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SENATE

TUESDAY, April 25, 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 KEITH INGRAM, Pastor of Bucks County Seventh Day Adventist Church, Warminster, offered the following prayer:

Will you please bow your heads with me.

Our Father, who sits as the King of the universe, we have gathered together today to approach Your throne of grace and mercy, and to ask for Your leadership and guidance in all of the proceedings today. We ask, as Your servant Solomon did so long ago, that You give Your judgments and righteousness to the leaders of our great Commonwealth, which will bring peace to the people and heal our lands. We pray that each person here today humbles themselves so that they may be lifted up in honor before Your people. Let us speak kindly to one another and not speak evil or judge one another. Let us gather together into unity of spirit. Let us work together for the good of Your people. Help us all to understand that each of us have been called by the Lord to lead this land.

May we also remember the words of Your Apostle Paul in Romans 13:1; let every soul be subject to the governing authorities for there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. May we lift this all through Your son, Jesus, who died on the cross for our sins, who was able to save to the uttermost, and who currently serves as our high priest in heaven making intercessions on our behalf. In Jesus' precious and powerful name, amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Ingram, who is the guest today of Senator Greenleaf.

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:

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

April 25, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 13, 2017, of 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, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice the Honorable Angeles Roca, removed from office.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

April 25, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 13, 2017, of Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Philadelphia Municipal Court, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice the Honorable Dawn A. Segal, removed from office.

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

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 25, 2017

Senators BROWNE, FARNESE, WAGNER, McILHINNEY, COSTA, HUGHES, BREWSTER, WILLIAMS, LEACH, BOSCOLA, SABATINA, YUDICHAK, HAYWOOD, BLAKE, STREET and FONTANA presented to the Chair **SB 613**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, further providing for the title of the act, for findings and declaration of policy, for right to freedom from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation, for definitions, for unlawful discriminatory practices and for prohibition of certain real estate practices; providing for protection of religious exercise; and further providing for powers and duties of commission, for educational program and for construction and exclusiveness of remedy.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 25, 2017.

Senators YUDICHAK, WHITE, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, COSTA, MENSCH and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 649**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 6, 1989 (P.L.169, No.32), known as the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act, in financial provisions, further providing for Underground Storage Tank Environmental Cleanup Program, for Underground Storage Tank Pollution Prevention Program and for investigation and closure costs.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 25, 2017.

Senators REGAN, MARTIN, SCARNATI, RESCHENTHALER, RAFFERTY, YAW, HUTCHINSON, YUDICHAK, STEFANO and BARTOLOTTA presented to the Chair **SB 652**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in burglary and other criminal intrusion, further providing for the offense of criminal trespass.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 25, 2017.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 434 (Pr. No. 473)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time, providing for ten year limitation, for mesne profits and for reimbursement and further providing for twenty-one year limitation.

SB 461 (Pr. No. 454)

An Act amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in DNA data and testing, further providing for policy, for definitions, for powers and duties of State Police, for State DNA Data Base, for State DNA Data Bank, for State Police recommendation of additional offenses, for procedural compatibility with FBI and for DNA sample required upon conviction, delinquency adjudication and certain ARD cases, providing for collection from persons accepted from other jurisdictions and further providing for procedures for withdrawal, collection and transmission of DNA samples, for procedures for conduct, disposition and use of DNA analysis, for DNA data base exchange and for expungement.

SB 496 (Pr. No. 496)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in burglary and other criminal intrusion, further providing for the offense of criminal trespass.

SB 510 (Pr. No. 505)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, providing for the offense of threat against law enforcement officer or sheriff.

SB 577 (Pr. No. 646)

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

Senator BAKER, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reported the following bills:

SB 200 (Pr. No. 254)

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1372, No.212), known as the Early Intervention Services System Act, further providing for the title of the act; in general provisions, further providing for definitions, for State interagency agreement, for other duties of State agencies and for council; and, in Statewide system for provision of early intervention services, further providing for requirements, for program regulations and standards, for administration by Department of Public Welfare, for administration by Department of Education and for child identification, assessment and tracking system.

HB 23 (Pr. No. 151)

An Act amending the act of May 29, 2012 (P.L.549, No.54), known as the Primary Stroke Center Recognition Act, further providing for short title, for definitions, for recognition of centers, for emergency medical services and for biennial report.

Senator WHITE, from the Committee on Banking and Insurance, reported the following bills:

SB 143 (Pr. No. 95)

An Act amending the act of July 6, 1989 (P.L.169, No.32), known as the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act, in financial provisions, further providing for Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Board.

SB 630 (Pr. No. 704)

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.

Senator YAW, from the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, reported the following bills:

SB 144 (Pr. No. 96)

An Act amending the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L.1535, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, further providing for official plans.

SB 497 (Pr. No. 748) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1980 (P.L.380, No.97), known as the Solid Waste Management Act, in general provisions, further providing for definitions.

SB 646 (Pr. No. 734)

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), known as the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, in recycling fee, further providing for recycling fee for municipal waste landfills and resource recovery facilities and for Recycling Fund.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator YAW, from the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, reported the following resolution:

SR 33 (Pr. No. 749) (Amended)

A Resolution establishing a task force on lead exposure and the hazards of lead poisoning; imposing duties on the Joint State Government Commission; and authorizing a study.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of February 6, 2017, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of February 6, 2017.

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

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

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR KIM L. WARD
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator WARD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize some young constituents, their parents, teachers, and coaches who are here, the Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School Girls' Volleyball Team. This team won the 2016 PIAA State Class A Girls' Volleyball Championship under the leadership of head coach Kate McCauley and assistant coaches Courtney Stynchula and Robin Klimke. This is the team's second State title in 3 years. I am especially proud of Greensburg Central Catholic, being the mother of three graduates of Greensburg Central Catholic, and I know what a special school it is, and I know what kind of comradery goes on there.

The Centurions captured the State title by defeating Marian Catholic High School with a score of 3 sets to 0. They also won the Section Championship and the District Championship. I am so proud to have them here and I am so proud of them. I ask for a warm welcome from the Senate to congratulate these great student athletes and coaches on their championship victories. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Ward, the championship Greensburg Central Catholic Girls' Volleyball Team, please rise so that we may congratulate you and welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR CHARLES McILHINNEY
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator McILHINNEY. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce Connor Doyle, a senior at Pennsbury High School. Connor brought home the State title in the 200-meter individual medley last month during District 1, Class AAA Swimming Championships held at LaSalle University. His impressive performance added to a resume that already includes numerous pool records throughout the State and him being named Bucks County Courier Times Boys' Swimmer of the Year on two occasions.

Connor is an honor roll student, a member of the National Honor Society, and has been named a USA Swimming Scholastic All-American for the past 4 years. He plans to attend Virginia Tech University in the fall majoring in biochemistry. He is joined today by members of his family, including his parents, Gregg and Nicole Doyle; his sister, Caitlin; and his aunt, Angela. Please join me in giving Connor and his family a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator McIlhinney, Connor Doyle, Bucks County swimmer of the year, and his family, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. I got a chance to meet them and Connor is going to give me swimming lessons because I work too hard in

the pool, and his father is serving as his agent and has already negotiated the price. It is great to have you guys here.

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT TOMLINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce my guests, who are sitting on the Senate floor with us today, Mr. Merrill Reese and his wife, Cindy. It is a great honor for me to introduce Merrill Reese, the voice of the Philadelphia Eagles for over four decades. This past year Merrill was inducted into the Philadelphia Eagles Hall of Fame. Merrill is a graduate of Temple University with a degree in communications and broadcasting. He proudly served the United States Navy as a Public Affairs Officer, earning the rank of lieutenant.

Merrill began his career in broadcasting at WPAZ in Pottstown, eventually landing the job of play-by-play announcer for the Philadelphia Eagles in 1977. Since then, he has become one of the most recognized voices in all of sports. Merrill has called some of the most famous plays, such as the Miracle at the Meadowlands, both 1 and 2--and who can forget that?--as well as Wilbert Montgomery's 41-yard touchdown run to beat the Dallas Cowboys in 1981--and who could forget that? Merrill has been named Pennsylvania Sportscaster of the Year by the National Association of Sportscasters and Sportswriters numerous times. He is also the winner of the Lindsey Nelson Award for Excellence in Sportscasting by the All American Football Association. In addition to the Philadelphia Eagles Hall of Fame, Merrill has been inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame, and the Temple University Communications Hall of Fame.

Merrill is part owner of WBCB 1490 radio in Levittown and serves as vice president and general manager. Merrill is an avid golfer who competes in numerous charity events and is also an avid tennis player. There is no greater thrill--Merrill and I have played in many charity outings, special olympics, and different outings to raise money for charities in Bucks County--nothing is more thrilling than to listen to Merrill Reese describe the outstanding drive that you have just made. It almost sounds like you are on television when Merrill plays golf with you. He is a great community member and a great champion for great causes. He resides in Blue Bell with his wife, Cindy. His son, Nolan, is a film editor in Hollywood, California, and daughter, Ida, is a graphic designer. I ask my friends and colleagues here on the Senate floor to please welcome Merrill Reese, the voice of the Philadelphia Eagles for over four decades.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Tomlinson, the great Merrill Reese, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Total Eagles fan up here, folks. I grew up with Merrill Reese. I am thrilled to see him.

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL R. REGAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, I am honored to introduce the Cumberland Valley Boys' Water Polo Team, who are Pennsylvania's State water polo champions for the second year in a row. Water polo may not be as well known or as widely watched as basketball or football, but it is a grueling sport that attracts some of the fiercest competitors. It demands endurance, persistence, and true grit. These boys often leave practice with ice packs, ace bandages, and gauze, and they keep coming back for more. These young men are fierce competitors with a never-say-die spirit.

Our Eagles from Cumberland Valley have compiled a remarkable 17-0 record this past season in so many lopsided victories. The Eagles outscored their opponents by an incredible combined 226 to 84, which PennLive reported in October. Many of the starters have been named first and second team All-State. Some are small in size, but all are mighty in spirit, and flat-out relentless. Coached by Corey Pelow and assistant coach Jeremy Souder, these men have natural talent, a wealth of experience, and a perfect will to win on their side. I am so proud of these young athletes who are also outstanding young men, and I am honored to have them with me today in the gallery.

Mr. President, please join me in saluting Pennsylvania's water polo champions, the Cumberland Valley Eagles, who are back on top once again.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Cumberland Valley Water Polo State Champions please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHELE BROOKS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, today I am very happy to be joined by two wonderful young ladies from the 50th Senatorial District who are serving as guest Pages here in the Senate. They are Alaina Harpst and Anna Cooper, who are eighth-graders at Saint Michael School in Greenville. Their chaperone is Doug Dorio, their social studies teacher at Saint Michael. Both are involved with the Junior Academy of Science, and National History Day. Alaina is the class treasurer at Saint Michael and an altar server, as well as a member of the band, while also competing in basketball, golf, and track. Anna is an honor student and a member of the choir, band, cheerleading squad, and soccer team. She also is an American Heritage Girl and volunteers at Saint Paul's.

It is wonderful to have these impressive young women joining us in the Senate today as they learn more about State government. Please join me in giving Alaina and Anna a very warm Senate welcome as they enjoy a day as guest Pages here at the Capitol.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Brooks, Anna and Alaina, please rise so that we may welcome you as guest Pages. You are doing a great job.

GUEST OF SENATOR PATRICK J. STEFANO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Stefano.

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, today I rise, but not to talk about Rostraver Ice Garden or that you can cast your 50 votes at Krafthockeyville.com.

No, today, I rise to introduce my spring intern to the Senate. Jacob Farris has been with us since early winter, and today he is at the Capitol with me with a very full day of meetings and committee hearings. Jake lives in Connellsville and attends my alma mater at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus, where he is studying business management. This is Jake's last week with us at the Connellsville office. I thank him for working with us and assisting with the Senator For A Day program, helping countless constituents with their property tax rebates, and the many projects he worked on in my office. I wish him well in his future studies, and based on what I observed with his work ethic, a very successful career.

I ask my colleagues to give Jake a warm welcome to the Pennsylvania Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Stefano, Jake, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. Thank you for a great job on the internship.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, visiting us from Schuylkill County today, I would like us to recognize the Minersville Area Junior/Senior High School Girls' Basketball Team, recent victors in the PIAA State Class AA Girls' Basketball Championship. The team is seated in the Senate gallery. It is important to note that this is the first time in the program's history that they have won this championship, and they did it in style with a record of 31-0. I offer them a very warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Argall, the dominating Minersville Area High School Girls' Basketball Championship Team, please rise so we can congratulate you for being champions and welcome you here.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR STEWART J. GREENLEAF PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, I rise to introduce our Chaplain for today, who is from my senatorial district, Pastor Keith Ingram. He has a BA in theology from Southern Adventist University. He has taught and used those lessons well at his church. He is an individual who abides by a provision that he told us. Although he grew up in the church, he was taught that it was important for him to develop his relationship with God. As a teenager, he made up his mind to live life in accordance with Matthew 6:33 where Jesus states, "But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." He also learned how to play the guitar and met his wife during that period of time, so he is a talented musician, as well. He has three children, I believe they are 1, 3, and 5, and it is my pleasure to introduce Pastor Ingram and to ask the Senate to welcome him for his services today.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Greenleaf, Pastor Ingram, who gave our opening prayer today, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. Thank you very much for your prayer.

(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 a series of off-the-floor committee meetings to be held in the Rules room, starting with the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by the Committee on Labor and Industry, and followed by the Committee on Transportation. At the conclusion of those committee meetings, there will be a Republican caucus immediately in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I ask that Democrats join the committee meetings and then attend a Democratic caucus in the rear of the Chamber.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, to be followed by the Committee on Labor and Industry, to be followed by the Committee on Transportation, to be followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

LEAVE CHANGED

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request that Senator Mensch's leave be changed from a personal leave to a legislative leave.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests that Senator Mensch's leave be changed from a personal leave to a legislative leave. Without objection, the leave will be changed.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER TEMPORARILY

SB 5 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order temporarily at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 8 and **SB 25** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 95 (Pr. No. 741) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,
And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-43

Table with 4 columns of names: Alloway, Argall, Baker, Blake, Boscola, Brewster, Brooks, Browne, Corman, Costa, Dinniman, Eichelberger, Farnese, Folmer, Fontana, Gordner, Haywood, Hughes, Killion, Corman, Costa, Langerhole, Laughlin, Leach, McGarrigle, McIlhinney, Mensch, Rafferty, Regan, Sabatina, Scarnati, Scavello, Schwank, Stefano, Street, Tartaglione, Tomlinson, Vogel, Vulakovich, Wagner, Ward, White, Williams, Yaw, Yudichak

NAY-7

Table with 4 columns of names: Aument, Bartolotta, DiSanto, Greenleaf, Hutchinson, Martin, Reschenthaler

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 201 and HB 224 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 288 (Pr. No. 274) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for duty of driver in emergency response areas.

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

SB 288 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 288, Printer's No. 274, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.
The PRESIDENT. The bill will be placed on the Calendar.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 289, SB 298 and SB 399 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 554 (Pr. No. 740) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in human trafficking, further providing for definitions, repealing provisions relating to appropriate implementation for minor victims of human trafficking, providing for special relief to restore victim's dignity and autonomy and for safe harbor for sexually exploited children, establishing the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund and imposing penalties; in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense of obstructing highways and other public passages; in public indecency, further providing for the offense of prostitution and related offenses; and, in juvenile matters, providing for immunity and for dependency in lieu of delinquency.

Considered the third time and agreed to,
And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, I rise in favor of this legislation. Last Session, this Chamber and the legislature passed a bill to provide additional penalties for people involved in trafficking of children, and provided significant penalties for those offenses. In addition, it also began the process of stopping the treatment of the victim as a criminal and the criminal as a victim. In these cases, when a child has been trafficked, all too often they were treated as a criminal and nothing was done to the pimp. They are not really pimps, that is even too good of a word for them. They are people who are habitual, violent sexual predators, but they manipulate these children and use them for trafficking purposes.

This bill establishes a general rule that children under the age of 18 who are victims of human trafficking will be provided specialized services instead of facing charges in the juvenile justice system. In addition, it provides training for law enforcement officers so they know how to treat the victim and rehabilitate them. There is also some criminal immunity for minor charges that could have been filed against them. We should not file charges against them. That makes them even more victimized when we do that. We are going to use dependency in lieu of delinquency in our approach to them and not put them through the juvenile justice system but provide them help and assistance from the Department of Human Services.

There also is a provision here for -- all too often, what the pimp does is put tattoos on their victim, and they are acting as their father and a person who cares about them, but they do not care about them at all. They are just using them, and so far they

have gotten away with it in our society. That is ending, and this is the last part of that provision. What we are doing is finally treating them as victims, not as criminals. We have a program we can use to rehabilitate them and put them back on the path that they were involved in before their capture by the sexual predator. This bill would allow for paying for the removal of those tattoos from their body. This may be a symbolic thing, but it is an important thing because it is a first step in their rehabilitation, taking them away from the domination and manipulation of the predator who has been using them for trafficking.

So, I ask for an affirmative vote on the legislation.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, this is an important bill that Senator Greenleaf took the lead in putting together. It deals with human trafficking. It deals with young people, and I hope that all Members here support this bill. It is another one of the steps. We have done two previous bills to deal with the serious issue of human trafficking that is occurring in our communities.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-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	Langerhole	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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 560 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 9 and **HB 16** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 54 (Pr. No. 35) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, further providing for dog purchaser protection.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 88, SB 108, SB 128, HB 165, SB 222, SB 242 and **SB 273** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 297 (Pr. No. 299) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 17, 2008 (P.L.1645, No.132), known as the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act, further providing for definitions, for registration of contractors, for home improvement fraud and for prohibited acts.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 303 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 354 (Pr. No. 710) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 363, SB 383, SB 406 and **SB 435** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 458 (Pr. No. 711) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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 494, SB 530, SB 531 and SB 592 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

RECONSIDERATION OF SB 95

BILL ON FINAL PASSAGE

SB 95 (Pr. No. 741) -- Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 95, Printer's No. 741, passed finally.

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

And the question recurring, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-42

Table with 4 columns of names: Alloway, Argall, Baker, Blake, Boscola, Brewster, Browne, Corman, Costa, Dinniman, Farnese, Folmer, Fontana, Gordner, Greenleaf, Haywood, Hughes, Killion, Langerholc, Laughlin, Leach, McGarrigle, McIlhinney, Mensch, Rafferty, Regan, Sabatina, Scarnati, Scavello, Schwank, Stefano, Street, Tartaglione, Tomlinson, Vogel, Vulakovich, Wagner, Ward, White, Williams, Yaw, Yudichak

NAY-8

Table with 4 columns of names: Aument, Bartolotta, Brooks, DiSanto, Eichelberger, Hutchinson, Martin, Resenthaler

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.

SB 5 CALLED UP

SB 5 (Pr. No. 470) -- Without objection, the bill, which previously went over in its order temporarily, was called up, from page 1 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator GORDNER.

BILL AMENDED

SB 5 (Pr. No. 470) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, providing for findings regarding firearms and ammunition; and, in preemptions, providing for regulation of firearms and ammunition.

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

BOSCOLA AMENDMENT A1025

Senator BOSCOLA offered the following amendment No. A1025:

Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 9 and 10: Section 2. Within 30 days of the effective date of this section, the Attorney General shall notify in writing all municipalities of the provisions of 53 Pa.C.S. § 305.

Amend Bill, page 4, line 10, by striking out "2" and inserting: 3 Amend Bill, page 4, line 10, by striking out "in 60 days." and inserting: as follows: (1) The addition of 53 Pa.C.S. §§ 102 and 305 shall take effect in 60 days. (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect immediately.

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

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I thank Senator Boscola for working with me on this amendment. It is agreed to and I commend her for her understanding of the issue and her willingness to offer an improvement to Senate Bill No. 5. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote on amendment No. A1025. Thank you.

And the question recurring, Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

YEA-50

Table with 4 columns of names: Alloway, Argall, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Blake, Boscola, Brewster, DiSanto, Eichelberger, Farnese, Folmer, Fontana, Gordner, Greenleaf, Haywood, Leach, Martin, McGarrigle, McIlhinney, Mensch, Rafferty, Regan, Resenthaler, Street, Tartaglione, Tomlinson, Vogel, Vulakovich, Wagner, Ward, 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.

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

HUGHES AMENDMENT A0528 OFFERED

Senator HUGHES offered the following amendment No. A0528:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 27 through 30; page 3, line 1; by striking out "The Commonwealth by this section" in line 27, all of lines 28 through 30 on page 2 and all of line 1 on page 3 and inserting:

A local regulation by a political subdivision of firearms, ammunition, firearms components or ammunition components in this Commonwealth adopted prior to the effective date of this section shall not be subject to the provisions of this section.

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

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, this amendment No. 0528 allows municipalities that already have ordinances in existence regarding firearms and ammunition to be grandfathered in in the overall legislation. Mr. President, we talk at great length around the issue of local control and returning local control to communities so they can make the decision as it relates to their own communities. Several municipalities across the Commonwealth have done so, have introduced their own ordinances, have gone through the process of public hearings and public conversation within the confines of their own communities, and passed and enacted ordinances to assist in the growing problem of gun violence in their own community. We feel it is only appropriate that as this legislation potentially moves through the process, that those local communities' ordinances be grandfathered in in the overall legislation.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

YEA-16

Blake	Fontana	Killion	Schwank
Costa	Greenleaf	Leach	Street
Dinniman	Haywood	McGarrigle	Tartaglione
Farnese	Hughes	Sabatina	Williams

NAY-34

Alloway	Corman	McIlhinney	Vogel
Argall	DiSanto	Mensch	Vulakovich
Aument	Eichelberger	Rafferty	Wagner
Baker	Folmer	Regan	Ward
Bartolotta	Gordner	Reschenthaler	White
Boscola	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yaw
Brewster	Langerholc	Scavello	Yudichak
Brooks	Laughlin	Stefano	
Browne	Martin	Tomlinson	

Less than a majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration, as amended?

HUGHES AMENDMENT A0530 OFFERED

Senator HUGHES offered the following amendment No. A0530:

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 5 and 6, by striking out all of said lines

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

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, this amendment removes the membership organizations from the definition of "person adversely affected." It is unacceptable, Mr. President, to allow any organization to bring suit against our municipalities simply because they have a resident of the Commonwealth among their membership. This legislation, in many respects, is bullying municipalities out of enacting regulations demanded by their citizens. We believe, Mr. President, and this has been discussed before in previous conversations about this legislation, that the idea of membership organizations having this option and having this opportunity is inappropriate. We ask for it to be removed from this legislation. That is what amendment No. A0530 does. Thank you.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

YEA-17

Blake	Fontana	Killion	Schwank
Boscola	Greenleaf	Leach	Street
Costa	Haywood	McGarrigle	Tartaglione
Dinniman	Hughes	Sabatina	Williams
Farnese			

NAY-33

Alloway	DiSanto	Mensch	Vulakovich
Argall	Eichelberger	Rafferty	Wagner
Aument	Folmer	Regan	Ward
Baker	Gordner	Reschenthaler	White

Bartolotta	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yaw
Brewster	Langerholc	Scavello	Yudichak
Brooks	Laughlin	Stefano	
Browne	Martin	Tomlinson	
Corman	McIlhinney	Vogel	

Less than a majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration, as amended?

HUGHES AMENDMENT A0534 OFFERED

Senator HUGHES offered the following amendment No. A0534:

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 25 and 26:
(c) Exemptions.--Notwithstanding subsection (a), a local ordinance or rule may be enacted to prohibit the carrying or possession of firearms on municipal property, including, but not limited to, municipal buildings, libraries and parks.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 26, by striking out "(c)" and inserting:
(d)

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

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

Senator HUGHES. Simply, Mr. President, this allows a municipality to enact regulations regarding firearms and ammunition on municipally-owned property. For example, this would allow for municipally-owned parks, libraries, public buildings, and recreation centers to have rules and regulations in place around the issues of regulating firearms and ammunition. This is only confined, Mr. President, to those municipally-owned facilities. As I said, in a municipally-owned library, park, recreation center, a public building, something that the municipality owns and something that folks in that community have determined they want some level of regulations on those municipally-owned properties, this would give those communities the opportunity to regulate accordingly. I ask for your support of this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

YEA-16

Blake	Fontana	Killion	Schwank
Costa	Greenleaf	Leach	Street
Dinniman	Haywood	McGarrigle	Tartaglione
Farnese	Hughes	Sabatina	Williams

NAY-34

Alloway	Corman	McIlhinney	Vogel
Argall	DiSanto	Mensch	Vulakovich
Aument	Eichelberger	Rafferty	Wagner

Baker	Folmer	Regan	Ward
Bartolotta	Gordner	Resenthaler	White
Boscola	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yaw
Brewster	Langerholc	Scavello	Yudichak
Brooks	Laughlin	Stefano	
Browne	Martin	Tomlinson	

Less than a majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration, as amended?

HUGHES AMENDMENT A0537 OFFERED

Senator HUGHES offered the following amendment No. A0537:

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 29 and 30; page 4, lines 1 through 6; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

"Person adversely affected." A person who:
(1) has resided in the political subdivision in question for a continuous period of no less than 12 months; and
(2) is subject to any manner of regulation alleged to be promulgated or enforced in violation of section 2962(g) or 18 Pa.C.S. § 6120(a).

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

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, this amendment allows that for a person to file an action, they must live in a municipality for 1 year before they can file the action. Quite frankly, Mr. President, only individuals who live in a municipality should be able to bring suit against that municipality. You have many municipalities in the Commonwealth, and we trust local governments to have the knowledge of what their communities want and need. We should not be allowing outside residents or groups from, in this case the way this legislation is written, Senate Bill No. 5, it allows folks from all over the country to come in and sue a local municipality around this set of issues. This would put some restrictions on that and allow, Mr. President, only a resident in that municipality for 1 year will have the opportunity and option to file an action.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

YEA-18

Blake	Farnese	Killion	Street
Boscola	Fontana	Leach	Tartaglione
Brewster	Greenleaf	McGarrigle	Williams
Costa	Haywood	Sabatina	
Dinniman	Hughes	Schwank	

NAY-32

Alloway	DiSanto	McIlhinney	Tomlinson
Argall	Eichelberger	Mensch	Vogel
Aument	Folmer	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Baker	Gordner	Regan	Wagner
Bartolotta	Hutchinson	Reschenthaler	Ward
Brooks	Langerholc	Scarnati	White
Browne	Laughlin	Scavello	Yaw
Corman	Martin	Stefano	Yudichak

Less than a majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

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

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

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

March 9, 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, Miriam Woods (Public Member), 860 Bell Lane, Maple Glen 19002, Montgomery County, Seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic, 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.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

March 29, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Camille Baughman, 24 Walnut Street, Carlisle 17013, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2020, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

February 28, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Jeffrey Becker, 124 Cove Point Circle, Lakeville 18438, Wayne County, Twentieth 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 Karl Streilein, Corry, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

March 29, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Randy Litman, 864 Garfield Avenue, Lansdale 19446, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

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

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I call from the table certain nominations and ask for their consideration.
The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

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March 9, 2017

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Governor

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TOM WOLF Governor

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

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

YEA-50

Table with 4 columns: Alloway, DiSanto, Leach, Street; Argall, Eichelberger, Martin, Tartaglione; Aument, Farnese, McGarrigle, Tomlinson; Baker, Folmer, McIlhinney, Vogel; Bartolotta, Fontana, Mensch, Vulakovich; Blake, Gordner, Rafferty, Wagner

Table with 4 columns: 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 constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative. Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 168 (Pr. No. 140)

An Act providing for notice and disclosure of proposed collective bargaining agreements and related documents and for open records.

SB 353 (Pr. No. 377)

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to grant and convey to the Pennhurst Memorial Preservation Alliance, or its assigns, a certain tract of land with certain improvements on it situate in East Vincent Township, Chester County.

SB 503 (Pr. No. 500)

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in open meetings, further providing for executive sessions.

SB 504 (Pr. No. 753) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in procedure, further providing for exceptions for public records.

SB 539 (Pr. No. 754) (Amended)

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

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

SB 269 (Pr. No. 755) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions and for Uniform Construction

Code Review and Advisory Council and providing for review of updated sections and adoption of updated sections into Uniform Construction Code; in Uniform Construction Code, further providing for revised or successor codes; in adoption and enforcement by municipalities, further providing for administration and enforcement; in training and certification of inspectors, further providing for education and training programs; and, in exemptions, applicability and penalties, further providing for applicability to certain buildings.

Senator RAFFERTY, from the Committee on Transportation, reported the following bills:

SB 332 (Pr. No. 330)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions relating to operation of vehicles, providing for protection of children from second-hand smoke in vehicles; and imposing a penalty.

SB 589 (Pr. No. 756) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for fire apparatus, for length of vehicles and for maximum gross weight of vehicles.

SB 614 (Pr. No. 688)

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.

SB 648 (Pr. No. 757) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for special registration plates and providing for Distracted Driving Awareness plate.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SR 6 (Pr. No. 569) (Rereported) (Concurrence)

A Concurrent Resolution establishing a special bipartisan, bicameral legislative commission to recommend improvements to the delivery of emergency services in this Commonwealth and develop and promote legislation in furtherance of its recommendations.

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

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators McILHINNEY, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, BREWSTER, SABATINA, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, AUMENT, FARNESE, RESCHENTHALER, SCAVELLO, RAFFERTY, HUTCHINSON, COSTA, KILLION, MENSCH and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 90**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of April 2017 as "World HIE Awareness Month" 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 to seek unanimous support for my resolution recognizing April 2017 as "World HIE Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy, or HIE, is a devastating condition that primarily affects some of our most vulnerable citizens - infants, newborns, and young children. The condition occurs when a young, developing brain is deprived of oxygen, which can lead to seizures, developmental disabilities, epilepsy, vision loss, hearing loss, and delays in cognitive and speech function. Patients and families who are affected by this condition face numerous obstacles in completing tasks that many of us take for granted, and these challenges often lead to feelings of fear, isolation, and helplessness. Recognizing World HIE Awareness Month is the first step in insuring these families not only be connected to the resources that they need, but also find a connection to other families who are fighting the same battle. Each person who is affected by HIE has a unique set of circumstances that led to their condition, and every patient differs in onset and severity of symptoms. All patients and families who suffer from this condition have a common goal of promoting awareness, better treatments, and new ways to overcome the challenges that HIE creates. Although the condition is rare, this resolution will remind every patient suffering from this disease, and their families, that they are not alone.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators VULAKOVICH, COSTA, AUMENT, BAKER, BLAKE, BREWSTER, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, FARNESE, FOLMER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, KILLION, MARTIN, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SABATINA, WHITE, YUDICHAK, MENSCH, BOSCOLA, VOGEL and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 91**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 1, 2017, as "Silver Star Families of America Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, I rise to offer this resolution recognizing May 1 as "Silver Star Families of America Day" in Pennsylvania. While most of us are more familiar with the missions of the American Gold Star Mothers, mothers of soldiers who were killed in battle; Gold Star Wives of America, spouses of soldiers killed in action; and Blue Star Mothers of America, mothers of service members; the Silver Star Families of America also serve a very noble purpose. Formed in 2004, the Silver Star Families of America recognizes the sacrifice of our wounded warriors by giving silver star banners and flags to the wounded and their families. Their mission is simple: to insure

that every time someone sees a silver star banner or flag they remember, honor, and thank those who have sacrificed for our State and country. All military personnel who were wounded by enemy action, friendly fire, or contracted a serious illness while serving in a war zone are eligible to receive the silver star banner and flag.

I encourage everyone wanting more information about this fine organization, or how to support its important mission, to visit the Web site at silverstarfamilies.org. Mr. President, it is imperative that people of Pennsylvania never forget the sacrifices of so many service persons, and I ask that the Senate adopt this resolution designating May 1 as Silver Star Families of America Day in Pennsylvania to honor our commitment to our wounded Armed Forces members.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators FONTANA, DINNIMAN, BLAKE, SABATINA, GREENLEAF, AUMENT, BROWNE, FARNESE, RESCHENTHALER, SCAVELLO, BREWSTER, HUTCHINSON, COSTA, FOLMER, RAFFERTY, KILLION, MENSCH, BOSCOLA, VOGEL, HUGHES, McILHINNEY and VULAKOVICH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 92**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2017 as "Brain Tumor Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in adopting this resolution, which designates May as "Brain Tumor Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, there are more than 120 types of brain tumors, which can develop in anyone, since brain tumors do not discriminate against age, gender, or ethnic background. More than any other cancer, brain tumors can have a lasting and life-altering physical, cognitive, and psychological impact on a patient's life. Symptoms associated with brain tumors often include headaches, seizures, sensory or motor loss, hearing loss, vision loss, fatigue, and behavioral and cognitive changes. Stunningly, more than 688,000 Americans are living with a brain tumor, and nearly 77,000 new cases of primary brain tumors will be diagnosed this year alone.

With that in mind, Mr. President, I would like to pay special tribute to a former staffer of mine, Becki Molinaro, who was the motivation behind me getting involved with this issue. On May 5, it will be 27 months since Becki was diagnosed with a primary brain tumor. As she continues to undergo treatments, Becki and her family are experiencing firsthand the incredible scientific advancements that are being made in treating this diagnosis. Therefore, Mr. President, I stand today to recognize Brain Tumor Awareness Month as an opportunity for us to come together as

a community to celebrate the lives of people impacted by this condition and who are fighting this type of cancer with determination, dignity, and strength.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman. We are praying for Becki and appreciate the Senator's work on this issue.

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

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

MOTION PURSUANT TO SENATE RULE 12

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, as a special order of business, I call up Senate Supplemental Calendar No. 1, Senate Bill No. 5, and move the Senate proceed to consider Senate Bill No. 5, notwithstanding the provisions of Senate Rule 12(m)(2).

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

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 5 (Pr. No. 758) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, providing for findings regarding firearms and ammunition; and, in preemptions, providing for regulation of firearms and ammunition.

Considered the third time and agreed to,
And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I rise today to ask for support for Senate Bill No. 5. Senate Bill No. 5 reaffirms State law by allowing a person who is adversely affected to file suit against a municipality that has enacted an overly restrictive firearms ordinance. "No county, municipality or township may in any manner regulate the lawful ownership, possession, transfer or transportation of firearms, ammunition or ammunition components when carried or transported for purposes not prohibited by the laws of this Commonwealth," according to Chapter 6, Section 6120, of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code. "The right of the citizens to bear arms...shall not be questioned." That is from the Pennsylvania Constitution. "A municipality shall not enact any

ordinance or take any other action dealing with the regulation of the transfer, ownership, transportation or possession of firearms." That is Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, Section 2962.

All of those were enacted by this General Assembly. Unfortunately, somewhere along the way municipalities lost their way. Municipalities passed ordinances and statutes which have directly contradicted existing State law and have purported to do exactly what they are specifically and explicitly prohibited from doing. The lawful residents of our great Commonwealth bear the brunt for that misguided legislation.

Senate Bill No. 5 allows a person adversely affected to file suit against a municipality which enacts an overly restrictive local firearms ordinance, but municipalities must realize that these local ordinances and regulations are in direct contravention with existing State law and severely impact the rights of law-abiding citizens of this Commonwealth. Critics may point to this law in a prior form being struck down by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. However, the law in its prior form was struck down because it violated the single-subject rule, and that is because the prior law was conjoined with language from a bill dealing with theft of precious metals. That violated the single-subject rule and thereby struck down the bill in its prior form.

Succinctly, Senate Bill No. 5 is about uniformity across the State and insuring that the laws enacted by the General Assembly are taken seriously and followed. With the amendment to Senate Bill No. 5, there will be a 30-day period in which the Attorney General shall notify all municipalities of the passing of this legislation, and the law will go into effect within 60 days, thereby giving municipalities ample time to address any existing ordinances and not be adversely impacted by the same.

Mr. President, I ask for an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 5. Thank you.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-34

Alloway	Corman	McIlhinney	Vogel
Argall	DiSanto	Mensch	Vulakovich
Aument	Eichelberger	Rafferty	Wagner
Baker	Folmer	Regan	Ward
Bartolotta	Gordner	Reschenthaler	White
Boscola	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yaw
Brewster	Langerholc	Scavello	Yudichak
Brooks	Laughlin	Stefano	
Browne	Martin	Tomlinson	

NAY-16

Blake	Fontana	Killion	Schwank
Costa	Greenleaf	Leach	Street
Dinniman	Haywood	McGarrigle	Tartaglione
Farnese	Hughes	Sabatina	Williams

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

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

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 Noah James Daily by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Peg Wilson and to Danielle Drew by Senator Bartolotta.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Julian Chlebove, Michael Labriola and to the citizens of the Borough of Fountain Hill by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Polish community of the Lehigh Valley by Senators Boscola, Browne, and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James Daw and to Macijah Novosedliak by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alan R. Shaddinger, Marion Kent Brace and to members and coaches of the Grove City High School Boys' Swimming and Diving Team by Senator Brooks.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Evan Cole Cuccaro by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Owen Thomas Kline, James Hill, W. Joseph Duckworth and to the citizens of East Bradford Township by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Dr. Wayne E. Croft, Sr., by Senators Dinniman and Killion.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Michael S. Givler, Minnie Maddox McNeil and to Bentley Systems, Inc., by Senators Dinniman and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dominic Pignatelli by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Katie Gustafson, Andrew Tyler Holden, Trevin James Chittester, Ian Todd Best, Austin Michael Stivanson, Dylan Mitchell Schubert, Feldman Jewelers and to Something Clever by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Harry T. Ritchey and to Shawnee State Park by Senator Langerholc.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas Nee by Senator McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Riley Spitler and to Matthew Kunkle by Senator Regan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Gummo, James Fleckenstein III, Christian Powell, John Airesman, Jr., and to members of the Peters Township Varsity AAA Ice Hockey Team by Senator Reschenthaler.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patricia Fretz by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Russell Lowe by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Somerset Conservation District by Senator Stefano.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lisa Liston by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elvin Eugene Stoltzfus and to Friends of Mt. Pisgah State Park by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bryce Michael Beahm by Senator Yudichak.

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 Sanford Harling III was extended to the family by Senator Leach.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator SCHWANK. 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 143, SB 144, SB 168, SB 200, SB 269, SB 332, SB 353, SB 434, SB 461, SB 496, SB 497, SB 503, SB 504, SB 510, SB 539, SB 577, SB 589, SB 614, SB 630, SB 646, SB 648 and HB 23.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017

10:00 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 300, 508, 611 and 627)	Room 8E-A East Wing
Off the Floor	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (to consider House Bill No. 151)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017

11:00 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH, APPROPRIATIONS Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES and INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS (joint public hearing to consider the impact of the proposed consolidation of the Department of Health, Human Services, Aging, Drug & Alcohol Programs into a unified Department of Health & Human Services)	Univ. of Pitt. Pitt., PA
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017

1:00 P.M.	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (S) and GAMING OVERSIGHT (H) (joint public hearing to gather information from gaming industry stakeholders regarding gaming expansion options and suggested changes to the local share assessment)	Mt. Airy Casino Resort Event Center
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FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2017

12:00 P.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on Erie City School District and implementation of the Financial Watch & Recovery Status System)	Central Tech H.S. Erie, PA
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I speak this afternoon on the House Republican budget plan, House Bill No. 218. I particularly want to talk about its impact on children, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities. As Minority chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services, I watch these things quite carefully. How this budget will end up by the time we get to July is of great concern to me. So, I have studied this and have some thoughts to offer today.

The House Republican budget proposal slashes Department of Health and Human Services funding by \$341 million. Funding for operations is cut an additional 6.5 percent from the Governor's bare-bones proposal, which may result in at least 500 furloughs. These cuts threaten timely access to services for consumers and increase the risk of errors resulting in noncompliance and Federal funding deferrals. There are a number of aspects of this that I would really like to focus on, Mr. President.

First of all, as you know, I was a former county commissioner and I am fully aware of the fact that the State must rely upon the counties to help deliver human services programs. Our counties are already reeling from a 10-percent cut 5 years ago and the impacts of the prolonged budget impasse that we had 2 years ago. Now, as part of the House Republican proposal, they are asking for a \$5-million reduction in community mental health county allocations. Nothing could be worse than cutting our mental health services. We need them desperately in our counties. It reduces the Human Services Development Fund appropriation by 15 percent. Counties use this funding to supplement other county-based human services programs requiring additional resources. If an emergency comes up, or there is a special initiative that a county wants to take, they use these HSDF funds. Cutting them certainly makes no sense if we want the counties to be our partners in delivering these services.

Our hospitals will be negatively impacted because the House Republican budget offers 15-percent cuts to funding for hospital payments. The budget also assumes aggressive changes in programs serving seniors and individuals with physical disabilities in communities. As we have seen, shortened timelines on significant program changes often lead to vulnerable consumers losing services and ending up in expensive institutional care. Just today, Mr. President, I stood with the Home Care Association of Pennsylvania and talked about needed changes in Pennsylvania State law so more individuals with disabilities and seniors can remain in their home, because that is where they want to be. That ends up actually saving us money rather than sending them to a nursing home.

There is no dispute among any of us, I believe, that we are in a drug abuse crisis in Pennsylvania. The House Republican proposal eliminates \$4 million in transitional funding for 1,200 Pennsylvanians seeking treatment for a substance use disorder. Without this funding, many individuals will face up to a 60-day

delay in treatment while they wait to become medical assistance eligible. Many of those people will not make it to that 60-day timeframe. They simply will not.

Children are especially impacted by this budget proposal. Cuts to evidenced-based home visiting programs such as the Nurse Family Partnership are in this budget. Three hundred twenty children may lose services, and Pennsylvania risks non-compliance with Federal funding maintenance of effort provisions. One area that is very dear to my heart is childcare programs which allow parents to work while insuring quality early learning opportunities for their children, but \$63 million in cuts are part of this budget that they have proposed. Mr. President, many years ago when my daughter was young, my daughter was in subsidized childcare. I used those services myself until I was able to be on my feet and get a better paying job so that I could support paying for daycare and making sure that my daughter was in a quality care situation. How can we do this to people who we are asking to get to a self-sufficient state? They absolutely need childcare. This is not only harmful to children but it is harmful to their parents as well.

Mr. President, the many services Pennsylvanians need in regard to healthcare, housing, mental health, and children's services will not go away just because we do not fund them. They simply will not disappear because the legislature refuses to believe that need is there. They will be exacerbated by this poor example of a human services budget. Having reviewed this, I cannot imagine how I and some of my colleagues could possibly support it. I certainly hope as we move forward here in the Senate on the budget proposal that we take a hard look at this and look at what we need to do to make sure that Pennsylvanians are getting the services that they absolutely require.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise to support the comments of my good friend, the gentlewoman from Berks, because I think what we have here is a situation where we have a House version of a budget bill that could be very problematic, as not only Senator Schwank has talked about, but my colleague Senator Hughes and many others as well. Mr. President, today was a pretty busy day here in Harrisburg, as my colleagues know, and we all received visits from a number of organizations and a number of individuals who, I assume, everybody in this room has indicated that they want to work with them to be able to restore as much as possible to some of the lines that could be cut, particularly in those areas that had dramatic and Draconian cuts.

As I think of a couple of areas, Mr. President, I think we can talk about the childcare that Senator Schwank talked about. It would have a significant impact on families, working families, by the way, or working moms in particular, who have to make a choice under this budget of whether or not they are going to continue to work to be able to support their childcare or make a decision of not being gainfully employed because they do not have access to childcare, because the waiting list is going to grow considerably. The Governor has made a very significant proposal that I think is something we need to look at as a Caucus and as a Chamber, and be able to demonstrate our strong support to the other side of the building along those lines.

I also think, Mr. President, about the family centers that Senator Schwank talked about, and what they mean to our communities. Last week, I stood here and introduced a resolution recognizing and honoring the work that they do and how they work with families and individuals to provide them support, in many instances the wraparound services that are so critically important for them to be in the home. That is extremely important.

Mr. President, today I had the chance to participate with my colleagues in an advocacy day centered around the investments in the arts and the arts in education, and as I mentioned, throughout the process, Senate Democrats will continue to talk about some of the challenges that this upcoming budget faces if we would adopt something along the lines of what the House Republican Caucus has sent us. In particular, this budget, as proposed, cuts nearly \$10 million in grants to the arts. These are grants that go into education, these are grants that go to individual artists who make their way into our schools and communities, but they are also grants that provide some level of support for some of the arts agencies and cultural agencies across the Commonwealth. What they are looking for is restoration, just simply the last year's number, to be able to make the investments in the arts that are so critically important, and looking for restoration of \$2 million into the cultural programs. Because what we know, Mr. President, as a fact, as study after study after study has stated and demonstrated, that when we make investments in the arts and cultural activities in this Commonwealth, when our students and kids have access to the arts, and to be able to participate in that process, it has a very, very positive outcome for those individuals, and it ranges from a whole host of different things. The percentage of individuals who indicate to us and to others that their self-esteem is enhanced, and the percentage is like 90 percent of students and teens who participate in some of the programs tell us they have greater confidence in their ability to participate, and more importantly, they have greater confidence and understanding of the position or points of others, which I think is an important conflict resolution process that we need to go through, particularly when we have young teens.

So, Mr. President, I am asking my colleagues, when we met with everybody in the last couple of days, and in particular today, and we promised to work and do some things to support what it is they are supporting and making those reinvestments, that we do not just pay lip service to them, that we be sincere in our conversations with them about what we want to do and need to do as a Commonwealth, and it is going to be tough. We are going to have to make tough decisions, but at some point in time we have to stand up and have the courage to make the investments that need to be made to support the programs we talked about. Many of our colleagues have talked about investment in education. I think that is critically important, but there is a host of other programs and many other people with whom we met and pledged to work along those lines. I am calling on my colleagues as we go forward, hopefully when we come back May 8 through 22, that we have the opportunity to craft language in the budget that allows us the opportunity to fix the problem that was created with regard to the House Republican budget that came over to us.

Again, one area of particular importance to me has been the arts, and I had the privilege of serving as one of the co-chairs, along with Senator Browne and Representative Briggs and Rep-

representative James, and together we are going to continue to advocate for those investments in the arts and cultural communities, because they have a very positive impact on our communities, but more importantly, a very significant and positive impact on the men and women and kids in our Commonwealth, and we have to demonstrate how important that is.

So, Mr. President, I thank you very much for your time.

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The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin, Senator Alloway.

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, April 26, 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 5:07 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.