHALER, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, DiSANTO, COSTA, YUDICHAK, SCHWANK and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 598**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 13, 2017.

Senators GREENLEAF, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, VULAKOVICH, FARNESE, YUDICHAK, FONTANA, COSTA, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, MENSCH and RESCHENTHALER presented to the Chair **SB 599**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.817, No.143), known as the Mental Health Procedures Act, in general provisions, further providing for scope of act, providing for definitions and further providing for individualized treatment plan; in involuntary examination and treatment, further providing for persons subject, for persons for whom application may be made, and for additional periods of court-ordered involuntary treatment; and adding provisions relating to assisted outpatient treatment.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, April 13, 2017.

Senators MARTIN, CORMAN, SCARNATI, MENSCH, ARGALL, VULAKOVICH, RESCHENTHALER, AUMENT, STEFANO, VOGEL, McGARRIGLE, ALLOWAY, LANGERHOLC and WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 600**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for total population coordinated care management.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, April 13, 2017.

Senators RAFFERTY and VULAKOVICH presented to the Chair **SB 601**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in general structure and powers, further providing for unified judicial system; in organization of appellate courts, providing for appellate division of the Medical Professional Liability Court of Pennsylvania; in jurisdiction of appellate courts, further providing for transfers between intermediate appellate courts, for lien of judgments for money, for direct appeals of courts of common pleas, for allowance of appeals from Superior and Commonwealth Courts, for appeals from courts of common pleas, for original jurisdiction and for appeals from courts of common pleas and providing for jurisdiction of appellate division of Medical Professional Liability Court; providing for organization and jurisdiction of the Medical Professional Liability Court of Pennsylvania; in judicial boards and commissions, providing for Medical Professional Liability Court Qualifications Commission; in selection and retention of judicial officers, further providing for selection of judicial officers for regular terms, for vacancies in office and for retention elections after regular term and providing for selection and retention of judges of the Medical Professional Liability Court; in budget and finance, providing for salaries judges of Medical Professional Liability Court and for Medical Professional Liability Court Fund; in preliminary provisions relating to actions, proceedings and other matters generally, further providing for right to appellate review; in limitation of time, further providing for appeals generally; and making a conforming change.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 13, 2017.

Senators RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, BROWNE, SCARNATI and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 602**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting employment of illegal aliens; requiring participation in the Basic Pilot Program as a condition for Commonwealth contracts or grants; prohibiting business tax deductions for certain compensation; requiring suspension of licenses, registrations and certificates of incorporation under certain circumstances; and authorizing a private cause of action.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 13, 2017.

Senators RAFFERTY, YAW, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, MENSCH and SCARNATI presented to the Chair **SB 603**, entitled:

An Act providing for remediation of real property contaminated by methamphetamine production, for decontamination guidelines to be developed by Department of Health and for restitution; prohibiting certain activity relating to certain property; providing for enforcement; establishing immunity for real estate professionals under certain circumstances; and authorizing fees.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, April 13, 2017.

Senators RAFFERTY, DINNIMAN and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 604**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 22, 2011 (P.L.586, No.127), known as the Gas and Hazardous Liquids Pipelines Act, replacing the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission with the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth; and providing for Federal delegation.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 13, 2017.

Senators RAFFERTY, DINNIMAN, COSTA, YUDICHAK and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 605**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for an impact fee for natural gas and oil pipelines; establishing the Pipeline Impact Fund; and imposing powers and duties on the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 13, 2017.

Senators FOLMER, MARTIN, GORDNER, WHITE, HUTCHINSON, BAKER, AUMENT, MENSCH and DiSANTO presented to the Chair **SB 606**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 13, 2017.

Senators RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, BREWSTER, MENSCH, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, VULAKOVICH and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 607**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 3, 1986 (P.L.396, No.86), entitled "An act requiring notice of rate increases, policy cancellations and nonrenewals by property and casualty insurers," further providing for notice of increase in premium and for notice requirements for midterm cancellations and nonrenewals.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 13, 2017.

Senators BREWSTER, ARGALL, SCAVELLO, WHITE, VULAKOVICH, BOSCOLA and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 609**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations relating to liquor, alco-

hol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for malt and brewed beverages manufacturers', distributors' and importing distributors' licenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, April 13, 2017.

Senators KILLION, DINNIMAN and McGARRIGLE presented to the Chair **SB 610**, entitled:

An Act designating quartz as the official State mineral of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 13, 2017.

Senators BROWNE, ALLOWAY, GREENLEAF, COSTA, SABATINA, HUGHES, WARD, SCAVELLO, KILLION, LEACH, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, DINNIMAN, BOSCOLA, BLAKE, FARNESE, FONTANA and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 612**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 13, 2017.

Senator WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 614**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1012, known as the Diamondville Bridge, Cherryhill Township, Indiana County, as the Sgt. Robert Eugene Goodlin Memorial Bridge.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 13, 2017.

Senators WHITE, EICHELBERGER, STEFANO, FOLMER, BARTOLOTTA, DiSANTO, MARTIN, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, WARD, WAGNER, SCARNATI and RESCHENTHALER presented to the Chair **SB 615**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, in taxation by school districts, repealing definitions and further providing for adoption of preliminary budget proposals, for information to school districts, for property tax limits on reassessment and for public referendum requirements for increasing certain taxes.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 13, 2017.

Senators McILHINNEY, VULAKOVICH, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, BREWSTER, KILLION, AUMENT, SABATINA, DINNIMAN, TARTAGLIONE and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 616**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 9 (Burial Grounds) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for notice of burial benefits; and imposing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 13, 2017.

Senators RAFFERTY, MARTIN, FONTANA, VULAKOVICH, BOSCOLA, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, VOGEL, STEFANO and SCARNATI presented to the Chair **SB 617**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, further providing for meeting of election officers on day of election and duties of election officers.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 13, 2017.

Senators RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, YUDICHAK, VULAKOVICH, YAW and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 618**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, in miscellaneous provisions, establishing the Mcare Commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 13, 2017.

Senators RAFFERTY, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, BROWNE and RESCHENTHALER presented to the Chair **SB 619**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, further providing for administration of the act by requiring notification regarding theft or loss of controlled substances.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 13, 2017.

Senators RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, YUDICHAK, COSTA, SCHWANK and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 620**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 3, 1986 (P.L.396, No.86), entitled "An act requiring notice of rate increases, policy cancellations and nonrenewals by property and casualty insurers," further providing for notices.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 13, 2017.

Senators RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, COSTA and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 621**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, further providing for definitions; providing for the offense of tampering with package or receptacle; and prescribing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 13, 2017.

Senators RAFFERTY, MARTIN, FONTANA, BREWSTER, COSTA, FOLMER, VOGEL, VULAKOVICH, SCARNATI, SCHWANK and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 622**, 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 in general, providing for contact information.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 13, 2017.

Senators SCARNATI and YAW presented to the Chair **SB 624**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 27, 1966 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.31, No.1), known as The Bituminous Mine Subsidence and Land Conservation Act, providing for planned subsidence and for retroactivity.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 13, 2017.

April 17, 2017

Senators VULAKOVICH and RESCHENTHALER presented to the Chair **SB 583**, entitled:

An Act authorizing a tourism promotion fee for counties of the second class; providing for Second Class County Tourism Promotion Fund and for distribution of money from the Second Class County Tourism Promotion Fund; and establishing the Sports Commission in a county of the second class.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, April 17, 2017.

Senators FOLMER, MARTIN, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, BROWNE and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 595**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 57 (Notaries Public) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in revised uniform law on notarial acts, further providing for definitions, for personal appearance required and for identification of individual.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 17, 2017.

Senators DiSANTO, AUMENT, FOLMER, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, WHITE and WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 611**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 8, 1978 (P.L.752, No.140), known as the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act, further providing for definitions, for disqualification and forfeiture of benefits and for restitution for monetary loss; and repealing a retroactivity provision.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 17, 2017.

Senators BROOKS, LANGERHOLC, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, WHITE, BREWSTER, COSTA, KILLION, TARTAGLIONE, FOLMER, WARD, SCARNATI, McGARRIGLE, ARGALL, YAW, RESCHENTHALER, HUTCHINSON, REGAN, AUMENT and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 625**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1970 (P.L.128, No.49), entitled "An act granting to the Governor of the Commonwealth the sole authority for regulating the display of the flag of the United States from any public ground or building and from any ground or building of certain other institutions," further providing for display of flag.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 17, 2017.

Senators KILLION, BLAKE, CORMAN, FOLMER, McGARRIGLE, WARD and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 627**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 17, 2017.

Senators RESCHENTHALER, BOSCOLA, WHITE, BLAKE and REGAN presented to the Chair **SB 628**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 4 (Amusements) and 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, further providing for general and specific powers; in licensees, further providing for Category 1 slot machine license, for number of slot machine licenses and for change in ownership or control of slot machine licensee, repealing provisions related to multiple slot machine license prohibition and prohibiting undue economic concentration; in revenues, further providing for gross terminal revenue deductions and for establishment of State Gaming Fund and net slot machine revenue distribution; in administration and enforcement, further providing for investigations and enforcement; providing for video gaming; establishing the Video Gaming Fund, the Slot Machine License Loss Mitigation Fund and the Fire Company and Emergency Responder Grant Fund; and, in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense of gambling devices, gambling, etc.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, April 17, 2017.

Senators RESCHENTHALER, SCARNATI, BREWSTER, VULAKOVICH, STEFANO, MENSCH, BARTOLOTTA, KILLION, VOGEL, COSTA, WHITE, YUDICHAK, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, WAGNER, BLAKE and McGARRIGLE presented to the Chair **SB 630**, entitled:

An Act providing for the licensure of limited lines travel insurance producers, for requirements for sale of travel insurance, for authority of limited lines travel insurance producers, for registration and training of travel retailers and for renewal of license.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 17, 2017.

Senators RESCHENTHALER, ARGALL, GREENLEAF, VULAKOVICH, COSTA, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, TARTAGLIONE, YUDICHAK and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 631**, entitled:

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 information regarding education loans.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 17, 2017.

Senators McGARRIGLE, SCARNATI, KILLION, RAFFERTY and BARTOLOTTA presented to the Chair **SB 633**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 14, 1963 (P.L.1059, No.459), referred to as the Cemetery and Funeral Merchandise Trust Fund Law, further providing for deposits into merchandise trust funds; providing for price and description reports; and further providing for funds held in trust, for payments from merchandise trust funds, for filing of financial reports and for penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 17, 2017.

Senators AUMENT, MARTIN, EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, HUGHES, BREWSTER, SCARNATI, VULAKOVICH, BARTOLOTTA, RAFFERTY, COSTA and REGAN presented to the Chair **SB 634**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in transfers of credits between institutions of higher education, further providing for definitions, for duties of public institutions of higher education and for Transfer and Articulation Oversight Committee.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 17, 2017.

April 18, 2017

Senators WHITE, LANGERHOLC, BARTOLOTTA, GORDNER, ARGALL, GREENLEAF, BROOKS, VULAKOVICH, SCHWANK, DiSANTO, FOLMER, VOGEL, WAGNER, EICHELBERGER, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, AUMENT, REGAN, SCARNATI, HUTCHINSON, RESCHENTHALER, WARD, MENSCH, STEFANO, BROWNE and YAW presented to the Chair **SB 401**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in retirement for State employees and officers, further providing for definitions; in membership, credited service, classes of service, and eligibility for benefits, further providing for mandatory and optional membership and for classes of service; and providing for State Legislators' Defined Contribution Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 18, 2017.

Senators McGARRIGLE, SCARNATI, VULAKOVICH, YAW, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, ARGALL, YUDICHAK, WARD, HUTCHINSON and KILLION presented to the Chair **SB 626**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, further providing for authority to administer injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 18, 2017.

Senators RESCHENTHALER, RAFFERTY, MENSCH, BARTOLOTTA, FOLMER, VOGEL and WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 629**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 12 (Commerce and Trade) and 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fraudulent transfers, further providing for short title of chapter and definitions, for insolvency, for value, for transfers fraudulent as to present and future creditors, for transfers fraudulent as to present creditors, for when transfer is made or obligation is incurred, for remedies of creditors, for defenses, liability and protection of transferee and for extinguishment of cause of action, providing for governing law and for application to series organization, further providing for supplementary provisions and providing for uniformity of application and construction and for relation to Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act; and, in support matters generally, further providing for continuing jurisdiction over support orders.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 18, 2017.

Senators MARTIN, RAFFERTY, BARTOLOTTA, FOLMER, AUMENT, HUGHES, VULAKOVICH, LANGERHOLC and SCAVELLO presented to the Chair **SB 635**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in culpability, further providing for causal relationship between conduct and result; in criminal homicide, further providing for the offense of murder; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for grading and for penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 18, 2017.

Senators DINNIMAN, ALLOWAY, BREWSTER, COSTA, SABATINA, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, VOGEL, BROWNE, VULAKOVICH, BARTOLOTTA and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 636**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 18, 2017.

Senators WHITE, STREET, YAW, BARTOLOTTA, COSTA, FONTANA and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 637**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in health and accident insurance, establishing the Pharmaceutical Transparency Commission and providing for its powers and duties.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 18, 2017.

Senators WHITE, VULAKOVICH, SCHWANK, RAFFERTY and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 638**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, further providing for the offense of carrying a false identification card.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, April 18, 2017.

## RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

April 6, 2017

Senators FOLMER, EICHELBERGER, BARTOLOTTA, WHITE and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SR 62**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to establish an advisory committee to conduct a comprehensive study of the costs and efficiencies of the requirements under Pennsylvania's public construction laws.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 6, 2017.

April 10, 2017

Senators GREENLEAF, WARD, AUMENT and RESCHENTHALER presented to the Chair **SR 74**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the President of the United States to honor his pledge to move the United States Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 10, 2017.

April 13, 2017

Senators MENSCH, BROWNE, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, EICHELBERGER, SABATINA, FONTANA, AUMENT, RAF-FERTY, COSTA, VULAKOVICH, TARTAGLIONE and VOGEL presented to the Chair **SR 75**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of the extent to which rape kits remain unprocessed in this Commonwealth and identify the reasons that the kits remain untested.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, April 13, 2017.

April 18, 2017

Senators VULAKOVICH, BARTOLOTTA, BREWSTER, BROWNE, COSTA, FONTANA, HUGHES, LANGERHOLC, MENSCH, REGAN, RESCHENTHALER, SCAVELLO and WHITE presented to the Chair **SR 76**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of the feasibility of providing two additional passenger rail trips daily between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg and its impact on existing freight rail service.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 18, 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:

April 5, 2017

**HB 41** -- Committee on Judiciary.

April 6, 2017

**HB 16, 422 and 423** -- Committee on Local Government.  
**HB 46 and 291** -- Committee on Finance.  
**HB 203, 594, 631 and 741** -- Committee on Judiciary.  
**HB 218 and 785** -- Committee on Appropriations.  
**HB 223, 445, 539 and 548** -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.  
**HB 266** -- Committee on Labor and Industry.  
**HB 271** -- Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development.  
**HB 360** -- Committee on Law and Justice.  
**HB 397, 582 and 675** -- Committee on Game and Fisheries.  
**HB 758** -- Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing.

April 17, 2017

**HB 235** -- Committee on Aging and Youth.

## GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

### 2016 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
 Auto Theft Prevention Authority  
 5 Kacey Court, Suite 201  
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

TO THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR TOM WOLF AND MEMBERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pennsylvania continues to be a leader in auto theft prevention. Since inception, our efforts have helped to realize a 77% reduction in vehicle theft in the Commonwealth, some 42% greater than the national decrease!\*

Last year was another exceptional year for the Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) and our grantee partners. I am pleased to report that the efforts of our grantee network contributed to the recovery of more than 2,500 vehicles worth nearly \$27 million. In addition, our grantee prosecutor partners convicted 874 individuals on auto theft related crimes and obtained orders for more than \$1.5M in restitution to the victims of those crimes.

While we are proud of the progress, our work must continue with vigor. Auto theft and vehicle crime pose a threat to the personal safety and economic security of our communities. While some vehicles are stolen as a crime of opportunity for the thief to "get across town," many are stolen by complex, professional theft rings whose tactics often involve violence, financial fraud, identity theft, and international trafficking. Perhaps most importantly, many crime sprees begin with the theft of a vehicle, which leads to the dangerous and costly ripple effect of the subsequent crimes committed with that stolen vehicle.

ATPA is self-funded through an assessment of insurance companies that conduct business in Pennsylvania and we use no tax dollars in our efforts. For every dollar assessed, we have realized a nearly \$7 return on that assessment since inception in 1994.

Our mission is to prevent and combat auto theft. We will continue to support our grantees, educate the public, and train law enforcement to detect and solve these crimes. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve Pennsylvania's citizens and we thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

RONALD W. KOSH  
 Chairman

\*According to Uniform Crime Report (UCR) maintained by the FBI and the Pennsylvania State Police. Theft rates from the FBI are only available through 2015 at the time of publication.

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

### STATE ETHICS COMMISSION RULINGS

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
 State Ethics Commission  
 P.O. Box 11470  
 Harrisburg, PA 17108

TO: Director or Administrator  
 FROM: Robert Caruso, Executive Director  
 State Ethics Commission  
 DATE: April 9, 2017  
 RE: Distribution of State Ethics Commission Rulings

On June 26, 1989, the revised Public Official and Employee Ethics Law was enacted which re-authorized the State Ethics Commission. The State Ethics Commission is responsible for issuing various types of rulings on matters within its mandated jurisdiction. Pursuant to the law,

the Commission is mandated to forward, quarterly, a copy of every Opinion, Advice of Counsel, and Order issued to one law library in each county, one public library in each county, the State Library, the State Senate Library, each authority appointing a Commission member, the Pennsylvania Association of County Commissioners, the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners, the Pennsylvania State School Boards Association, and the Pennsylvania League of Cities. Your agency is either specifically identified in the above requirement or has been selected as a library to which this mailing will be made pursuant to the above authority. As such, enclosed please find decisions of the State Ethics Commission from January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017. Due to budgetary restraints, a CD containing said rulings will replace paper copies that were previously sent.

For your information, the Commission generally issues these types of decisions as follows:

**Commission Opinions** - Opinions are advisory rulings issued by the State Ethics Commission regarding the duties and responsibilities of public officials and employees under the Public Official and Employee Ethics Law. Opinions are catalogued by year of issuance followed by the sequential number of the opinion during that year. As such, opinions relating to 2017 will begin with the number 17-001 and proceed there from as decisions are rendered.

**Advice of Counsel** - The Commission's Chief Counsel is authorized to issue similar advisory letters. Such letters are issued generally when there is prior precedent for counsel to rely upon in issuing a decision or when the provisions of the State Ethics Act directly provide the answer to the question posed. Advice of Counsel letters are numbered with the year and a 500 series number that progresses in order therefrom as rulings are issued. If more than 100 such letters are issued, a 600 series number will then be used.

**Orders** - Commission orders are issued at the end of an investigation and are determinations as to whether or not there has been a violation of the State Ethics Act. Commission orders are categorized numerically from the date of the first order in 1979. That is, the first Order issued was Order No. 1. All orders proceed there from.

It is recommended that Opinions, Advices of Counsel and Orders be maintained separately (in numerical order) so as to afford better retrievability.

The enclosed items are being forwarded for retention, cataloging and for the purpose of being publicly available for review by citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who may have an interest therein. Additional mailings will be made on a quarterly basis henceforth. If you have any questions in relation to your receipt of these documents and future distribution, please contact me at 717-783-1610 or 800-932-0936. For your information, all Commission rulings are available on-line at [www.ethics.pa.gov](http://www.ethics.pa.gov).

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

### APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

Senator Scott E. Hutchinson as a member of the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Development Advisory Council.

Senator Joseph B. Scarnati as a member of the Wine and Spirits Wholesale and Retail Privatization Commission.

Senator Judith Schwank as a member of the Local Government Commission.

Senator Gene Yaw as a member of the Wine and Spirits Wholesale and Retail Privatization Commission.

Honorable James F. Cawley as a member of the governing board of the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority.

### BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator TOMLINSON, from the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported the following bills:

#### SB 25 (Pr. No. 314)

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, further providing for definitions, for State Board of Nursing, for dietitian-nutritionist license required, for temporary practice permit, for graduates of schools of other states, territories or Dominion of Canada, for certified registered nurse practitioners, for scope of practice for certified registered nurse practitioners, for prescriptive authority for certified registered nurse practitioners, for Drug Review Committee and for professional liability; and providing for the expiration of the State Board of Nursing's power to license certified registered nurse practitioners.

#### SB 242 (Pr. No. 223)

An Act amending the act of December 10, 1974 (P.L.852, No.287), referred to as the Underground Utility Line Protection Law, further providing for definitions, for duties of facility owners, for duties of the One Call System, for duties of excavators, for duties of designers, for duties of project owners and for penalties; providing for enforcement, for underground utility line protection fund and for compliance; and further providing for One Call System authority and for expiration.

#### SB 354 (Pr. No. 710) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L.345, No.48), entitled "An act empowering the General Counsel or his designee to issue subpoenas for certain licensing board activities; providing for hearing examiners in the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs; providing additional powers to the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs; and further providing for civil penalties and license suspension," providing for reporting of sanctions and criminal proceedings and for temporary and automatic suspension.

#### SB 458 (Pr. No. 711) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in contract carrier by motor vehicle and broker, further providing for declaration of policy and definitions; and, in violations and penalties, further providing for unauthorized operation by carriers and brokers.

#### SB 530 (Pr. No. 571)

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.

#### SB 531 (Pr. No. 572)

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.

**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 Hutchinson.

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 Brooks and Senator Hutchinson.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**WEEKLY RECESS**

Senator CORMAN offered the following resolution, which was read as follows:

In the Senate, April 18, 2017

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, April 24, 2017, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, April 24, 2017, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

**YEA-50**

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

**NAY-0**

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

**GUESTS OF THE PRESIDENT  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. It is my delight to exercise my prerogative to recognize the Lieutenant Governor from the State of Rhode Island, who is on the Senate floor with us. He is also a politician so he is working other Senators right now, even though they are not from his State.

We have the Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island, Dan McKee, and his beautiful wife, Susan. Dan is the 69th Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island and was sworn in on January 6, 2015. Dan is joined by his wife, Susan McKee. Dan and Susan were high school sweethearts and graduated from Cumberland High School. They also have a Cumberland High School. Prior to his service as Lieutenant Governor, Dan served as mayor of Cumberland, Rhode Island, for six terms. So you must have done a good job, Governor. He, his wife, and family have operated a small business in northern Rhode Island for over 100 years, and Lieutenant Governor McKee has advocated for fiscal management, education initiatives, and thoughtful economic development. It does not say this on my talking points, but Dan is also an accomplished college basketball coach and knows a lot about the game, and really understands teamwork as it applies to what we do in our daily life in government and politics. Dan is also chairman of the National Lieutenant Governor's Association, of which I am a member and in leadership.

Please welcome Lieutenant Governor Dan McKee and his lovely wife, Susan, to our wonderful Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR JAY COSTA  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues here today to join me in welcoming Ryan Cardillo, who is interning here in Harrisburg in the office of our Chief Counsel of the Democratic Caucus. Ryan is a second year law student at Penn State Dickinson School of Law. He is, however, a graduate of the great University of Pittsburgh, cum laude, with a bachelor of science degree in political science, Italian language, and literature. Ryan will graduate from law school next May. He has been very active in activities at the University of Pittsburgh and at the law school. He is a member of the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity, Women's Law Caucus, and serves as a class representative for the Student Bar Association. He previously worked in Mercer County. Ryan hails from Greenville, Pennsylvania, in the Mercer County area, and served as an intern with the Mercer County Public Defenders Office, as well as the Mercer County District Attorney's Office. More importantly, particularly at this time of the year with the success of the Penguins and our Pirates, Ryan is an avid Pittsburgh sports fan. We are more than happy to welcome him here to Harrisburg and also to our office.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Costa, Ryan Cardillo, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. We expect big things from you.

(Applause.)



### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

### GUEST OF SENATOR CHARLES McILHINNEY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator McILHINNEY. Mr. President, I extend my sincere thanks to my constituent, Reverend Chuck Arnold, Pastor of Congregational Care, Grace Point Church in Newtown, for serving as our guest Chaplain today and offering the opening prayer for Session. It is a pleasure to have Chuck here with us again in the Senate. I also thank him for his 40 years of military service. Please join me in giving him a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator McIlhinney, today's Chaplain, Reverend Chuck Arnold, please rise so that we may give you a warm Senate welcome.

(Applause.)

### GUESTS OF SENATOR RYAN AUMENT PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, as part of the State System Advocacy Day, it is my pleasure to introduce student-led teams from each of the 14 universities that comprise the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. They are canvassing the Capitol today, meeting with legislators to discuss the important role that the 14 universities play in each of the campus communities, as well as in their regions and across the Commonwealth. Nearly 150 students, faculty, administrators, trustees, and alumni are taking part in the advocacy effort on behalf of the State System. They began their Capitol visit this morning with table displays in the East Wing Rotunda. Please join me in welcoming our guests from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education to the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Aument, from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, please rise so that we may welcome you and thank you for being here.

(Applause.)

### GUESTS OF SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce some guests today. We had a great tour of the Capitol. One set of guests are Francine and Phil Dague. A second set of guests is Graham and Deborah Miles. Deborah is a librarian in Downingtown. Another set of guests are Kathy Schoner and Jane Butler. These are all individuals active in our community who deeply care about the Downingtown area and who—once again, as you know, I auction off for charity personal tours of the Capitol and we have raised a considerable amount of money for nonprofits in Chester County through this. I hope we can give a

nice welcome to our guests today from the Borough of Downingtown and that area.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Dinniman, who were lucky enough to win the auction to spend time with Senator Dinniman and visit with us in the Capitol, please rise so that we may give you our customary warm welcome to the Capitol. I see you got front row seats, too, because of your connections.

(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, too, join with Senator Aument in welcoming our PASSHE students here today. I am not sure if they are still here or in the House, but I want them to know how proud I am of them and how important they are to us and to the future of the Commonwealth. Nearly 90 percent of the students are from Pennsylvania, and about 80 percent of the graduates stay here to begin their careers, and it demonstrates how important the State System is to Pennsylvania's future and why it is so important, Mr. President, that we invest in these great institutions. Truly, for all of my colleagues today who have met with some of these great students, I know and they know there are no better ambassadors for the universities than the students themselves. So we will all join again, Mr. President, in welcoming the PASSHE students to our Senate today.

The PRESIDENT. Would the PASSHE students, once again, the guests of Senator Schwank, please rise so we can really lay it on and welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate.

(Applause.)

### GUEST OF SENATOR GUY RESCHENTHALER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator RESCHENTHALER. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to welcome a friend of mine to the Senate of Pennsylvania today, that friend being Derek Reckard. Derek is here today with the Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists. Through his career in nursing, he has served his patients diligently. Derek currently works as a certified registered nurse anesthetist at UPMC Presbyterian Hospital. Derek received his diploma in nursing from Jameson Hospital School of Nursing, his bachelor of science in nursing from Edinboro University in Pennsylvania, and his Master of Science in nursing with a specialization in nurse anesthesia from the University of Pittsburgh. Derek currently lives in Jefferson Hills with his wife, Kristen, and their three children. He is a very active member of the community, and he serves as vice chairman of the Jefferson Hills Planning Commission. Mr. President and colleagues, please join me in giving my honored guest a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Reschenthaler, Derek, who is standing here for the profession of nursing, please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

### GUEST OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, my guest in the gallery was my job shadow for the day. Mitchell Kurek is a junior at Tamaqua Area Senior High School, an honors student with a keen interest in history and science, as well as how the political process works. He told me this summer, if he is really brave, he will sign up for the summer class I teach at Tamaqua's Lehigh Carbon Community College, our local campus. He is a member of the football team and the basketball teams, lettering in both sports the past 2 years. After high school he plans to attend college and major in science and hopefully go on to med school. He is joined by his parents in the gallery. I ask that we give Mitchell Kurek a very warm welcome today, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Argall from Schuylkill County please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Senator, I was happy to be in Schuylkill County once again for the Girardville St. Patrick's Day parade, and everyone always raves about the great job you are doing.

### GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHELE BROOKS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, I am honored to introduce a team of outstanding young men from Reynolds High School who have earned several major titles in the world of wrestling, and this powerhouse team has proven time and time again that they are not only incredibly strong in body but in mind and spirit as well. The 24 remarkable athletes on the Raiders wrestling team earned both the District 10 and PIAA State Dual Meet Championships while earning the most points ever in the dual meet finals. This amazing team also captured Section, District, Region, and PIAA State titles. What a powerhouse.

The Reynolds Raiders hail from Reynolds High School in Greenville, Pennsylvania, and collected win after win under the expert guidance of head coach Casey Taylor, who was named both Section and District Coach of the Year. Assistant coaches Mike Hills, Marty Taylor, Jay Pierce, Jeff Linn, and Logan Rickert also helped teach, train, and inspire the team to victory through tournaments and long, grueling practices. Wrestling is both an individual and team sport. It is a one-on-one duel where a wrestler stands eye to eye with an opponent before going in for the takedown and the win. It is also a team sport as wrestlers watch the team's points accumulate with each victory. In wrestling, the victor is never just the strongest one. It is the one who never gives up and never gives in. All of those hours of blood, sweat, and dedication are worth it when the referee raises the wrestler's arm in triumph.

I have heard it said that once you wrestle, everything else is easy. These boys won because of their perseverance, despite an extreme level of difficulty. They were tenacious in their pursuit of excellence. With that level of character and discipline, they are destined to go far in life. So today, please join me in applaud-

ing this amazing team, along with their coaches and trainers. These young men have had the discipline to make weight for every match and the strength to never quit while ultimately arriving in the winners' circle again and again. Reynolds wrestlers, we, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, are so very proud of you. Congratulations.

The PRESIDENT. Would the special guests, the Reynolds Raiders Wrestling Team, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate.

(Applause.)

### RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Local Government to be held in the Rules room, to be followed by a Republican caucus.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the meeting of the Committee on Local Government, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus as well.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Local Government, 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.

### 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 meetings of the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development to be held in the Rules room.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on Appropriations followed by the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

### AFTER RECESS

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

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Martin and legislative leaves for Senator Browne and Senator Wagner.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Gordner requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Martin and legislative leaves for Senator Browne and Senator Wagner. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

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 GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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.

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-50

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 5, SB 7, SB 9, SB 54, SB 95, SB 108, SB 128, HB 165 and SB 173 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 178 (Pr. No. 551) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 201 and SB 202 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 202 (Pr. No. 161) -- 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 preliminary provisions, further providing for Keystone Exams.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 203 and SB 222 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 224 (Pr. No. 426) -- 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 school health services, providing for administration of epinephrine auto-injectors by school bus drivers and school crossing guards.

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

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

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 289, SB 297, SB 303 and SB 363** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

#### BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**SB 365 (Pr. No. 357)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in corporate powers, further providing for personal property.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

**SB 399 (Pr. No. 399)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in election of officers and vacancies in office, further providing for supervisors.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 406, SB 435 and SB 494** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

#### BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**SB 522 (Pr. No. 534)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

**SB 523 (Pr. No. 550)** -- 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 preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in crime victims, further providing for responsibilities of department, local correctional facilities and board; in administration, further providing for office and for powers and duties of victim advocate and providing for confidentiality of records; and, in financial matters, further providing for costs for offender supervision programs.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

#### BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 552** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

#### BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

**SB 553 (Pr. No. 590)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

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

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 34, ADOPTED**

Senator GORDNER, without objection, called up from page 7 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 34**, entitled:

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.

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 GORDNER and were as follows, viz:

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The resolution is adopted.

**SB 172 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE AND REREFERRED**

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 172, Printer's No. 148, be taken from the table and rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDENT. The bill will be rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

Senator WAGNER, from the Committee on Local Government, reported the following bill:

**HB 16 (Pr. No. 1056)**

An Act amending the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), known as the Local Tax Collection Law, providing for payment of taxes; and further providing for notices of taxes.

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

**SB 8 (Pr. No. 719) (Amended) (Rereported)**

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

**SB 260 (Pr. No. 240) (Rereported)**

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

**SB 554 (Pr. No. 613) (Rereported)**

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.

**SB 560 (Pr. No. 614)** (Rereported)

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.

Senator SCAVELLO, from the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development, reported the following bill:

**HB 271 (Pr. No. 1237)**

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, further providing for general and specific powers, for regulatory authority of board and for reports to board; in licensees, further providing for supplier licenses and for manufacturer licenses; providing for airport gaming; and, in administration and enforcement relating to gaming, further providing for compulsive and problem gambling program and for prohibited acts and penalties.

**SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Senators TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, BLAKE, SABATINA, AUMENT, HUGHES, DINNIMAN, BROWNE, BREWSTER, GREENLEAF, BARTOLOTTA, FARNESE, YUDICHAK, SCHWANK, RAFFERTY, BAKER, COSTA, MENSCH and VOGEL, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 77**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2017 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, today I offer this resolution to bring awareness to an important issue in this State, "Sexual Assault Awareness Month." Sexual assault is an issue that affects all of us. Nearly 1 in 5 women and 1 in 33 men in the United States have experienced rape or attempted rape some time in their lives. This means, Mr. President, that every 107 seconds another American is sexually assaulted. Yet, an estimated 63 percent of sexual assaults are never reported to the police. We need to act to stop the violence now. We all have a responsibility to help prevent sexual assault from occurring. We must work together to educate our communities about sexual violence prevention.

The more we talk about sexual assault and the more educated people become about sexual assault, the better chance we have of preventing it. Every one of us can make a difference in someone's life by teaching people how to recognize the signs of sexual abuse and what to do when someone is assaulted and abused. Therefore, I am asking for your support to combat sexual assault, to take steps toward preventing it, and helping survivors gain counseling in order to overcome it. Thanks to organizations like the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape these efforts are al-

ready underway. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing April 2017 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month so that we can join the effort to address sexual assault here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman for a very important resolution, and I will lend my support however I can.

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

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

Senator TOMLINSON, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 78**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2017 as "Pennsylvania 8-1-1 Safe Digging Month."

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous support for this resolution designating April 2017 as "Pennsylvania 8-1-1 Safe Digging Month." Safe Digging Month recognizes the Pennsylvania One Call System. It allows one-call notification of construction and excavation projects. Using this system protects workers and our underground utility lines and infrastructure. This resolution encourages all Pennsylvania residents to make this vital important call before digging in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, today we moved the One Call bill by Senator Baker out of our committee and hope to move that on through the process here in the Senate and the House and on to the Governor.

Mr. President, I ask for unanimous approval of this resolution.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for 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.

Senators McILHINNEY, FONTANA, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, BARTOLOTTA, SABATINA, AUMENT, FARNESE, RAFFERTY, MENSCH and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 79**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of April 16 through 22, 2017, as "National Healthcare Decisions Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator McILHINNEY. Mr. President, I rise today to seek unanimous approval of a resolution that encourages Pennsylvanians to plan for the unthinkable. In many cases, patients who suffer a sudden medical catastrophe cannot speak for themselves or have any say in the care they receive. This may lead to

healthcare decisions being made without the patient's consent, even when a treatment option runs contrary to the patient's wishes. That is why it is important for every Pennsylvanian to understand their options and plan ahead of time for their care following a catastrophic medical situation. Simple steps like completing a living will, choosing a healthcare agent, and filing advance directive documents can make a huge difference ensuring every patient has the final say in how they are treated in an emergency situation.

Mr. President, my resolution recognizes the week of April 16 through 22 as "National Healthcare Decisions Week" in Pennsylvania in conjunction with the National Healthcare Decisions Day campaign. The goal is to educate and inspire State residents to plan ahead for their care during a crisis by identifying the treatments they do or do not wish to receive. I thank all of my colleagues who agreed to cosponsor this resolution and I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

### 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 William J. Nellis, Kevin Haas, Mark Kobierecki and to Kiwanis Club of Scranton by Senator Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Literacy Center of Allentown by Senators Browne, Boscola, and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Litzenberger and to Ryan Gibboney by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Leo Scoda by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kathy Sullivan by Senator DiSanto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Luz M. Montiel by Senator Farnese.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the members and coaches of the 1977 Butler Area Senior High School Football Team by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reese Alexander Graham and to Drexel Neumann Academy by Senator Killion.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David Adam Kravets, Keegan Bassett, Mason Gibson and to Jonathan Michael Harris by Senator Langerholc.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jyuji D. Hewitt by Senator Martin.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph Andrew O'Brien by Senator McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Connor Doyle by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Liam Daley by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Larry Delp by Senators Rafferty, Argall, and Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Jefferson County Historical Society by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elsayed Elmarzouky, Albright College and to Yeager Supply, Inc., by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alexander Angelo DiBiasi by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dorothy V. Throne by Senator Wagner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matt Schauer by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mills and to R. Gregory Collins by Senators Yudichak, Baker, 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 Robert Fred Diehl, Jr., by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Maryann G. Rudas and to the family of the late Kim S. Donatelli by Senator Boscola.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Edward J. Donley by Senators Browne, Boscola, and Scavello.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Oscar Louis Lasko by Senators Dinniman and Rafferty.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late James H. Yiengst by Senator Folmer.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Albert Tanksley by Senator Hughes.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Edward Leroy Townes, Sr., by Senator Williams.

### POSTHUMOUS CITATION

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

A posthumous citation honoring the late Samuel Moore was extended to the family by Senator Hutchinson.

### BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

**SB 25, SB 242, SB 354, SB 458, SB 530, SB 531, HB 16 and HB 271.**

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

11:00 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH and FINANCE (joint public hearing on Health and solvency of the State Lottery Fund)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
12:00 P.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 25, 242, 354, 458, 530 and 531)	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 8, 260, 554 and 560)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (to consider House Bill No. 271)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider House Bill No. 16)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017

9:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 88, 93, 273, 383 and 592)	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 250; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

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 Fayette, Senator Stefano.

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, oftentimes we rise on this floor to support or oppose a bill or a policy, but today I rise to support a true hidden treasure in our community, that is competing for a national contest. If you have been watching the Penguins race to a three-game series lead this playoff season, you may have noticed that the Rostraver Ice Garden, which I am proud to say is in my district, is in contention to become this year's winner of the Kraft Hockeyville USA competition. If they were to win this contest, they would receive \$150,000 in capital improvements and the chance to host a preseason NHL game. The Rostraver Ice Garden is home to a host of high school and youth hockey programs from Fayette, Westmoreland, Washington, and Allegheny counties. The Ice Garden also holds learn-to-skate programs and a variety of community events throughout the year that support local volunteer fire departments and other worthy organizations.

In 2010, during the Valentine's Day blizzard, a partial roof collapse nearly closed the Rostraver Ice Garden, but thanks to the hard work of Jim Murphy and his entire team of staff and volunteers, they were able to reopen by the next season. I can tell you, Mr. President, that yesterday I toured the facility and if they

were to win the grand prize, they would be able to use it to greatly improve their facility for all of their users and for the entire community. This week is the final four in the contest that I am asking everyone to vote 50 times today and 50 times tomorrow at [Krafthockeyville.com](http://Krafthockeyville.com) and vote 50 times by texting RostraverPA to 35350. Again, all that information you need to support the Rostraver Ice Garden is at [Krafthockeyville.com](http://Krafthockeyville.com).

Thank you to everyone who has voted so far and I hope to be back here on the floor next week to help them win the grand prize in the final round of voting. Good luck to the Rostraver Ice Garden, and thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Stefano and we will keep our fingers crossed.

Senator STEFANO. Vote often.

The PRESIDENT. And vote often.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Folmer.

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, in the movie *Groundhog Day*, weatherman Phil Connors, played by actor Bill Murray, relives the same day over and over and over again. According to some estimates, Phil Connors relives Groundhog Day for 12,403 days, or just under 34 years. Mr. President, that is how the taxpayers must feel about the lack of action on the efforts to eliminate school property taxes. Please note, Mr. President, I said eliminate school property taxes, not partially reduce or reduce for some but not all taxpayers, and no program to lessen the burden of school property taxes, I said eliminate school property taxes.

Mr. President, if you Google the definition of the word "elimination," you will find it is the complete removal of something. The dictionary gives an example of the definition, "the elimination of extreme poverty is a key objective," end quote. The reason I bring this definition to the floor of this Senate, Mr. President, is my ongoing advocacy in support of Senator Argall's Senate Bill No. 76 to eliminate school property taxes, which I believe is an essential need for the taxpayers of this Commonwealth. Each time I have spoken about the elimination of school property taxes, I have heard about other measures that have been introduced in response to my ongoing challenge to offer alternatives from those who oppose Senate Bill No. 76 to totally eliminate school property taxes. I feel like I am in the movie *Groundhog Day*, reliving the same day over and over and over again.

When I last checked, Mr. President, so far this Session over 20 bills were introduced in the Senate to address property tax issues and include allowing the imposition of countywide sales, personal income or earned income taxes to provide a dollar-for-dollar reduction of both property taxes and other taxes, a measure similar to Senate Bill No. 76; banning spot appeals of property tax assessments; clarifying the existing Clean and Green programs to allow farmers to defer a portion of their property taxes; various property tax freezes for seniors; numerous proposed expansions of property tax exemptions for disabled veterans; property tax exemptions for surviving spouses of those killed in action; exempting mobile homes and trailers from property taxes; cutting property taxes for firefighters; clarifying eligibility for property tax or rent rebates for certain annuitants; expanding gaming for property tax relief; voter referenda for proposed school property increases; a constitutional amendment to allow for a homestead exemption; and property assessments to promote clean energy programs.



The most recent, Mr. President, is a step in the right direction, a home rebate plan that is estimated to be able to eliminate school property taxes for 60 percent of our homeowners. However, Mr. President, Senator Argall and I met last week with some of the key grassroots advocates of Senate Bill No. 76 and they emphasized to us that they want total elimination of school property taxes. While we may be making progress toward total elimination of school property taxes, we are not there yet.

Over 20 bills, Mr. President, relating to property taxes, and additional bills either planned or expected to be introduced to address property tax issues, some of which I have cosponsored or plan to cosponsor, but like *Groundhog Day*, these bills have been previously introduced, and just one provides for the total elimination of school property taxes - Senator Argall's Senate Bill No. 76. Please allow me to emphasize that Senate Bill No. 76 does provide for the total elimination of school property taxes. Senate Bill No. 76 does this through a dollar-for-dollar replacement of existing school property taxes by expanding the personal income tax and sales tax. The numbers add up and it is technically correct. Senate Bill No. 76 would result in immediate and significant reductions in school property taxes as the statewide average reduction in existing school property taxes would be 80 percent, and once existing school debts are repaid, we would have 100-percent elimination of school property taxes. Eighty percent immediate reductions, Mr. President, and 100-percent elimination of school property taxes upon the repayment of outstanding school debts.

And that, Mr. President, is why supporters of Senate Bill No. 76 are so passionate about the need to pass it. They want total elimination of school property taxes, not partial elimination of property taxes, not elimination or total elimination for some but not all taxpayers, but total elimination of school property taxes for all taxpayers. We do not need anymore conversations, we do not need partial elimination of school property taxes, we do not need elimination for some but not for all, and we do not need programs to provide relief from school property taxes. We need elimination of school property taxes which, as defined by the dictionary is, the complete removal, and that is what Senate Bill No. 76 does.

Like Bill Murray's character in *Groundhog Day*, advocates want the story to end. No more of "I Got You Babe" on the radio, or elected officials who say they support total elimination of school property taxes but refuse to support Senate Bill No. 76 or claim there is a better plan. I have stood here on numerous occasions asking for a better plan and have yet to hear one. Yes, Mr. President, we have heard about the need to have a so-called conversation on property tax relief. We have had those conversations and other than contributing to global warming, they have not produced another plan to eliminate school property taxes. While there may be some limited progress, we have yet to see another plan that gets us to total 100 percent elimination of school property taxes as proposed by Senate Bill No. 76.

Again, Mr. President, that is the goal of our efforts, total elimination of school property taxes. Based upon the information given to me, there have been nine Special Sessions of the General Assembly on various issues, three focused on local property taxes. During these three Special Sessions on local tax reform, 1987-88, 2002, and 2005-06, just one bill was signed into law and one proposed constitutional amendment was sent to the voters which they overwhelmingly rejected, likely because it pro-

vided just partial and not total elimination of property taxes, and it was extremely complicated.

In addition to Special Sessions on property taxes, we have had a number of failed attempts, which I have previously discussed, to reduce the reliance on property taxes, including Act 511 taxes of the 1960s, Governor Casey's plan of the 1980s, and expanding gaming during the Rendell administration. Mr. President, all of these previous attempts failed to reach the much-needed and long-overdue goal of eliminating school property taxes. So, Mr. President, despite my calls for alternatives to Senate Bill No. 76 to eliminate school property taxes, we have no other plans. Yes, we talked about developing other plans but we really just have one, Senate Bill No. 76.

I have also addressed the myths, and some would say outright lies, about Senate Bill No. 76, including that it takes away so-called local control because there is no local control, Mr. President, until we, the General Assembly, do something about school mandates, pensions, healthcare costs, collective bargaining, economic furloughs, data collection, and other State and Federal requirements. Opponents of Senate Bill No. 76 say that these issues must be done before eliminating school property taxes. I voted to address these issues, have you? If you care about local control, Mr. President, and oppose Senate Bill No. 76, then you had to support changes in some or all of these things I have just listed: pensions, healthcare costs, collective bargaining, economic furloughs, data collection, and State and Federal mandates.

Opponents of Senate Bill No. 76 also say it is a huge shift from property to other taxes and that businesses will benefit from this shift. As I said on numerous occasions, there are just four alternatives to raise the revenues to totally eliminate school property taxes: sales tax, the personal income tax, the earned income tax, or some other tax. Senate Bill No. 76 uses three of the four available alternatives by expanding the rate and base of the sales tax, raising the personal income tax, and giving school districts the option of either a local PIT or local EIT after voter approval. Mr. President, businesses pay approximately 50 percent of the existing sales tax and approximately \$2.5 billion would be raised through the expansion of the sales tax base for services, and expanding the personal income tax would raise approximately another \$8 billion with subchapter S corporations paying taxes at the PIT rate.

You see, Mr. President, we have done our homework on Senate Bill No. 76. Part of this due diligence has been meeting with the Governor, who shares in the goal of eliminating school property taxes, but has different ideas on how to reach this much-needed and long-overdue goal. Unfortunately, the Governor's plan from his first term did not provide for the total elimination of school property taxes. The Governor's plan was partial elimination, which is why it did not garner much support. Advocates do not want partial elimination or elimination for some but not all, they do not want programs that simply reduce the burdens, they want total elimination of school property taxes.

Mr. President, it took Bill Murray's character in *Groundhog Day* 12,403 days, or just under 34 years to get out of Punxatawney. As much as I like and respect Senator White and his district, I am sure he will agree in this version of *Groundhog Day*, it is time to leave this Punxatawney and give people what they want - passage of Senate Bill No. 76 to eliminate school property taxes. We do not need anymore conversations, we do

not need partial elimination of school property taxes, we do not need elimination for some but not for all, we do not need programs that provide relief for property taxes, we need total elimination of school property taxes, which as defined by the dictionary is, the complete removal.

Mr. President, it is time we stop talking about the elimination of school property taxes. It is time to act by passing Senate Bill No. 76 because no tax should leave you homeless.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman, and now I know why he was so kind to let Senator Stefano go first.

The Chair recognizes, and I am sensing it may be on the same topic, the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise for a couple of reasons. One is to certainly respond to my good friend and a gentleman for whom I have great respect, and his reference to *Groundhog Day* is not what comes to mind when I hear about his remarks and when I hear about the conversation about Senate Bill No. 76. What I am reminded of is the debate between Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter a number of years ago, where President Reagan simply said, there you go again, implying that there you go again, with respect to the comments that are being made in some ways are misleading.

Let me start with his own definition of elimination of property taxes. He talks about complete elimination, and as I have stood at this podium a couple of times and stated, that is not accurate. Senate Bill No. 76 does not eliminate property taxes. It retains the payment of property taxes for those school districts that continue to have to pay debt service. That is a fact. That is where it is at. There you go again, by indicating that Senate Bill No. 76 is a complete elimination, because in our view it is not. I appreciate the fact that he has deemed or stated, essentially, I think in his remarks as I hear it, that he believes that the proposal that the Senate Democrats have put forth, both last year and also this year, that provides property tax elimination for over 2 million Pennsylvania homeowners with the proposal we put forth--2 million Pennsylvanians would not have to pay the school property taxes--that, I am glad to hear, is something that is important to them and he recognizes that it is a step in the right direction.

Mr. President, with respect to the conversation that needs to take place, while I would not put it in the category of global warming as he described it, I do think we need to have a serious conversation about property tax relief. If the Members of this Chamber and General Assembly think Senate Bill No. 76 is the path we need to go down, they need to put up 26 votes and 103 votes on the other side of the building and get the Governor to sign it, if that is the appropriate way to go. We are not in charge of the process. If that is the case, their side of the aisle has a sufficient number of votes and is in a position to be able to put it up for a vote in this Chamber. Time will tell whether or not that happens.

At the end of the day, Mr. President, what we have asked for, Senate Democrats have consistently asked for a dialogue, a conversation through the process of the Special Session on property tax relief. That is all we are asking for. We can vet these issues. We can look at Senate Bill No. 76 and our proposal. We can look at some of the 18 to 20 other proposals that have been put forth and we can pick and choose the best of all of those to be able to get us to a place in time where we have a consensus around a piece of legislation that we can move forward and, hopefully, the

people of Pennsylvania would accept. At the end of the day, Mr. President, on this particular issue, I certainly appreciate the gentleman continuing to bring it up. We support that notion in the sense that we need to take action and the time to take action is now.

Mr. President, I rise to talk a little bit about, however, action that took place in the House a couple weeks ago that now has made its way over here to the Senate, and that specifically is the House version of the General Assembly budget, House Bill No. 218, which passed 2 weeks ago and has now made its way over to this side of the building for consideration. Mr. President, I certainly understand that we have to begin the process at some point in time and the preference is certainly always to start in the House when we have revenue measures that may need to be involved, but the House has put forth a proposal which, while it has a couple of things that, I think, our side of the aisle and our Caucus can support, there are a number of challenges and a number of issues that we believe we need to address as we go forward.

House Republicans have put forth their version. I will tell you, as I said a number of times from this position on this floor, Senate Democrats have their own vision. Senate Democrats certainly want to continue to work with our colleagues on the other side of the aisle and the Governor's Office to move forward on an appropriate budget, but our focus is going to be on revitalizing our economy and creating jobs in Pennsylvania. We heard loud and clear from the people of this Commonwealth over the course of the past year that that is exactly where we are missing the boat, so to speak, that we are not providing those opportunities, and when we do not provide those opportunities and make those investments to help generate the revenue that we need to be able to sustain our budgets, for example, it impacts the quality of life for those individuals and they want us to take action to be able to do that. So we need to protect and further the investments we have already made in two areas.

In the last two budgets in two areas we made significant investments in education. To me, those are important investments that we make to early-learning programs all the way up to higher education, where we deem to be an F in higher education investments when we look at our ourselves compared to other parts of the country. But we also made changes and we are trying to work to continue to rebuild our social safety net, which provides protection to our seniors and our most vulnerable citizens. Those are some of the things that we think are extremely important. So when you look at job growth and economic activity and economic growth and job creation, along with education and looking at our social safety net, those are going to be our priorities that we look at as we go forward.

Now, I will tell you, one of the things the House Republican Caucus has put forth in their budget related to education, looking at the Governor's Budget Address of \$100 million in K to 12, which we certainly agree with and we would like to see more, but given the austere situation that we find ourselves in, it is important that we recognize that is a positive. But there are a number of negatives that came out of House Bill No. 218 that are very much a concern to our Senate Democratic colleagues, and you will hear about it today and also in the weeks to come. We have concerns about proposed cuts and program eliminations that really impact and affect Pennsylvania families in a very significant way.

With jobs as the number one issue, as I mentioned, facing Pennsylvania families, House Bill No. 218 cuts \$70 million from the Department of Community and Economic Development, the agency specifically responsible for trying to create and grow jobs in this Commonwealth. They will experience, under the House Republican budget, a \$70-million cut. Instead of making investments in strategic programs that work, that everyone in this building and throughout the Commonwealth believe works, we are ratcheting back and cutting those programs. To me, that is moving in the wrong direction. The House Republican plan eliminates the PA First program and also does not fund the Governor's proposed Manufacturing PA initiative, which will further hamper the job effort opportunities that I have talked about, job creation and opportunities. When you think about those two programs, again, at the core of how we grow jobs in Pennsylvania, investments that we need to make, those are being eliminated, stifling the opportunity to grow and create jobs in this Commonwealth.

We have championed the effort to raise the minimum wage for working families. In this proposed budget, as sent over to us in House Bill No. 218, there is no increase from the current rate of \$7.25, which has remained unchanged for more than 10 years. Mr. President, it is time that we join the other States around us, around Pennsylvania, we are surrounded by States that are taking action, taking steps, that have already increased and will continue to increase the minimum wage to \$9, \$9.50 and, in some cases, \$10.10. That is a conversation that we have to have.

Senate Democrats have long supported making investments in early-learning and early-childhood programs. Last year, we made successful efforts to do that. To me, and I think to many folks in this room, Democrats and Republicans, the best dollars we spend in government are the dollars we spend in early-learning programs to be able to provide the foundation for people to move forward, our young kids to build building blocks to move forward and be successful in life are the investments we make in early learning. This program cuts the Governor's proposal down to \$25 million in pre-K programs from \$65 million down to \$25 million, and the Head Start program from \$10 million down to \$5 million. We have to make those investments. We have to work together to restore them.

We are concerned about the elimination, as we heard from Senator Tartaglione, of the issue of sexual assault. This budget proposal, and you heard there was a rally earlier today related to this issue, eliminates funding for the Governor's sexual assault awareness campaign, which aims to educate and protect college students across the State, a \$1 million investment that would have significant return on that investment, has been eliminated. That is a program I think we all should be standing up and addressing and making certain that we get done.

Mr. President, probably the most significant crisis that we are facing in Pennsylvania relates to the opioid and heroin crisis, and as we know, there is no sign of that problem slowing down. The proposal that came to us from House Republicans through this budget process decreases and eliminates funding for our organizations and initiatives specifically aimed at helping those fighting addiction and their families, including the following: the elimination of funding for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania. Senator Yaw has been a champion in taking that committee all across this Commonwealth and having hearings on the opioid

and heroin addiction issue. He has championed that issue and he has done an outstanding job. This budget cuts that program. It is unconscionable to me given what that committee and that Center for Rural Pennsylvania has done on the opioid issue. It has led the effort to help us develop the proposal that we are dealing with right now. We dealt with it last year and hopefully we will be able to deal with it as we move forward.

There have been cuts to the Department of Health and Human Services and medical assistance and behavioral health that may impact the Governor's Centers for Excellence. We know we talked about that, the role that the Centers for Excellence are now playing in the battle with opioid and heroin addiction, those Centers for Excellence provide what I will call wrap-around services to be able to provide support to families and individuals who are suffering from addiction. Those programs have been reduced significantly and have been impacted.

Finally, Mr. President, the Governor proposed a \$10 million Naloxone grant program for our law enforcement personnel to respond to overdoses. Again, a very, very good use of those dollars that are very important that we need to take a look at, we need to find ways to get more of those Naloxone programs, not only to first responders but throughout this Commonwealth as well.

Those are just a handful of the concerns that we have about some of the things that are not included in House Bill No. 218. I look forward to working with my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, as we have done over the last 2 years, working to reach a consensus around the budget that addresses those shortcomings and makes certain that we make the investments that we need to make here in Pennsylvania to address the crisis issues that we have talked about, opioid and heroin addiction. We look forward to a conversation along the lines of property tax relief; we need to have a conversation about restoring the dollars to early-learning programs, as well as the social safety net programs. I have not even talked, Mr. President, about the cuts that have been proposed in House Bill No. 218 that relate to the impact on our hospital community, the reduction in the dollars being made available there, the lack of resources that go into the neonatal centers, the rural centers, the centers that relate to our trauma units all across the Commonwealth as well as our burn units. We go through this process where it is proposed to be eliminated, and now we have to go back and restore those dollars. Those are critically important dollars to the people of Pennsylvania. We have to make certain we work along those lines to be able to address that.

So, Senate Democrats stand ready to have a conversation about all of these issues and I have no doubt that we will be able to do that in a bipartisan way in this Chamber and I look forward to being able to do that with our colleagues on the other side of the aisle.

Thank you, Mr. President.

## HOUSE MESSAGE

### SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 250**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The PRESIDENT. Pursuant to Senate Rule 13(c)(2)(i), the bill will be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

### RECESS

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:11 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.