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TUESDAY, May 23, 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 KRIS WINT, Pastor of Finland Mennonite Church, Pennsburg, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Our loving and merciful, heavenly Father, we take this time to give You all the praise, honor, and glory, for You are good and Your ways are just. In Your great mercy You gave us Your word to encourage and lead us for Your glory and our good. I thank You for each Senator who is here today and how You have equipped them and called them to serve You at this time in history. In line with Your word, I pray that each Senator be filled with courage to contend earnestly for what is right and what is true. I pray for them to remember the legacy and wisdom of those who have served before them, to remember the diverse people whom they serve, represent, and speak for, and to remember the reasons they entered politics, but above all to remember You and Your word as they lead this Commonwealth. Lord, I pray for a spirit of unity among the Senators that would lead to the building up of the whole body and that the Pennsylvania Senate could lead the way in showing how to encourage one another and build each other up within party lines, and more importantly, across party lines to show the country how we are stronger together and how our differences can actually compliment and not divide.

I pray for a blessing of mercy to overflow in all of their discussions and decisions today and as they continue to serve. May You use these Senators to shower Your great mercy on all people and to save those who are being persecuted and oppressed. I pray for a blessing that each one here would be refreshed and renewed, even when days are long, as they stay focused together on being one body working for one purpose. May You bless each of their families, and I pray that in spite of the busyness of their work, they would always have time to be husband and wife, mother, father, son or daughter, sister or brother.

Finally, Lord, guard their hearts and minds, enabling them to be steadfast in all they do, to serve the people and to serve You faithfully, honorably, and mercifully. Now to Him, who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you unblemished in His glorious presence with great joy, to the only God, our Savior,

be glory, majesty, and authority through Jesus Christ, our Lord before all time, now and for all eternity. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Wint, who is the guest today of Senator Mensch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 53 (Pr. No. 34)

An Act amending the act of January 25, 1966 (1965 P.L.1546, No.541), referred to as the Higher Education Scholarship Law, further providing for eligibility for State scholarship.

SB 634 (Pr. No. 708)

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.

SB 725 (Pr. No. 859)

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 Every Student Succeeds Act State plan review.

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

SB 564 (Pr. No. 610)

An Act providing for installation of protective fencing on certain State-owned bridges and for powers and duties of the Department of Transportation.

SB 669 (Pr. No. 788)

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 85 over the north branch of Plum Creek, Plumville Borough, Indiana County, as the Henry Lue Weaver Memorial Bridge.

SB 724 (Pr. No. 858)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in motor carrier safety, repealing findings and declaration of policy and further providing for definitions and for Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee.

HB 269 (Pr. No. 228)

An Act amending the act of November 4, 2016 (P.L. 1196, No.159), entitled "An act designating a portion of State Route 663 in Montgomery County as the Army Specialist Ray Ira Haas Memorial Highway; designating the portion of State Route 100 from Hereford Township at the Lehigh County line through Washington Township in Berks County as the First Lieutenant William R. Gendebien Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 2026, also known as Blair Mill Road, in Montgomery County as the Private First Class Paul T. Wright Memorial Highway; designating a bridge on a portion of Sheep Bridge Road over I-83, Newberry Township, York County, as the Staff Sgt. Jason M. Faley Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 879 over Trout Run in Goshen Township, Clearfield County, as the Private David Kyle McCracken Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of State Route 2034 in Montgomery County as the Cpl. Carl F. Hynek III Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 145 in Salisbury Township, Lehigh County, as the Cpl. Joshua B. Smith Memorial Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 15 over State Route 114, Upper Allen Township, Cumberland County, as the Cpl. Jonathan Dean Faircloth Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of Byberry Road between Warminster Road and Orangemen's Road in Montgomery County as the Major Jeffrey Toczylowski Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 1010 in Berks County as the DeLight Breidegam, Jr., Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 51 in Fayette County as the Officer Richard Champion Memorial Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 741 over the Conestoga River, between Pequea Township and Lancaster Township, Lancaster County, as the Cpl. Eric M. Torbert, Jr., Memorial Bridge; designating the interchange of State Route 43, the Mon-Fayette Expressway, with Rubles Mill Road, known as Exit 4, Fayette County, as the Master Sgt. Arthur L. Lilley Memorial Interchange; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 770 over the Tunungwant Creek, Bradford Township, McKean County, as the Master Sgt. Thomas Maholic Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge to be constructed on that portion of State Route 6 over Dingman Run, Coudersport Borough, Potter County, as the PFC George Pesock Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 872 over Bailey Run in Wharton Township, Potter County, as the Sgt. Paul M. Brown Memorial Bridge; designating a certain interchange in New Stanton Borough, Westmoreland County, as the E. Jeffrey Wentzel Memorial Interchange; designating a portion of State Route 220 in Lycoming and Sullivan Counties as the Lieutenant Commander John J. Peterman Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 220 in Lycoming County as the Thomas A. Paternostro Memorial Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1027 in Polk Township, Jefferson County, as the Polk Township Veterans Memorial Bridge; and making related repeals," amending the title of the act; and further providing for Cpl. Carl F. Hynek III Memorial Highway.

HB 303 (Pr. No. 303)

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1005, known as Church View Road, Segment 0180, Offset 0000, over Beaver Creek, South Woodbury Township, Bedford County, as the PFC/POW William G. Koontz Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Greenleaf and Senator Tomlinson.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests legislative leaves for Senator Greenleaf and Senator Tomlinson.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Haywood.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of March 22, 2017, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of March 22, 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-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 Journal is approved.

GUESTS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, I am very pleased today to introduce our guest speaker, Ms. Phyllis Yaffe. Ms. Yaffe serves as Canada's Consul General in New York, a position she has held since July 2016. Throughout her career, she has served as chair of the board of Cineplex Entertainment, lead director of Torstar Corporation, and as a member of the boards of both Lionsgate Entertainment and Blue Ant Media. She has also served as CEO of Alliance Atlantis Communications overseeing worldwide operations, including Canadian specialty-television channels, international television distribution business, and the popular *CSI* television franchise. She holds numerous degrees from several esteemed universities. She is also joined on the floor today with members of the Canadian delegation.

So, I ask that we offer Consul General Yaffe and her colleagues a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Scarnati, Consul General Yaffe and the Canadian delegation, please rise so that we may welcome you to our wonderful Pennsylvania Senate. (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Consul General, it would be our pleasure to have you address the Pennsylvania Senate.

Consul General YAFFE. Thank you very much. Thank you, Senator Scarnati, for your kind words.

First, allow me to extend the government of Canada's condolences and thoughts to the people and the families of Manchester in the United Kingdom today.

I could not be more honored to address this distinguished legislative body in this historic, amazing Chamber which stands as a powerful symbol of freedom and democracy. In the short while that I have been here, I have been struck by the genuine warmth of the people here in Harrisburg. I think this really symbolizes the extraordinary alliance and deep friendship between our two countries. Canada and the United States share one of the closest relationships between any two countries in the world. We are natural economic partners, we have common industrial paths, and we share similar ambitions for a future fueled by innovation.

In 2016, bilateral trade exceeded \$635 billion, representing over \$1.7 billion worth of goods and services crossing our borders every day. This means our countries have done roughly \$1.3 million in business since I began speaking. Our relationship is really a model for the world. It is growing, it is balanced, it is fair, and it supports growth, innovation, and good-paying jobs in both countries.

Canada's relationship with the Commonwealth is a particularly strong example of how closely our people and our businesses work together. Canada is Pennsylvania's number one trading partner, an export market with two-way trade totaling \$19.9 billion, almost \$20 billion in 2016. In fact, Pennsylvania sells more goods to Canada than to its next four largest foreign markets combined. These numbers only tell part of the story. The success of our relationship has been largely driven by the integration of our supply chains. We do not simply trade finished goods with each other; we build things together, and together we compete against the rest of the world.

This is my fourth visit to Pennsylvania since I became Consul General last September. I look forward to deepening our cooperation, and I know that by working together, by insuring the free flow of goods and services across our border, and by keeping our procurement markets open to each other, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

I have talked a lot about our trading relationship, but I would like to end with a few words about our security partnership. We are linked by a vast web of commercial ties, but we are also linked by our joint commitment to the safety and security of our people. In a world that is too often marked by conflict, our two countries are joined by the longest, undefended border on earth. While there is a lot of instability in the world today, I can say with full confidence that Canada-U.S. is a strong model for the world.

I would like to end by saying that 2017 is a momentous year for Canada. We are celebrating 150 years of confederation. This is a great opportunity to showcase all that Canada stands for: peaceful pluralism, strength in diversity, and a strong democratic

society. It is also an opportunity to recognize that while a lot has changed over the last 150 years, one thing remained constant and abiding, and that is our deep friendship with the United States. So let me end by offering everyone an invitation, please join us this evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Rotunda as we celebrate what I truly believe is the greatest partnership in the world. Thank you. (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Consul General. Let us move forward and increase that trade relationship to at least \$20 billion.

GUEST OF SENATOR RYAN AUMENT PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce my shadow for the day, Tristan Capanelli. Tristan is a senior at Penn Manor High School, where he plays lacrosse. He has a passion for politics and journalism and runs a growing nonprofit news organization called Atlas News, which focuses on global events and conflict. He has a very interesting site on Instagram [@atlas.news](#). He plans to attend Millersville University in the fall and major in political science and minor in journalism.

Please join me in welcoming Tristan to the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Aument, Tristan Capanelli, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT B. MENSCH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, today it is my honor and pleasure to introduce the guest Chaplain of the Senate, Pastor Kris Wint. Kris is the lead pastor at Finland Mennonite Church, where their mission is to lead all people into the presence of Jesus Christ. He is joined today by his wife, Ginger, and they will be celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary this June. They have been blessed with four wonderful children, Chloe, Logan, Paige, and Jace, and they have joined us here today. Mr. President, I had lunch with these four young people and what a delight it was, I must tell you. Their children are home schooled in their Lower Bucks County home, which is in the woods, as is my home in Montgomery County. We are neighbors. They also enjoy spending time outdoors together hiking, playing Frisbee golf, and caring for their ever-growing number of chickens and goats. Mr. President, please join me today in welcoming Pastor Wint and his wonderful family.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Mensch, Pastor Wint, his lovely wife, Ginger, and their beautiful children, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. Thank you for your prayers, pastor. And your baby is doing the parade wave.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL J. FOLMER
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce an outstanding group of athletes, a group that I am so honored to have visit the State Capitol and the Senate today, the 2016-17 Lebanon Catholic Girls' Basketball Team, also known as the PIAA Class A State Champions. The team earned this title when they beat Juniata Valley Junior-Senior High School 55- 43 at the Giant Center in March, where junior Alexis Hill led the way with 20 points and 14 rebounds. Captain and junior Celine Mars added 14 points. Members of this distinguished team include captain Leah Pastal, Neesha Pierre, Celine Mars, MaKenna Purcell, Alaina Kline, Sami Hatzfeld, Jessica Ambriz, MiKayla Woodward, Hannah Callihan, Alexis Hill, Jasmine Turner, Jayden Shellehamer, and Abriana Eisenhauer. These players have demonstrated superior sportsmanship and remarkable athletic abilities, and not only made their school proud, but all of Lebanon County as well.

This team is led by an amazing head coach, Patti Hower. Patti has led three teams to State championships, in 1992, 1995, and now again in 2017. Patti has coached for 39 years, and this championship win has put her at 712 career wins. Patti is a 2011 inductee of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, a 2013 inductee of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, and was an inductee into the Lebanon County Commission for Women Hall of Fame in 2015. The 2016-17 Lebanon Catholic Girls' Basketball Team assistant coaches include Mike Mohl, Becky Kleinfelter, and Ed Werth. I look forward to continue watching these young athletes progress because there is only one senior. The memory of their experience will last a lifetime, not only for them but for the community as well. Senators, would you please join me in a well-deserved Senate welcome for the PIAA Class A Girls' Basketball State Champions, the Lebanon Catholic Beavers.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Folmer, the Lebanon Catholic Girls' Championship Team, Coach Patti Hower, and the rest of the coaches, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate. Congratulations. (Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ELISABETH J. BAKER
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce an impressive young lady from my senatorial district. Nadia Vanyo is job-shadowing me today and she is serving as a guest Page here on the Senate floor. Nadia is a freshman at Western Wayne High School, and she is the daughter of Bill and Vicki Vanyo. They live in Lake Ariel in Wayne County. Nadia is here today with her mom, Vicki, who is up in the gallery, and we extend a welcome to her. I had the opportunity to meet Nadia at a local symposium for high school girls last year. She was there to explore nontraditional careers and learn from women who are serving in those careers. At the time, she said she would like to come hear about Harrisburg and learn more about State government.

So she has been spending the day here today and we are just thrilled to have her. Some of her hobbies include photography and film-making, writing novels and short stories, performing arts, and public speaking. She is involved in school in many aspects with Ultimate Frisbee, mock trial, political science club, yearbook committee, school theater productions, and she served on the technology student association for the past 4 years. While Nadia is not sure right now what she might want to study in her future, she has an interest in politics and public service, and so we are thrilled to have her here with us today. I ask you to join me in offering a warm welcome to our Senate guest shadow and Page, Nadia Vanyo.

The PRESIDENT. Would the special guest of Senator Baker, Nadia Vanyo, please rise so that we may welcome you and your mom, Vicki, to the Senate. We are delighted to have you here.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN M. DiSANTO
AND SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator DiSanto.

Senator DiSANTO. Mr. President, it is my privilege today to recognize several special guests from the Ryan International Group, Harrisburg University, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Ryan International Group of Institutions is India's largest educational group, privately owned K through 12 schools serving parents and 250,000 students in 128 schools across 40 cities and in 18 States of India, as well as communities outside of India. Not surprisingly, it is a leader in the field of education in the country. Over the last four decades, with its innovative approach to education and focus on the holistic development of the child, the Ryan Group has carved a special niche for itself in quality education. Under the visionary leadership of its chairman, Dr. A. F. Pinto, and his wife, Mrs. Grace Pinto, and more recently their children Ryan and Snehal, the Ryan Group today is at the forefront of pioneering a new kind of education in the country. Toward this end the Ryan Group has pioneered significant national and international events and partnerships, including the prestigious World Scholar's Cup.

Most significantly, for today's purposes, the Ryan Group is Harrisburg University's biggest educational partner from India, a relationship that provides high-quality postsecondary science, technology, and mathematics education to students from the Ryan Group. This partnership has also been a significant contributor to Harrisburg University's success. The university's total student enrollment for undergraduate and graduate programs is over 3,500. Because of the large number of students, Harrisburg University has been able to continue to grow and enhance its facilities and provide additional academic offerings for those in need.

Harrisburg University is the only nonprofit science and technology-focused comprehensive university between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, and it has become a higher education anchor in Harrisburg and the entire midstate region. It has been a great benefit to our area that Harrisburg University and the Ryan Group have forged this international partnership. Please join me in welcoming the following individuals: Dr. A. F. Pinto, founding chairman of the Ryan International Group; Grace Pinto, man-

aging director; Ryan Pinto, CEO; and Snehal Pinto, director of the Ryan Group; the honorable Kanika Choudhary, the Commonwealth special envoy to India; Eric Darr, president of Harrisburg University; and Doug Firestone, chief of staff of Harrisburg University. Thank you.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, it is a pleasure for me to join my distinguished colleague from Harrisburg, who mentioned the partnership with Harrisburg University. A similar partnership between the Ryan Group exists between the State System of Higher Education and the Ryan Group. For us in America to become more globally aware is essential for economic progress. An agreement was signed between the State System and the Ryan Group. Remember that India will soon be the largest country in terms of population in the world. It will surpass China within the decade. India is one of the largest democracies within the world, and it is very important here in the Commonwealth for us to have a solid, strong relationship with India.

Also here in Pennsylvania, I note the vast increase in the Indian population, especially in the Philadelphia suburbs. For example, in the Downingtown School District, 6 percent of the students are from India. Their parents are here, they are American citizens, many of their parents came here to get their doctoral and advanced degrees and stayed and significantly contributed to our community. So this relationship is an important one for the Commonwealth economically. It is an important one for the nation in terms of our strategic place in the world, and it is an important one if we are going to have world peace and understanding. It is through education that we achieve this, and it is through such cultural exchange.

So I join my distinguished colleague from the district surrounding Harrisburg in welcoming this group. I thank the Lieutenant Governor, who has been essential in establishing this relationship with the Ryan Group, and I urge other Senators, especially those Senators who represent the institutions of the State System, and I know Senator Schwank was up here as a member of the board of the State System, so I speak with her permission to welcome them on behalf of the State System as well.

So, thank you, Mr. President, and let us give them a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Once again, Senator DiSanto and Senator Dinniman, thank you for having our friends from the Ryan Group International. They have been standing for a while, so let us give them a very warm greeting.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. And let us keep that partnership growing and doing amazing things for education. Thank you so much for being with us.

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN P. BLAKE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Blake.

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, I am very happy today to welcome guests from the Scranton School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children. These seventh and eighth graders are fine young folks. I had a chance to meet them here on the Senate floor and take some pictures. They are wonderful. As you know,

the Scranton School for Deaf also has an affiliation with the Western PA School for the Deaf that I know our Democratic Leader, Senator Costa, and others in Allegheny County are very grateful for the great services provided by these institutions. If you will bear with me, Mr. President, I will give you the names of the young men and women who are with us today. From seventh grade, Ashton Johns, Britney Moctezuma, Kris Suggs, Paris Cooper, and Sean Finnerty. I note, Mr. President, that I offer this welcome on behalf of my colleagues, Senator Yaw and Senator Baker, because a few of the young boys and girls who are in the Chamber are constituents of my colleagues Senator Yaw and Senator Baker. From eighth grade, Tom DeVoe, Amanda Pasko, Desiree Rivera, and Aaliyah Sanders.

I would very much appreciate, Mr. President, if we could give these young boys and girls a nice welcome. I also acknowledge the staff from the Scranton School and the Western PA School for the Deaf: Matt Campion, Jon Konzelman, Mackenzie Flanagan, and Byron Almekinder, as well as Hannah Thebarger who is the interpreter today as I greeted these boys and girls on the Senate floor. How about a nice Senate welcome?

The PRESIDENT. We welcome our bright young people from the Scranton School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children to the Pennsylvania Senate. Senators, please give them our warmest welcome. Great to see you guys. Thank you, kids. I look forward to visiting with you the next time I am in Scranton.

("Jazz hands" sign language 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 it is with pleasure that I am able to recognize an impressive young man who inspires others. Nathan Craig, who attends Saegertown Elementary School in Crawford County, attended the Blindness Awareness Expo and Awards Ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda this morning, and I am so proud to say he was presented with the Outstanding Student Education Video Award. Nathan is accompanied today here in the Capitol by his parents, Jim and Audrey Craig.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to give Nathan and his parents their usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of our friend, Senator Brooks, Nathan and his parents, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate. It is great to have you with us.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR SHARIF T. STREET PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a distinguished group of women who are impressive in both their academic achievement and their charity. The ladies are known by their crimson and cream colors, which my fraternity also wears, and in honor of them I have worn a red tie and cream shirt today. The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta are here today and we welcome them to the Senate. I also thank my colleague, Senator Williams,

who did a lot of work and helped pull this together, and he will also say a couple of words.

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, on behalf of those who are in the gallery today, we recognize and acknowledge their service to the Commonwealth. They have taken a day out of their busy schedules to make sure that we remember who and from where we come. The history of this sorority, along with others, for African Americans is particularly unique and has survived hundreds of years. So we are particularly proud that they have graced us with their presence today. Senator Street is absolutely correct, I am a proud participant because I have a unique connection. One of my chiefs of staff is a member of the sorority and she is here with us today. So, on behalf of a grateful Commonwealth and a grateful nation, we bring congratulations to their presence in the Chamber today.

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I also point out to the ladies that later we will be offering a resolution in your honor, so please do not leave until we get to that point. To everyone, I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta.

The PRESIDENT. Would the lovely ladies in crimson and cream from Delta Sigma Theta, the guests of Senator Street and Senator Williams, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate. Great to have you, ladies. Thank you for your public service.

(Applause.)

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I do not know about these guys, but I married a Delta Sigma Theta soror, so I also extend my congratulations to this wonderful organization.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Hughes also wants to extend his congratulations, and he has been very happy with his Delta Sigma Theta lady.

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, yes, I have.

RECESS

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

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the two committee meetings, Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of off-the-floor meetings of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, to be followed by the Committee on Finance, to be held in the Rules room, followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, 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 off-the-floor meetings of the Committee of Community, Economic and Recreational Development, to be followed by the Committee on Appropriations, to be held in the Rules room.

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

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Tomlinson has returned, and his legislative leave is cancelled.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 23 (Pr. No. 151) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Schwank.

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

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, it is very fitting that this bill is before us today for action because May is Stroke Awareness Month. Medical science has made tremendous strides in the treatment of strokes and in aiding victims in their recovery. As in so many areas of health emergency response, time is essential, and so is expertise in assessing the problem and skillfully intervening. The purpose of this bill and the expansion of certification is straightforward. In addition to primary stroke centers, there will be acute stroke-ready hospitals and comprehensive stroke centers. These designations let people know where the equipment, the experience, and the trained personnel are located to best respond to those life-threatening and life-diminishing crises that strokes represent.

Health advocacy groups and provider facilities support this step as improving prospects for timely and appropriate diagnosis, treatment, and recovery. It is encouraging commentary on healthcare in our community that upwards of 80 facilities were designated under the original certification, and more are in line to be designated under these two new categories.

I recognize and thank Representative Mackenzie for his leadership on this bill, along with Lucy Gnazzo for her tireless work to promote community awareness and public education on this subject. So, I urge an affirmative vote on House Bill No. 23.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

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	Langerholz	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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 144 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 151 (Pr. No. 1571) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Small Business First, further providing for definitions; in machinery and equipment loans, further providing for definitions and for reporting and inspection; in Pennsylvania Industrial Development Program, further providing for definitions; providing for economic entertainment enhancement program; and making a related repeal.

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-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	Langerholz	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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

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 White.

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 267 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

SB 269 (Pr. No. 755) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator BAKER offered the following amendment No. A1355:

Amend Bill, page 28, lines 20 through 22, by striking out "THE" in line 20 and all of lines 21 and 22

Amend Bill, page 29, line 5, by striking out "FORTY-TWO AND ONE-HALF" and inserting:

Forty-four

Amend Bill, page 29, lines 11 through 30; page 30, lines 1 through 4; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

(i) Forty-four percent of the fee shall be deposited in the Construction Contractor Training Account for a Pennsylvania-based housing research center located at a land grant university for the construction industry. To assure the programs meet the needs of the construction industry, the education, training and other activities provided by the housing research center must be approved by its industry advisory committee.

(ii) Twelve percent of the fee shall be deposited in the Review and Advisory Council Administration Account for expenses of the council as authorized in section 107(l), for technical assistance as provided for in section 107(k), for administrative assistance as provided for in section 107(j), for fees associated with the ICC to establish and publish code manuals which contain the standards of the Uniform Construction Code as provided for in section 304(a)(4) and as otherwise determined necessary by the department as money is available.

Amend Bill, page 30, line 6, by striking out "(1)" and inserting:

(1)(I) and (ii)

Amend Bill, page 30, line 7, by striking out the bracket before "Department"

Amend Bill, page 30, line 8, by inserting a bracket before "for"

Amend Bill, page 30, lines 18 through 30; page 31, lines 1 through 15; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

The Department of Community and Economic Development may utilize up to four percent of the funds allocated to the account under paragraph (1)(I) and up to four percent of the funds allocated to the account under paragraph (1)(ii) for administrative and program expenses. Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph to the contrary, the Department of Community and Economic Development may continue to abide by the provisions of an agreement permitting the retention or collection of a greater percentage for administrative and program expenses, but only for a period of one year from the effective

date of this paragraph.

(3) All money deposited under paragraph (1)(iii) shall be transmitted quarterly to the department. The department shall not be required to utilize other sources of funding to carry out activities provided for in this act if funds provided under this section are insufficient.

(d) Report.--

Amend Bill, page 31, line 17, by striking out "DEPARTMENT" and inserting:

Department of Community and Economic Development

Amend Bill, page 31, lines 26 through 30; page 32, lines 1 through 3; by striking out ". THE REVIEW AND ADVISORY" in line 26, all of lines 27 through 30 on page 31 and all of lines 1 through 3 on page 32 and inserting:

under paragraph (1)(I) and (ii). The separate accounting provided for by this paragraph shall include, to the extent available, revenue and expenditures by any contractor, vendor or other party engaged to perform the services authorized by paragraph (1)(I) and (ii). All contracts entered into after the effective date of this paragraph by the Department of Community and Economic Development with any such contractor, vendor or other party shall require such contractor, vendor or other party to provide the information required by this paragraph.

Amend Bill, page 32, line 4, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

(iii) The amount utilized by the Department of Community and Economic Development for

Amend Bill, page 32, line 9, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

(iv) The amount utilized by the Department of Community and Economic Development for

Amend Bill, page 32, line 12, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

(v) The amount utilized by the Department of Community and Economic Development for

Amend Bill, page 32, by inserting between lines 14 and 15:

(2) No later than November 1 of each calendar year, the department shall provide a report to the chair and minority chair of the Labor and Industry Committee of the Senate and the chair and minority chair of the Labor and Industry Committee of the House of Representatives. The report shall detail expenditures for the most recently completed fiscal year. The report shall include:

(I) A separate accounting of revenue and expenditures for the account under subsection (c)(1)(iii). The separate accounting provided for by this paragraph shall include, to the extent available, revenue and expenditures by any contractor, vendor or other party engaged to perform the services authorized by subsection (c)(1)(iii). All contracts entered into after the effective date of this paragraph by the department with any such contractor, vendor or other party shall require such contractor, vendor or other party to provide the information required by this paragraph.

(ii) The amount utilized by the Review and Advisory Council for reimbursement of travel expenses.

(iii) The amount utilized by the Review and Advisory Council for other purposes and a description of those expenditures.

(iv) The amount utilized by the department for personnel to include the position title, hours charged, amount and description of the duties and responsibilities of each individual paid in whole or in part by the account.

(v) The amount utilized by the department for operational costs and a description of those expenditures.

(vi) The amount utilized by the department for other program purposes and a description of those expenditures.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

YEA-36

Alloway	DiSanto	Martin	Stefano
Argall	Eichelberger	McGarrigue	Tomlinson
Aument	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel
Baker	Gordner	Mensch	Vulakovich

Bartolotta	Greenleaf	Rafferty	Wagner
Blake	Hutchinson	Regan	Ward
Brooks	Killion	Resenthaler	White
Browne	Langerholc	Scarnati	Yaw
Corman	Laughlin	Scavello	Yudichak

NAY-14

Boscola	Farnese	Leach	Tartaglione
Brewster	Fontana	Sabatina	Williams
Costa	Haywood	Schwank	
Dinniman	Hughes	Street	

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 303, SB 383, SB 503 and SB 504 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 510 (Pr. No. 866) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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-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
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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.

BILL AMENDED

SB 522 (Pr. No. 812) -- 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 definitions; in general administration, providing for powers of peace officers; in county correctional institutions, further providing for county recording system; in State intermediate punishment, further providing for definitions; in community corrections centers and community corrections facilities, further providing for definitions, for department, for offenders who may be housed, for authority of Commonwealth employees, for authority of chairman and for escape; providing for certain offenders residing in group-based homes and for reporting; further providing for probation and parole; in Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, further providing for definitions, for administration, for Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, for board chairperson, for board action, for meetings, for offices, for district directors, for district office employees, for disciplinary action, for political activities, for advisory committee, for certain offenders residing in group-based homes, for general powers of board, for specific powers of board, for probation services, for sentencing court, for general criteria for parole, for right of access to inmates, for parole power, for violation of terms of parole, for parole procedure, for victim statements, for general rules and special regulations, for early parole of inmates, for definitions, for status as peace officers and for supervisory relationship; providing for supervision of offenders and for agents; in county probation officers' firearm education and training, further providing for definitions, for County Probation Officers' Firearm Education and Training Commission, for commission membership, for powers and duties of commission, for training mandatory, for requirements for program participation and for the County Probation Officers' Firearm Education and Training Fund; in Interstate Compacts, further providing for Interstate Compacts, for deputization and for supervisions of persons paroled by other states; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Criminal Justice; providing for the transfer of functions, powers and duties; and providing for appropriations for the Office of Victim Advocate.

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

GREENLEAF AMENDMENT A1424

Senator CORMAN, on behalf of Senator GREENLEAF, offered the following amendment No. A1424:

Amend Bill, page 3, line 4, by striking out "9799.24(c)" and inserting:

9799.24(a), (b) introductory paragraph, (c)

Amend Bill, page 26, line 20, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

(a) Order for assessment.--After conviction but before sentencing, a court shall order an individual convicted of a sexually violent offense to be assessed by the board. The order for an assessment shall be sent to the [administrative officer] executive director of the board within ten days of the date of conviction for the sexually violent offense.

(b) Assessment.--Upon receipt from the court of an order for an assessment, a member of the board as designated by the [administrative officer] executive director of the board shall conduct an assessment of the individual to determine if the individual should be classified as a sexually violent predator. The board shall establish standards for evaluations and for evaluators conducting the assessments. An assessment shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

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Amend Bill, page 32, line 12, by inserting a bracket before "Support"

Amend Bill, page 32, line 13, by striking out the bracket before "Pennsylvania"

Amend Bill, page 32, lines 13 and 14, by striking out "Department of" in line 13 and all of line 14 and inserting:

The board shall employ an executive director and other staff as necessary to carry out the board's duties under this chapter. The executive director shall direct the operations, management and administration of the board and organize and oversee the work of the staff. Legal counsel for the board shall be provided in accordance with the act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164), known as the Commonwealth Attorneys Act. Upon request by the board, the Department of Criminal Justice shall make available facilities, administrative support and other assistance to the board.

Amend Bill, page 45, line 6, by striking out "a departmental" and inserting:

an independent

Amend Bill, page 45, line 7, by striking out "within the department"

Amend Bill, page 46, line 4, by striking out the bracket before "(1)"

Amend Bill, page 46, line 7, by inserting a bracket before "(2)"

Amend Bill, page 46, line 12, by striking out the bracket before the comma after "organizing"

Amend Bill, page 46, line 12, by striking out the bracket after "directing"

Amend Bill, page 48, line 24, by striking out "department" and inserting:

chairman of the board

Amend Bill, page 48, line 27, by striking out "secretary" and inserting:

chairman of the board

Amend Bill, page 49, line 12, by striking out "The board may appoint a sufficient" and inserting:

The following shall apply:

(1) The chairman of the board may appoint a sufficient

Amend Bill, page 49, by inserting between lines 14 and 15:

(2) Hearing examiners shall be required to possess an advanced degree beyond a bachelor's degree, such as a master's degree, doctorate degree or juris doctorate degree.

Amend Bill, page 80, lines 2 through 11, by striking out all of said lines

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

On the question,

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

MARTIN AMENDMENT A1206

Senator MARTIN offered the following amendment No. A1206:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 6 and 7, by striking out "in prisoner litigation, further providing for prisoner filing fees;"

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 11 and 12, by striking out "for collection of restitution and penalties,"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 20, by striking out "for duties of facilities housing sexual offenders,"

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 23 through 26, by striking out "in" in line 23, all of lines 24 and 25 and "further providing for definitions;" in line 26

Amend Bill, page 2, line 24, by striking out "Criminal Justice" and inserting:

Corrections

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 30 through 32, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 1. The definition of "board" in section 2151.1 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 40 through 43; page 3, lines 1 through 7; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

Section 2. Sections 2155(a)(1), 6307(a)(6.5), 8332.7, 8340, 9727(a), (b)(1), (c) and (f)(3), 9764(e), (f), (h), (i) and (k), 9777(d)(2), 9799.13(2), (3.1)(i)(C) and (3.2)(iii), 9799.16(d), 9799.19(b), (b.1)(2)(iv), (e.2)(2) and (f), 9799.20 introductory paragraph, 9799.24(c), (e)(4) and (g), 9799.29, 9799.30, 9799.31, 9799.32(2), (7), (8) and (9), 9799.33, 9799.35(e) and 9799.38 of Title 42 are amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 3, line 29, by striking out the bracket before "Corrections"

Amend Bill, page 3, line 29, by striking out "]" Criminal Justice"

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 11 through 19, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 25 through 30; page 5, lines 1 through 9; by striking out all of said lines on said pages

Amend Bill, page 8, lines 7 through 30; pages 9 through 11, lines 1 through 30; page 12, lines 1 through 10; by striking out all of said lines on said pages

Amend Bill, page 12, lines 13 through 30; pages 13 through 15, lines 1 through 30; page 16, lines 1 through 10; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

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Amend Bill, page 16, line 11, by striking out the bracket before "Corrections"

Amend Bill, page 16, lines 11 and 12, by striking out "]" Criminal Justice"

Amend Bill, page 16, line 13, by striking out the bracket before "Corrections"

Amend Bill, page 16, line 13, by striking out "]" Criminal Justice"

Amend Bill, page 16, line 14, by striking out the bracket before "Corrections"

Amend Bill, page 16, line 14, by striking out "]" Criminal Justice"

Amend Bill, page 16, line 30; page 17, lines 1 through 12; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

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Amend Bill, page 17, line 14, by striking out the bracket before "Corrections"

Amend Bill, page 17, line 14, by striking out "]" Criminal Justice"

Amend Bill, page 18, lines 12 through 21, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 18, line 22, by striking out the bracket before "Corrections"

Amend Bill, page 18, lines 22 and 23, by striking out "]" Criminal Justice"

Amend Bill, page 19, lines 10 through 30; page 20, lines 1 through 8; by striking out all of said lines on said pages

Amend Bill, page 20, line 23, by striking out "Criminal Justice" and inserting:

Corrections

Amend Bill, page 27, line 11, by striking out the bracket before "Corrections"

Amend Bill, page 27, lines 11 and 12, by striking out "]" Criminal Justice"

Amend Bill, page 27, line 23, by striking out the bracket before "Corrections"

Amend Bill, page 27, line 23, by striking out "]" Criminal Justice"

Amend Bill, page 28, line 1, by striking out "Criminal Justice" and

inserting:

Corrections
Amend Bill, page 28, lines 1 and 2, by striking out "Criminal Justice" and inserting:

Corrections
Amend Bill, page 28, line 26, by striking out the bracket before "Corrections"

Amend Bill, page 28, line 26, by striking out "]" Criminal Justice"
Amend Bill, page 29, line 15, by striking out the bracket before "Corrections"

Amend Bill, page 29, lines 15 and 16, by striking out "]" Criminal Justice"

Amend Bill, page 30, line 17, by striking out "Criminal Justice" and inserting:

Corrections
Amend Bill, page 30, line 22, by striking out the bracket before "Corrections"

Amend Bill, page 30, lines 22 and 23, by striking out "]" Criminal Justice"

Amend Bill, page 31, line 7, by striking out "Criminal Justice" and inserting:

Corrections
Amend Bill, page 31, line 12, by striking out "Criminal Justice" and inserting:

Corrections
Amend Bill, page 31, line 22, by striking out "Criminal Justice" and inserting:

Corrections
Amend Bill, page 31, line 27, by striking out "Criminal Justice" and inserting:

Corrections
Amend Bill, page 32, lines 1 through 9, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 32, line 14, by striking out "Criminal Justice" and inserting:

Corrections
Amend Bill, page 32, line 24, by striking out the bracket before "Corrections"

Amend Bill, page 32, line 24, by striking out "]" Criminal Justice"
Amend Bill, page 33, line 1, by striking out the bracket before "Corrections"

Amend Bill, page 33, line 1, by striking out "]" Criminal Justice"
Amend Bill, page 33, line 9, by striking out the bracket before "Corrections"

Amend Bill, page 33, lines 9 and 10, by striking out "]" Criminal Justice"
Amend Bill, page 33, line 20, by striking out the bracket before "Corrections"

Amend Bill, page 33, line 20, by striking out "]" Criminal Justice"
Amend Bill, page 33, line 29, by striking out "definitions" and

inserting:
definition

Amend Bill, page 33, lines 29 and 30, by striking out ""board," "department" and "secretary"" and inserting:

"board"
Amend Bill, page 33, line 30, by striking out "are" and inserting:
is

Amend Bill, page 34, lines 9 through 11, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 34, lines 25 and 26, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 35, lines 9 through 30; page 36, lines 1 through 6; by striking out all of said lines on said pages

Amend Bill, page 36, line 7, by striking out "8" and inserting:
5

Amend Bill, page 40, line 4, by striking out "9" and inserting:
6

Amend Bill, page 41, line 23, by striking out "10" and inserting:
7

Amend Bill, page 41, lines 26 and 27, by striking out "PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL" in line 26 and all of line 27 and inserting:

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Amend Bill, page 41, line 28, by striking out "11" and inserting:

8

Amend Bill, page 44, line 25, by striking out all of said line
Amend Bill, page 44, line 26, by striking out "13" and inserting:
9

Amend Bill, page 44, line 30, by striking out "14" and inserting:
10

Amend Bill, page 50, line 26, by striking out "15" and inserting:
11

Amend Bill, page 52, line 8, by striking out "16" and inserting:
12

Amend Bill, page 52, line 25, by striking out "17" and inserting:
13

Amend Bill, page 56, line 4, by striking out "18" and inserting:
14

Amend Bill, page 60, line 14, by striking out "19" and inserting:
15

Amend Bill, page 61, line 11, by striking out "20" and inserting:
16

Amend Bill, page 92, line 24, by striking out "21" and inserting:
17

Amend Bill, page 97, line 1, by striking out "22" and inserting:
18

Amend Bill, page 109, line 22, by striking out "23" and inserting:
19

Amend Bill, page 109, line 30, by striking out "24" and inserting:
20

Amend Bill, page 117, line 11, by striking out "25" and inserting:
21

Amend Bill, page 117, line 15, by striking out "Criminal Justice" and inserting:

Corrections

Amend Bill, page 117, line 17, by striking out "Criminal Justice" and inserting:

Corrections

Amend Bill, page 117, line 29, by striking out "26" and inserting:
22

Amend Bill, page 118, line 2, by striking out "27" and inserting:
23

Amend Bill, page 118, line 10, by striking out "28" and inserting:
24

Amend Bill, page 118, line 26, by striking out "29" and inserting:
25

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, as stated yesterday, this amendment would keep the name Department of Corrections for this merged entity. As many folks are aware, especially in tough budget times, a few years back when the Department of Public Welfare was changed to the Department of Human Services, there was close to a \$5-million cost associated with changing the names throughout all of the facilities and various paperwork and whatever it might be. In addition to that, as I have kept up here, too, when you look at the definition of correction, it is the "Punishment intended to rehabilitate or improve....The treatment of offenders through a system of penal incarceration, rehabilitation, parole, and probation, or the administrative system by which these are effectuated."

Finally, to keep the name Department of Criminal Justice, as currently being proposed, the criminal justice system is actually a system that includes law enforcement, includes courts, and the whole span of the criminal justice system, which is actually misleading. So in this case, I think by keeping it as the Department of Corrections, not only is it keeping it properly defined as to the services it provides, but also saves taxpayers money, which I

think is in all of our interests, and I urge an affirmative vote by my colleagues. Thank you.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?
It was agreed to.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 523 and **SB 592** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 651 (Pr. No. 864) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the capital budget for fiscal year 2017-2018; itemizing public improvement projects, furniture and equipment projects, transportation assistance projects, redevelopment assistance, flood control projects, Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund projects, Environmental Stewardship Fund projects, State forestry bridge projects, park and forest management projects, State ATV/Snowmobile Fund projects, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission projects, Oil and Gas Lease Fund projects and Motor License Fund projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Transportation or the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, together with their estimated financial costs; authorizing the incurring of debt without the approval of the electors for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Transportation or the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission; authorizing the use of current revenue for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or the Department of Transportation stating the estimated useful life of the projects; making a related repeal; and making appropriations.

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-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	Langerholz	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.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

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

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

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

SB 9 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 9, Printer's No. 97, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 27, SB 88, HB 93, HB 103, SB 113, SB 121, SB 128, HB 199, SB 242, SB 332 and SB 353 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 363 (Pr. No. 355) -- 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, providing for prohibition against employment assistance.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 403 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 406 (Pr. No. 403) -- 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 finances, providing for millage rate increase.

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

SB 406 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 406, Printer's No. 403, 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 431, SB 434 and SB 449 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 494 (Pr. No. 494) -- 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 collective bargaining, further providing for definitions and prohibiting full-time union leave.

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

SB 494 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 494, Printer's No. 494, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 496 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

SB 497 (Pr. No. 748) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?
Senator VOGEL offered the following amendment No. A1260:

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting after line 30:
Section 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the duty or power of the Department of Environmental Protection over a natural resource or residual waste in this Commonwealth.

Amend Bill, page 4, line 1, by striking out "2" and inserting:
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On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 508 (Pr. No. 504) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in tobacco products tax, further providing for definitions and for incidence and rate of tax; and imposing a vapor products tax.

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

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

SB 539 (Pr. No. 754) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 561, SB 577, SB 589, SB 611, SB 614, SB 624, SB 636, SB 649 and HB 834 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

HB 271 (Pr. No. 1821) (Rereported) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for fantasy contests and for iLottery; in general provisions, further providing for legislative intent and for definitions; in Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, further providing for general and specific powers, for licensed gaming entity application appeals from board, for board minutes and records, for regulatory authority of board, for reports of board and for diversity goals of board; in licensees, further providing for Category 3 slot machine license, for slot machine license application, for supplier licenses and for manufacturer licenses, providing for nongaming service provider, further providing for license renewals and providing for slot machine license operation fee; in table games, further providing for other financial transactions and for local share assessment; providing for interactive gaming; imposing a multi-use gaming device tax; in revenues, further providing

for establishment of State Gaming Fund and net slot machine revenue distribution and for the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund, establishing the Casino Marketing and Capital Development Account and further providing for transfers from State Gaming Fund; in administration and enforcement, further providing for responsibility and authority of department, for wagering on credit, for compulsive and problem gambling program, for financial and employment interests, for regulation requiring exclusion or ejection of certain persons, for repeat offenders excludable from licensed gaming facility, for list of persons self excluded from gaming activities, for investigations and enforcement and for prohibited acts and penalties; in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for appropriations; and making a related repeal.

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

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 9, 2017, of 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 Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Libby White, Penn Valley, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 24, 2017, of Stephen A. Latanishen (Public Member), 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve until June 23, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Tina Miller, Pittsburgh, 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 ACCOUNTANCY

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 24, 2017, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Donald Burgard, Mechanicsburg, 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 ANIMAL HEALTH
AND DIAGNOSTIC COMMISSION**

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Damien M. Bower, 813 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jerry Slayton, Bedford, 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 ANIMAL HEALTH
AND DIAGNOSTIC COMMISSION**

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Thomas Sollenberger, St. Thomas, 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 APPALACHIAN STATES
LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION**

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Damien M. Bower, 813 North 2nd Street, Harris-

burg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice E. Christopher Abruzzo, Hershey, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTS LICENSING BOARD

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Architects Licensure Board, to serve for *[data missing]* four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice David Majernik, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 922 North 3rd Street, Apartment 311, 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 Stephen Harmelin, Philadelphia, 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

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, to serve until July 1, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Susan Corbett, Glenshaw, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BANKING AND SECURITIES COMMISSION

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Banking and Securities Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Gerald Pappert, Plymouth Meeting, 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 BARBER EXAMINERS

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 28, 2017, of Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve until October 6, 2017, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Mark Robertson, Springfield, 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 BARBER EXAMINERS

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 24, 2017, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire (Public Member), 922 North 3rd Street, Apartment 311, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, 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 Sharon Dell, Martinsburg, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 24, 2017, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve until October 6, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Donald Yost, Gaines, deceased.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 24, 2017, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jamie Bracey, Ph.D., Philadelphia, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND BOARD

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 922 North 3rd Street, Apartment 311, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Children's Trust Fund Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Harry Hamilton, Wilkes-Barre, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND BOARD

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Children's Trust Fund Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Carole Gravagno, Wayne, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 27, 2017, of Damien M. Bower, 813 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg 17102 [sic], Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ronald Kopp, Middletown, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 27, 2017, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ronald Rohall, Ligonier, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 24, 2017, of Stephen A. Latanishen (Public Member), 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetol-

ogy, to serve until June 3, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Christopher Metz, Pittsburgh, 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 CRANE OPERATORS

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 28, 2017, of Stephen A. Latanishen (Public Member), 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Crane Operators, to serve until December 8, 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Paulette Burnside, Tunkhannock, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF CRANE OPERATORS

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 24, 2017, of 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 Crane Operators, to serve until December 8, 2018, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jason Giurintano, Camp Hill, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF CRANE OPERATORS

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 28, 2017, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Crane Operators, to serve until December 8, 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John Dohner, Elizabethtown, 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 PENNSYLVANIA
DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 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 Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve *[data missing]* a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joan Tarloff, Collegeville, deceased.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF EBENSBURG CENTER

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rose Planinsek, Ligonier, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF EBENSBURG CENTER

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2021, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Marcelle Cooney, Cresson, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
FINANCING AUTHORITY

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Kane, Indiana, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ENERGY
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Damien M. Bower, 813 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority, to serve for *[data missing]* four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Sanders, Philadelphia, 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 FUNERAL DIRECTORS

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 28, 2017, and corrected on March 23, 2017, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Funeral Directors, to serve for a term of five years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Donald Murphy, Camp Hill, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF HAMBURG CENTER

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Hamburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2021, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Nancy Ann Houser, Bernville, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Damien M. Bower, 813 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Cecelia Dougherty, Philadelphia, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice C. Michael Blackwood, Mars, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Anne Henry, Harrisburg, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, to serve until October 14, 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Varsovia Fernandez, Ardmore, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE INDUSTRIAL BOARD

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Industrial Board, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Cathy Mary, South Park, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE INDUSTRIAL BOARD

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 922 North 3rd Street, Apartment 311, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Industrial Board, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Bony Dawood, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE NAVIGATION COMMISSION
FOR THE DELAWARE RIVER AND
ITS NAVIGABLE TRIBUTARIES

May 17, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2017, of Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Navigation Commission for the Delaware River and its Navigable Tributaries, to serve until April 29, 2017, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice James McDermott, Philadelphia, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

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

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

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

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 133 (Pr. No. 873) (Amended) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act providing for participation in the REAL ID Act of 2005, for compliance by residents of this Commonwealth, for reports to General Assembly and for publication; and repealing the REAL ID Nonparticipation Act.

MOTION PURSUANT TO SENATE RULE 12

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, as a special order of business, I call up Senate Supplemental Calendar No. 1, Senate Bill No. 133, and move that the Senate proceed to consider Senate Bill No. 133, 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**

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE
AMENDMENTS AS AMENDED

SB 133 (Pr. No. 873) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for participation in the REAL ID Act of 2005, for compliance by residents of this Commonwealth, for reports to General Assembly and for publication; and repealing the REAL ID Nonparticipation Act.

On the question,
Will the Senate concur in amendments made by the House, as further amended by the Senate, to Senate Bill No. 133?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in amendments made by the House, as further amended by the Senate, to Senate Bill No. 133.

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

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

Senator WARD. Mr. President, I rise to ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 133 as amended by the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations. For those out there who may be watching on PCN, that is the REAL ID bill that we have all been getting calls for in our offices. I do not know if most of you have been getting them, but I know I have been getting a lot of calls about it. We have taken calls from constituents as varied as parents who needed to get on a military base to greet their son returning from a long tour in the Middle East, to members of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Firefighters Pipes and Drums Band who are going to perform at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service at the National Emergency Training Center in Maryland this summer. All of them will need to obtain costly passports that could take up to 6 months to get if the Commonwealth does not get a compliance extension from the Federal Department of Homeland Security before June 7. The Department of Homeland Security has made it clear to the Governor and to the legislative Leaders that a further extension is totally dependent upon the passage of legislation such as Senate Bill No. 133. Mr. President, we have just days before people like the families and friends of our service members and our firefighters will all be denied access to their loved ones, to memorial services, and training facilities just because they cannot get a REAL ID in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania's business people and contractors who need to work in Federal buildings or on federally-controlled property will also be denied access to the places where they make their livelihoods. Add to that, all of our constituents, like the elderly grandmother my staff heard from who will need a passport to fly to visit her grandchildren next January if we continue our noncompliance with REAL ID, and then by not complying, we will make a bigger mess out of what I think the Federal government has already started.

In 2012, we did the right thing when we made it clear that the mandate and costs placed upon the Commonwealth by the Federal government with REAL ID was too intrusive, too burdensome, and too costly. It is because of that action we took in Pennsylvania, and a couple of other States, that the Department of Homeland Security has made enhancements to the requirements that ensure better privacy protection for individuals who get a REAL ID and less costly compliance for the States. Now it is time for us to do the right thing again. We need to acknowledge that compliance with REAL ID will not adversely impact the Commonwealth as it might have in 2012, but noncompliance will mean more than just simple inconveniences for many of our constituents.

Before I finish, I thank Geri Sarfert, who is the legislative director in my office who has worked tirelessly on this bill.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

NAY-1

Hutchinson

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

BILL REREFERRED

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 271, which was reported from committee earlier today, be rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDENT. House Bill No. 271 will be rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

RECESS

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

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

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held in the Rules room, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

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

HB 271 (Pr. No. 1821) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for fantasy contests and for iLottery; in general provisions, further providing for legislative intent and for definitions; in Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, further providing for general and specific powers, for licensed gaming entity application appeals from board, for board minutes and records, for regulatory authority of board, for reports of board and for diversity goals of board; in licensees, further providing for Category 3 slot machine license, for slot machine license application, for supplier licenses and for manufacturer licenses, providing for nongaming service provider, further providing for license renewals and providing for slot machine license operation fee; in table games, further providing for other financial transactions and for local share assessment; providing for interactive gaming; imposing a multi-use gaming device tax; in revenues, further providing for establishment of State Gaming Fund and net slot machine revenue distribution and for the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund, establishing the Casino Marketing and Capital Development Account and further providing for transfers from State Gaming Fund; in administration and enforcement, further providing for responsibility and authority of department, for wagering on credit, for compulsive and problem gambling program, for financial and employment interests, for regulation requiring exclusion or ejection of certain persons, for repeat offenders excludable from licensed gaming facility, for list of persons self excluded from gaming activities, for investigations and enforcement and for prohibited acts and penalties; in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for appropriations; and making a related repeal.

Senator HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on Finance, reported to following bill:

SB 1 (Pr. No. 853)

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education), 51 (Military Affairs) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, extensively revising pension provisions as follows: In Title 24: for retirement for school employees, in the areas of preliminary provisions, of membership, contributions and benefits, of school employees' defined contribution plan and of administration and miscellaneous provisions; and for health insurance for retired school employees, in the area of preliminary provisions. In Title 51: for employment preferences and pensions, in the area of military leave of absence. In Title 71: for boards and offices, in the area of Independent Fiscal Office; and for retirement for State employees and officers, in the areas of preliminary provisions, of membership, credited service, classes of service and eligibility for benefits, of contributions, of benefits, of State employees' defined contribution plan and of administration, funds, accounts, general provisions. Providing, as to the revisions: for construction and administration, for applicability, for liability, for member statements and for suspension of provisions of the Public Employee Retirement Study Commission Act.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators REGAN, BROOKS, SABATINA, FARNESE, FONTANA, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, RESCHENTHALER, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, KILLION, COSTA, MENSCH and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 125**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 25, 2017, as "Red Nose Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, "Red Nose Day" is an initiative of the Walgreens' Boots Alliance, which began in 1988 as a way to provide vital services to children in impoverished communities in Pennsylvania, the United States, and all around the world. In 2016, over 2 million children were positively impacted by the Red Nose Day initiative. Through this program, children are given meals, clean drinking water, vaccinations, access to education, and other essential services children need to thrive. Red Nose Day provides these services by funding charities such as Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Children's Health Fund, Feeding America, Save the Children, and Covenant House. I thank the Members for acknowledging Red Nose Day initiative's role in maturing Pennsylvania's children by recognizing May 25 as Red Nose Day in Pennsylvania.

At the break of Session, please join me in showing our support for Red Nose Day by taking a photo on the second floor of the Rotunda in front of the Lieutenant Governor's Office. I also thank Cory Krebs and Domenic Diprimo from Walgreens who are here with us today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for a very important issue, and I am sure Senators will gather outside the Lieutenant Governor's Office for Red Nose Day.

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

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

Senator FARNESE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 126**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2017 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I rise today to offer this resolution recognizing May 2017 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. ALS is known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, which is a fatal neurodegenerative disease affecting as many as 30,000 Americans each year. More than 5,000 people are diagnosed with ALS, and it is estimated there are 1,000 Pennsylvanians currently battling this disease. ALS occurs indiscriminately, affecting people from all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Those affected by ALS are unable to live a normal life. Muscle weakness leads to impaired use of the arms and legs, and as the disease progresses, essential functions such as swallowing and breathing become a daunting task. Many ALS patients lose their ability to walk, gesture, speak, and also breathe on their own. Many ALS patients are commonly affected between the ages of 40 and 70, and military veterans are twice as likely to be affected by ALS than the general population, making ALS a service-connected disease.

I formally thank the ALS Association, particularly the Western Pennsylvania Chapter and Greater Philadelphia Chapter, for their ongoing efforts in research. They stand by the victims of

this disease and their families offering services to enhance the quality of life of all ALS patients.

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 BARTOLOTTA, DINNIMAN, RESCHENTHALER, SABATINA, GREENLEAF, AUMENT, FONTANA, FARNESE, BROWNE, RAFFERTY, HUTCHINSON, COSTA, FOLMER, KILLION, BOSCOLA and BAKER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 127**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 23, 2017, as "Stop the Bleed Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, the United States Department of Homeland Security has launched the "Stop the Bleed" campaign, a special initiative designed to provide bystanders with the tools and knowledge to stop life-threatening bleeding. Uncontrolled bleeding can result from manmade and natural disasters, such as active shooters, train crashes, tornados, and horrific terrorist acts like we saw yesterday in Manchester, England, and from everyday occurring emergencies such as vehicle crashes, plate-glass window accidents, or farming accidents. Severe bleeding can kill within minutes, before EMS or other public safety providers arrive. Therefore, the person closest to you may be the only one who can stop the bleed fast enough.

Working with the private sector and nonprofit organizations, the Stop the Bleed campaign is putting knowledge gained by first responders and the military into the hands of the public to save lives. The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, or UPMC, is partnering with the Copeland Regional Trauma Council, a consortium of trauma centers in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia to coordinate Stop the Bleed efforts. The goal of this regional initiative is to train bystanders and law enforcement, conduct and facilitate training courses for paramedics, emergency personnel, and other healthcare professionals, and place bleeding control kits in publicly accessible locations across the Commonwealth. I was pleased to join healthcare representatives and some of my colleagues for an event earlier today to raise awareness of this very important initiative. National preparedness is the shared responsibility of all levels of government, including the private and public sectors. For these reasons, I ask my colleagues to join me in support of this initiative and recognize May 23, 2017, as "Stop the Bleed Day" in Pennsylvania.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators STREET, FONTANA, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, COSTA and VULAKOVICH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 128**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing and honoring the members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, for more than a century of commitment to social activism, academic excellence and civic engagement in this Commonwealth on the occasion of Delta Day at the State Capitol.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I offer this resolution honoring members of Delta Sigma Theta for more than a century of commitment to social activism, academic excellence, and civic engagement to this Commonwealth, and on the occasion I ask that today be commemorated as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Day. This is an institution in our community that has existed for some time, and the excellent work that these ladies do in our community with respect to community service, engaging young women, and helping them understand that there are limitless possibilities and careers is really remarkable. Moreover, the work that they do in terms of an ongoing mentorship for ladies as they travel through life and through their career has helped women to break the glass ceiling and continues to be an inspiration to young women throughout this Commonwealth and throughout the country. Therefore, I ask Members of the Senate and my colleagues to support the adoption of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Day.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator EICHELBERGER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 129**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 23, 2017, as "Teacher Education Day" in Pennsylvania and recognizing the outstanding service of teacher educators who prepare teachers for this Commonwealth's classrooms.

Which was read, considered and adopted by voice vote.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Angela Bixler and to Sherry McGlade by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chad Fegley, Kevin Blessing and to Kris Rech by Senators Argall and Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Marianna H. Gillespie, Doris Misselhorn and to Henry Cook by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Philip Bueki by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Meadows Racetrack and Casino by Senator Bartolotta.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Victoria Palochik and to Seth Slavin by Senators Boscola and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to members and coaches of the Emmaus High School Field Hockey Team by Senators Browne and Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew D. Baer, Charles M. Robinson and to the citizens of the Borough of Huntingdon by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Phoenixville Kiwanis Club by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Vance Wright and to McCartney Seidel by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Garrett J. Belfield by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charles W. Treen, Jr., Katherine Lillian Elliott, Miriam Feldman, Ada Foster-Manning, Nevader Strong and to Margaret Williams by Senator Haywood.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Slater by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Francis Joseph Loeper IV by Senator Killion.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kyle Curry by Senator Regan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nathaniel Gordon Argot by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alfonso Abruzzi by Senators Scavello and Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Shields and to Julian Smith by Senator Schwank.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Robert Badie by Senator Williams.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator LANGERHOLC. 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 1, SB 53, SB 564, SB 634, SB 669, SB 724, SB 725, HB 269 and HB 303.

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, MAY 24, 2017

9:00 A.M. EDUCATION (H) and EDUCATION (S) Hrg. Rm. 1
(joint public hearing on education savings North Off.
accounts)

10:00 A.M. FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 430, 469, 515, 594 and 677; and House Bills No. 46, 144 and 674) Room 8E-A East Wing

Off the Floor URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider Senate Bills No. 586 and 667; and House Bills No. 595 and 758) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2017

12:30 P.M. EDUCATION (public hearing on the Keystone Exams) West Chester Univ.

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017

10:00 A.M. EDUCATION (public hearing on graduation requirements as tools for assessment and accountability) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

Off the Floor STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 527 and 595) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017

11:00 A.M. STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing on an overview of various election topics impacting Pennsylvania) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, today I highlight and recognize a remarkable one-of-a-kind endeavor that has been a tremendous asset to the Commonwealth which resides in my district, the Quehanna Boot Camp. Located in Quehanna, northeast Clearfield County, the Quehanna Boot Camp has been in existence since June 22, 1992. The boot camp was established by Act 215 of 1990, and has been a glowing example of the rehabilitative efforts and successes of our criminal justice system in Pennsylvania. There are no fences, no barbed wire, and no enclosures surrounding the perimeter. The old adage is, if you want to leave, good luck with the rattlesnakes, bears, and assorted wildlife. But inmates do not leave. In fact, qualifying male and female offenders can significantly decrease their time and cost of incarceration by successfully completing an intensive 6-month, military-style boot camp experience.

To be eligible for admission, inmates have to meet certain criteria. They must be under age 40 with a minimum sentence of 3 years or less and within 2 years of their minimum, and cannot have been convicted of certain crimes of violence. Additionally, inmates must be recommended for the boot camp by the sentencing judge. The boot camp program is a 6-month program comprised of five phases: a pre-boot camp phase, which usually takes 6 weeks; a 2-week orientation phase is then followed by a 10-week green phase, and an 11-week red phase, which are used for mandatory programs. The final phase, the gold phase, which you can see as the inmates proudly adorn their gold hats, lasts for 3 weeks and is used to prepare inmates for their release. The goal of the boot camp is to create well-rounded, rehabilitated citizens. Inmates without a high school diploma are required to attend education classes. Those not attending classes are assigned a job within the camp, including maintenance and food service. They participate in drug and alcohol education and rehabilitation classes. Additionally, they participate in military drill and cere-

mony and physical training. They are required to adhere to a strict routine with very little free time.

The Quehanna Boot Camp is the Department of Correction's primary facility offering our State Intermediate Punishment Program, an intense drug and alcohol program run in the form of a therapeutic community. In addition, the boot camp offers four vocational programs designed to get the inmates ready for the workforce immediately upon reentry. They offer certified fiber optics and solar certification, an OSHA 10-hour construction outreach program, a custodial maintenance vocational program, and building and trades core curricular program. They hold a semiannual job fair and an annual apprenticeship day with trade unions to match soon-to-be released inmates with potential job suitors.

Astonishingly, in the almost 25 years of existence, there have only been two walk-offs in the facility's history. As a facility with no fences, as mentioned before, this is nothing short of remarkable. I have to say, Mr. President, that the Quehanna Boot Camp is successful. The program has achieved an 84-percent graduation rate between January 2009 and December 2014. Additionally, the graduation rate has remained consistent within the 80 percent to 85 percent range. The 3-year re-arrest rate for boot camp participants is over 6 percentage points lower than other DOC inmates. Six percentage points lower. I stress that. Additionally, the 3-year reincarceration rate is 5.5 percent lower, and the 3-year overall recidivism rate is 6.3 percent lower.

Most importantly, Mr. President, since December 1992, the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections has saved approximately \$104.8 million by operating the Quehanna Boot Camp, and saves well over \$11,000 per boot camp participant. Their mantra is: one person can make a difference, and together, we can achieve anything. For the staff of Quehanna Boot Camp, excellence is not an option, it is our standard.

Congratulations to Quehanna Boot Camp on their 25 years as of June 22 of this year of being a benefit to the Commonwealth, the Department of Corrections, and numbers of rehabilitated inmates and their families. This is the way a facility should be run. I was there and I saw the dedication, integrity, and compassion of the topnotch staff as well as the inmates. We should all be very proud of this tremendous program.

Mr. President, I thank you again.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair would like the Senator to know that I also visited Quehanna and spoke at the graduation. It is a great facility and we all need to work to help these young folks get a second chance.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Folmer.

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, on a number of occasions I have risen to express my support for Senator Argall's Senate Bill No. 76 to eliminate school property taxes because I believe no tax should have the power to leave you homeless. During my remarks, I have sometimes referred to legal notices in newspapers and the pages and pages of properties listed in sheriff sales. However, Mr. President, some have said to me, Mike, those notices are not realistic, as very few properties listed as being sold due to tax delinquencies are actually sold. Some opponents of Senate Bill No. 76 have even said they do not know of one property in their areas that has been sold at sheriff sale due to being delinquent in property taxes.

So, imagine my surprise, Mr. President, when I read a recent newspaper article with the headline, "Sheriff Sales collect \$60 million in new taxes." That is correct, Mr. President, a Pennsylvania sheriff recently testified before his city council on the millions of dollars in new revenue he collected through real estate auctions that have resulted in \$60 million a year in taxes and fees that are forwarded to the city's general fund. So, I guess some properties do go to sheriff sales, which means property taxes do have the power to leave you homeless. The newspaper report notes in his first year in office, the sheriff collected \$27 million in delinquent taxes and fees, and they have gone from three sales of homes a month to six monthly sales, with more than 27,000 properties being processed a year. That is quite a number when you consider that people have told me few, if any, properties are actually sold due to delinquent taxes. The newspaper article also notes that the processing times for sheriff sales have dropped from 120 days to 15 days. So, more properties are being sold due to nonpayment of taxes at a faster rate. Again, Mr. President, I find all of this interesting in light of the fact that people have been telling me that few, if any, properties are sold at sheriff sales, which is why I continue to believe no tax should have the power to leave you homeless.

Mr. President, such stories are not new. There are similar examples throughout our nation's history, and, let us not forget, the war for our independence began as a tax protest. Consider the plight of George Washington, who led the American Colonies to independence, chaired the convention that drafted our Constitution, and served as our nation's first President. Like many people today, George Washington also faced hardships due to his inability to pay taxes on his land as the Fairfax County sheriff visited Mt. Vernon three times before he could pay his taxes. The father of our country was unable to pay his taxes. Unbelievable. Even as he prepared to take the oath of office as President of the new United States, George Washington needed to borrow 1,000 pounds to pay off some of his debts. Unfortunately for Washington, the President-elect's credit was not good enough to secure a sufficient loan. Like many property owners even today, George Washington was land rich and cash poor. For 7 years, Washington struggled to make his farms profitable, only to find himself deeper in debt, about \$60,000 in today's money. Washington complained, "It is but an irksome thing to a free mind to be any ways hampered in debt." Benjamin Franklin expressed similar sentiments when he remarked, "...think what you do when you run in debt, you give to another power over your liberty." All of this may be why Washington added a reference to property rights in his famous farewell address. He said, "It is, indeed, little else than a name, where the government is too feeble...to maintain all in the secure and tranquil enjoyment of the rights of person and property."

This is why supporters of Senate Bill No. 76 are so passionate. They believe no tax should have the power to leave you homeless, and they strongly support Senate Bill No. 76 because it is the only proposal that provides for the complete elimination of school property taxes. From George Washington, who successfully led his country to independence, to people today who struggle to pay ever-increasing school property taxes, one principle remains the same: No tax should have the power to make you homeless.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, over the last several weeks my good friend, Senator Folmer, has eloquently described the issue of school property tax reform as *Groundhog Day*. Just as in that cinematic masterpiece, the people of Pennsylvania have waited long enough for this Groundhog Day to end. I have listened carefully to the arguments about why Senate Bill No. 76 and House Bill No. 76 may have flaws or why they are not good for public education. First and foremost, let me repeat again, as I have done time and time before, this is not my bill, this is not Representative Cox's bill, this is not Mike Folmer's bill, or Senator Schwank's bill, or Senator Dinniman's bill, or Senator Scavello's bill, or Senator Wagner's bill, we are all sponsors of the legislation, as we were last Session, and we will again sponsor this legislation this Session. This is a bill that was devised and drafted by over 80 grassroots taxpayer groups from across the State. They developed this bill to eliminate--which is the key word in this debate--eliminate school property taxes.

Consider this key fact: this legislation was not first drafted by legislators or by staff or by an academic think tank or industry lobbyists, it was drafted by a cadre of committed citizen activists who brought this issue forward to both Republican and Democratic Senators and Representatives all across Pennsylvania. These activists continue to push this difficult issue forward at every opportunity, sometimes with quiet diplomacy, and, well, sometimes they are not very diplomatic at all. I have yet to see another plan that brings us to complete and total elimination of school property taxes or another plan so widely supported as Senate Bill No. 76 and House Bill No. 76.

Opponents claim that this bill does not bring us total elimination. For a school district that carries no debt service, we should congratulate them. Those will receive the full benefit of this proposal in year 1, as designed by the grassroots advocacy groups across the State. According to the latest data from the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials shared with my office, the statewide average reduction in school property taxes is 78 percent. Let me repeat that. In year 1, the statewide average reduction for all 500 schools is 78 percent. Again, some may be higher, some may be lower, it is the statewide average; 477 school districts, according to the information shared by the School Business Officials, would have at least a 50-percent reduction in the first year Senate Bill No. 76 is in place. Over time, every school district will be required to move to 100-percent elimination of school district property taxes. I have yet to see any other plan offered by anyone that eliminates school property taxes or even a plan that brings us to 78 percent reduction in year 1.

Now, others will say, oh, you do not have to go all the way for elimination, let us just settle for reduction. History is not in favor of the taxpayer if we settle for a reduction. Here is why. In 1953, Governor Fine signed a bill to enact the State's first sales and use tax at 1 percent. It tripled the State funding for public education, but it did not kill off the property tax. In 1971, Governor Shapp won a long-fought battle with the legislature and created the State income tax at 2.3 percent. It was called the emergency income tax. Governor Shapp also increased aid to public schools and signed a bill into law creating the State Lottery, with the intent to provide property tax relief to seniors. But, yet, it failed to kill off school property taxes. In 2004, Governor Rendell

signed a bill to legalize casino gaming, with a portion of the revenue dedicated toward property tax relief, but again, the hated property tax continued to grow. In 2006, the approval of Act 1 tied allowable school property tax increases to inflation for the first time. The exemptions in Act 1, however, have allowed school districts to raise property taxes above the Act 1 index. In 2014, the State granted exceptions to 164 public school districts across the State to raise their property taxes above the Act 1 index. Since 2008, nearly one-third of the State's 500 public school districts have annually received exceptions from the State to raise taxes above the Act 1 limit.

So when I hear those say, well, settle for reduction, I say, we have tried that, it did not work. If you do not believe me, just ask the quarter of a million people whom I represent in Berks and Schuylkill Counties. Try to make that argument. I can guarantee you one thing, it will not be pretty. The taxpayers get it. The pattern over the last six decades is clear: any temporary tax becomes permanent, and any tax relief effort is temporary. Due to the State government's inability to prevent school property taxes from rising each year, the calls to eliminate--not reform, but eliminate--this hated tax continues to grow louder and louder each year. Each Member of this General Assembly can attest to this one single fact: It is always easier to oppose something than to pass something. Ask many of the special interest groups lined up in opposition to Senate Bill No. 76 and House Bill No. 76 and it usually comes down to this, they will tell you, well, just send us more money with no strings attached, and no limits on future increases. Do they really expect anybody to ever vote for that? Really?

Some groups opposing Senate Bill No. 76 say you need to address the cost drivers before you do anything on school property tax reform. We have. I have introduced Senate Bill No. 420, which would require school districts to join regional consortia to purchase their healthcare. Using economies of scale, schools would save a significant amount of money by purchasing healthcare through a larger pool. The cost per employee would drop and coverage would not change. One cost-saving estimate for this concept from the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee is in the \$200 million range. Guess how many interest groups have come out to support the bill? Zero. If you agree with me and if you agree with Senator Folmer and many others that the current way that we fund our public schools is rotten at the core, you have three choices. You can go for partial reduction, which has been repeatedly rejected by the voters of Pennsylvania; you can move toward complete elimination of school property taxes, as proposed by the advocates all across the State through Senate Bill No. 76 and House Bill No. 76; or you can support the groups who continue to oppose Senate Bill No. 76 and completely fail to come up with any reasonable alternatives. I cannot believe they really want to support the status quo, but that is the reality.

I commend my good friend, Senator Folmer, for his tireless efforts to rid Pennsylvania property owners of this archaic tax. As one advocate, and Senator Folmer has noted it several times and has proclaimed at one of the countless public hearings on the legislation, no tax should have the power to leave you homeless. We agree, and that is why we will continue to support the total elimination of school property taxes. Senator Folmer and I recently spent some time on the phone with Governor Wolf in support of the elimination of the school property tax. The Gover-

nor agrees with us that we have to find a better way to fund our public schools other than this archaic, outmoded, unfair property tax. Perhaps the tax made sense in 1834 when it was created, but the Governor agrees with us that the time has come to eliminate this tax.

We are currently working together on amendments to Senate Bill No. 76 so this bill can finally move forward. We need to place the school property tax on the scrap heap of history, which is where it belongs. Last Session, with that famous 24-24 vote, we came closer to eliminating the school property tax than ever before in history. This Session we have to do better. This Session we need to unlock this extraordinarily complex puzzle and find a way to move this long-needed legislation to the House of Representatives and on to the Governor.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I will be brief. Let me begin by stating that Members of the Senate Democratic Caucus certainly believe that we are prepared to have a conversation about how we address school property taxes in this Commonwealth and agree with both gentlemen who spoke previously, as well as the Governor, in the position that this archaic manner in which we fund our schools needs to be addressed. Now, there is a way to do that. The first way to do that is what Senate Democrats have asked for, and that starts with the Governor. If the Governor agrees with what we need to do, then he should assist us in calling for a Special Session on property tax relief. He has not done that yet. So at some point in time we have to have that conversation about that step first and foremost.

Probably the most significant step is that Senate Bill No. 76 needs to be introduced as such. I just checked the computers and it has not been introduced yet. So when we have a serious conversation about moving the legislation forward, let us get it introduced. You all set the Calendar, you all set what moves through this Chamber. Get it on the Calendar. Get it to the floor for a conversation. We are ready to have that conversation about how we can take steps to address that legislation. We agree, and let me be clear to folks who are watching, we agree that we need to address property tax reform in this Commonwealth and we need to address the archaic way we fund our schools. We recognize that. We also recognize that part of the reason why school property taxes have gone up consistently really dates back to the years when we made significant reductions in how we fund our schools. So we have an archaic system that essentially defunds and that creates the problems at our local school district level. By the way, some of the things that we have done in the past couple of years have resulted in our local municipalities also raising their revenues as well. They appear to be the ones raising the taxes when the fact of the matter is, we are the ones who put them in the position to be able to do that.

So, the solution is simple. If we are real about this and the votes are there and everybody agrees, call the Special Session, introduce the legislation, bring it to a committee, bring it to the floor, let us have that debate, and let us replicate or repeat that over in the House of Representatives.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 4:46 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.