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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, June 21, 2017

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend CALVIN WILLIAMS, Pastor of New Temple of Brotherly Love Church, Chester, offered the following prayer:

Good morning. On behalf of my wife and the New Temple of Brotherly Love Christian Community Church, we start off by saying thank you for allowing us to be here.

So let us pray.

Our Father, we come saying thank You, God. We thank You for this morning's rising. We thank You for all Your traveling grace and Your mercy that You allowed us to go through already. Then, Lord, we pray for each and every body who is represented here, Lord. We pray, Lord, that whatever You have them do, let them do in Your name. We pray, Lord, that You guide their path from this day forth, lifting them up, Lord, letting them know that God is still in control. Father, we ask these things in the name of Your son as we pray for our Governor, as we pray for our Lieutenant Governor, as we pray for each and every Senator, and every family who is represented here. Lord, we ask You to bless us as a city, as a country, and as a State. In the name of Your son we pray, amen, amen, and amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Williams, who is the guest today of Senator Killion.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 21, 2017

Senators FARNESE, YUDICHAK, STREET, HUGHES, BROWNE and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 788**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for additional parking regulations.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 21, 2017.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 21, 2017

Senators STREET, LEACH, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, BROWNE, FARNESE, TARTAGLIONE, HAYWOOD, YUDICHAK, COSTA, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SR 145**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of June 2017 as "LGBT Pride Month" in Pennsylvania in celebration of LGBT accomplishments and contributions to this Commonwealth and making a strong recommitment to fight for LGBT equality.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 21, 2017.

Senators HAYWOOD, STREET, TARTAGLIONE, SABATINA, DINNIMAN, KILLION, FARNESE, COSTA and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SR 148**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of June 2017 as "Gun Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania in recognition of this public safety and public health issue and in commemoration of the lives lost to gun violence in this Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 21, 2017.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bill for concurrence, which was referred to the committee indicated:

June 21, 2017

HB 1285 -- Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 8**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 560**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bill:

SB 8.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 56 (Pr. No. 37)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in safety and anti-pollution equipment, further providing for windshield obstructions and wipers.

SB 785 (Pr. No. 980)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in registration of vehicles, further providing for vehicles exempt from registration; and providing for operation of golf carts.

SB 786 (Pr. No. 981)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for examination of applicant for driver's license; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for prohibiting text-based communications and providing for prohibiting use of interactive wireless communications device by novice drivers.

HB 1219 (Pr. No. 1447)

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

HB 1288 (Pr. No. 1578)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for person with disability plate and placard.

HB 1431 (Pr. No. 2091) (Amended)

An Act designating that portion of State Routes 54, 901 and 2023 in Northumberland County and Schuylkill County as the Honorable Robert E. Belfanti, Jr., Memorial Highway; designating Exit 18 of State Route 43, known as the Searights Road interchange, in Fayette County as the Staff Sgt. John P. Wanto Vietnam Veteran Exit; designating Exit 15 of State Route 43, known as the Old Pittsburgh Road interchange, in Fayette County as the Lance Corporal Russell W. Naugle Vietnam Veteran Exit; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 2003 over the Yellow Breeches Creek, South Middleton Township, Cumberland County, as the Sgt. Adam C. Schoeller Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of State Rote 18 in West Fallowfield Township, Crawford County, as the Staff Sergeant James Douglas Mowris Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 100 from the intersection of

Main Street and Tilghman Street in Upper Macungie Township, Lehigh County, to the intersection of Claussville Road and Kernsville Road in Lowhill Township, Lehigh County, as the Captain Mark T. Resh Memorial Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 18 (College Avenue) over the Little Shenango River, Greenville Borough, Mercer County, as the Greenville Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating that portion of State Route 3078 and State Route 3090 in York County from the intersection with State Route 116 to the intersection with State Route 3042 as the Private First Class Donald R. Gise Memorial Road; 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; and designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 588 over Interstate 376, Chippewa Township, Beaver County, as the TFC Blake T. Coble Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Dinniman, and a legislative leave for Senator Leach.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator McIlhinney.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Dinniman, and a legislative leave for Senator Leach.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of April 25, 2017, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of April 25, 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 SENATOR THOMAS H. KILLION
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Killion.

Senator KILLION. Mr. President, it is my pleasure this morning to introduce the Senate Chaplain for today, my friend Pastor Calvin Williams of the New Temple of Brotherly Love Church located in Chester, Delaware County. A native of Chester, Pastor Williams has been serving as a pastor for the last 15 years, of which the last 6 years have been at the New Temple of Brotherly Love. He is joined today by his wife, Patricia, who is seated here in the Senate Chamber.

Mr. President, I ask that we extend our traditional warm Senate welcome to our guest Chaplain for today.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Killion, Pastor Williams and his lovely wife, Patricia, please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome. Thank you for your prayers, Pastor.

(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR SCOTT E. HUTCHINSON
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Venango, Senator Hutchinson.

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I am pleased to have this opportunity to introduce James Mosca, who is serving as a summer intern in my Harrisburg office. James is the son of James Mosca and Stacey Conners, both of Dauphin County. He is a graduate of Central Dauphin High School and is now attending Penn State's Smeal College of Business, where he is majoring in both finance and economics, in addition to a minor in political science. James is active in a variety of academic associations at Penn State, including the investment association, the economics association of Penn State, the Penn State asset management group, and the Phi Gamma Nu Professional Business Fraternity. After graduating college, James plans to enroll in a dual JD and MBA program with a focus in corporate law.

Please join me in welcoming James to the Senate.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Hutchinson, James Mosca, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. Good luck in all of your endeavors.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, we have a group of emerging business leaders from eastern Pennsylvania in the gallery organized by Matt Cogle. It includes Alan Pearson, Brian Long, Courtney Bressler-Eshelman, Justin Spannuth, Kelly Ressler, Kristi Gage-Linderman, Tim Keeler, and Bonnie Sussman-Versace. If I mangled any of those names, they can call me Argyle.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Argall from the business community please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

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

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Appropriations in the Rules room to begin immediately, 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 McIlhinney has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

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

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

Senator McILHINNEY. Mr. President, I welcome my constituents, Frank, Marilyn, Zach, and Eric Mongiello, for coming to Harrisburg today to attend the meeting of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services that was held on House Bill No. 45, the right-to-try legislation authorized by Representative Godshall that passed unanimously last year in the Pennsylvania House.

Frank is a 49-year-old father of six children who has become a national advocate for the right-to-try legislation. Frank has fought ALS since 2015 and despite that, he has been called to testify before the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate concerning terminally ill Americans and their rights to better access.

Please join me in giving the Mongiello family a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator McIlhinney, the great Frank Mongiello and his family, please rise, or wave, so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate. Thank you for your courageous fight.

(Applause.)

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 16 and **SB 168** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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

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

Considered the 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

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 211 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 242 (Pr. No. 984) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, this Senate, both Republicans and Democrats, for 2 years have stood behind the push to upgrade the One Call System here in Pennsylvania. Bipartisan support has kept this issue on the agenda and put us in a position to finally succeed in improving community safety through better compliance and better enforcement of pipeline safety. The advantages of reauthorizing the successful law, as well as extending its reach to raise the level of community protection, are apparent. We are moving this through until 2024. We are adding class 1 gathering lines for unconventional drilling, and those in the Marcellus Shale industry will know that, and those living in the Marcellus Shale area. We are also transferring authority for the enforcement from the Department of Labor and Industry to the Public Utility Commission and their gas safety division. We are also creating a damage prevention committee.

No major piece of legislation is a straight-line progression, as we all know, and this bill has been no exception. Extended negotiations with constructive give-and-take have produced amendments that will address concerns about the impact this law will have on conventional well operators in western Pennsylvania. There is now an agreement on what we intend to have happen and how to practically carry that out. There have been a lot of hands involved in shaping and generating momentum for this measure, but advocacy and resolve at the Public Utility Commission has been central.

I want to acknowledge the staff, as well as Commissioner John Coleman, who has been instrumental in bringing about action on these important issues. While some are not supportive of the exceptions that we have added, we certainly understand and recognize that this is a compromise bill and one that we think will improve and enhance public safety. So, I recognize Pennsylvania One Call and their staff; PIOGA; the PA Grade Crude Oil Coalition; my colleagues from western Pennsylvania who had raised several issues about this - Senator Bartolotta, Senator Hutchinson, Senator Scarnati, and Senator Ward; as well as the utilities; the contractors; and our first responders. So this bill is a substantial improvement. It is building upon a solid law that we have, and it will provide responsible and reasonable action. I encourage an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

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	Langerholc	Schwank	
Dinniman	Laughlin	Stefano	

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 283, SB 332 and SB 383 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 446 (Pr. No. 986) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, providing for drug and alcohol recovery houses and establishing the Drug and Alcohol Recovery House Fund; and making editorial changes.

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	Langerholc	Schwank	
Dinniman	Laughlin	Stefano	

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 458, SB 461, SB 503, SB 504, SB 529 and SB 630 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 639 (Pr. No. 727) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 1, 1988 (P.L.82, No.16), known as the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Act, further providing for definitions; and providing for additional use of funds for financial assistance.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

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

SB 656 (Pr. No. 978) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further providing for definitions and for purposes and powers.

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	Langerholc	Schwank	
Dinniman	Laughlin	Stefano	

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 662, SB 690 and SB 691 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 17, SB 31, HB 118, HB 126, SB 128, HB 144, SB 145, HB 187 and HB 188 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 239 (Pr. No. 2005) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing the Rare Disease Advisory Council and providing for its powers and duties; and providing for duties of the Department of Health, the Insurance Department, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education.

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 403, SB 406, HB 411, HB 422, HB 423, SB 469, SB 471, SB 472, SB 494, SB 533, SB 542, SB 590, HB 595, HB 599 and

SB 610 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 616 (Pr. No. 690) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 622 (Pr. No. 696) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties in general, providing for contact information.

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.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 629 (Pr. No. 709) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 658, SB 663, SB 692, SB 693, SB 724 and SB 728 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 751 (Pr. No. 925) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 7 (Banks and Banking) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in mortgage loan industry licensing and consumer protection, further providing for definitions, for license requirements, for exceptions to license requirements, for general requirements, for powers conferred on certain licensees engaged in the mortgage loan business, for mortgage loan business prohibitions, for application for license, for license fees and for licensee requirements and providing for the promulgation of regulations to effectively incorporate Federal regulations.

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 756, HB 758, SB 760 and SB 770 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 774 (Pr. No. 972) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 2 (Administrative Law and Procedure), 4 (Amusements) and 13 (Commercial Code) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, extensively revising provisions on practice and procedure of Commonwealth agencies; establishing the Office of Administrative Hearings; extensively revising provisions on judicial review of Commonwealth agency action; making editorial changes; and making an appropriation.

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 775, HB 790 and HB 1039 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 677 (Pr. No. 798) (Rereported)

An Act providing for the taxation or the exemption from taxation of amounts and events relating to the Pennsylvania ABLE Savings Program.

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

SB 6 (Pr. No. 994) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for definitions, for resources and for verification system, prohibiting eligibility for individuals convicted of drug distribution, prohibiting eligibility for violators of sexual offender registration, further providing for false statements, investigations and penalty and for prohibited use of public assistance funds, providing for lost access devices and further providing for violation and penalty.

SB 655 (Pr. No. 993) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, further providing for definitions, providing for Pennsylvania Safe Effective Opioid Prescribing Advisory Council and further providing for promulgation of regulations.

HB 45 (Pr. No. 2108) (Amended)

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

HB 424 (Pr. No. 440)

An Act amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, in death and fetal death registration, further providing for information for certificates and for coroner referrals.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators AUMENT, FONTANA, ARGALL, GREENLEAF, YUDICHAK, KILLION, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, RAFFERTY, SCAVELLO, RESCHENTHALER, HUTCHINSON, MENSCH, FOLMER, COSTA, VULAKOVICH, BREWSTER, SABATINA, WARD, STREET and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 150**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing June 27, 2017, as "Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day" and the month of June 2017 as "Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I am pleased to offer this resolution with my colleague, Senator Vulakovich, which will designate June 27, 2017, as "Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania, and June 2017 as "Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

The brave men and women in the United States Armed Forces who proudly serve the United States and risk their lives to protect our freedom deserve the investment of every possible resource to insure their lasting physical, mental, and emotional well-being. The challenges of serving in combat for many of our veterans do not stop when they return home. A new challenge begins for

many of our servicemen and servicewomen, one they must fight every day, that can cause them to struggle in silence. For those who are not familiar with it, post-traumatic stress injury occurs after a person has experienced trauma, and can result from not only the stress of combat but also rape, sexual assault, battery, torture, confinement, child abuse, car accidents, train wrecks, plane crashes, bombings, or natural disasters.

Post-traumatic stress is a very common injury to the brain that is treatable and repairable. The diagnosis now known as post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, was first defined to commonly and more accurately understand and treat veterans who had endured severe traumatic combat stress. Post-traumatic stress has historically been viewed as a mental illness caused by a pre-existing flaw in the individual's brain or character, and the term "post-traumatic stress disorder" carries a stigma that perpetuates this misconception. Additionally, referring to post-traumatic stress injury as a disorder perpetuates the stigma of and bias against mental illness that discourages those suffering from post-traumatic stress from seeking proper and timely medical treatment. Making the condition less stigmatizing and promoting more understanding can favorably influence those affected and encourage them to seek help without fear of retribution or shame. We know that proper and timely treatment can decrease suicide rates, and additional education awareness can help to encourage most people suffering with post-traumatic stress injury to seek help. Please join us to raise awareness for post-traumatic stress injury by designating June 27, 2017, as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day in Pennsylvania, and June 2017 as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair would like to work further with the Senators on this issue. There is nothing more important that we can do than dealing with this issue for our returning veterans.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators AUMENT, YUDICHAK, DINNIMAN, ARGALL, GREENLEAF, RESCHENTHALER, FONTANA, BROWNE, SCAVELLO, COSTA, RAFFERTY, BREWSTER, SABATINA, FARNESE, KILLION, HUGHES and VULAKOVICH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 151**, entitled:

A Resolution designating July 13, 2017, as "Summer Learning Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I offer this resolution with my colleague, Senator Yudichak. The resolution designates July 13, 2017, as "Summer Learning Day" in Pennsylvania. Summer Learning Day is a day to reflect on the importance of keeping youth learning safe and healthy each and every summer, insuring they return to school in the fall ready to succeed in the year

ahead. Summer learning loss is a significant contributor to the achievement gap, and summer learning programs are proven to maintain and advance students' academic and social growth. Summer learning programs keep children safe and healthy during the summer and send young people back to school ready to learn. I applaud the many organizations that are beginning their summer learning programs and hope all of our Pennsylvania youth have a safe and healthy summer.

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 KILLION, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE, BREWSTER, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, VOGEL and VULAKOVICH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 152**, entitled:

A Resolution designating July 31, 2017, as "Heatstroke Prevention Day" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators DINNIMAN, LANGERHOLC, ARGALL, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, BROWNE, BARTOLOTTA, SCAVELLO, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, WHITE, FARNESE, BOSCOLA, KILLION, AUMENT, HUTCHINSON, STREET, HUGHES, VULAKOVICH and MENSCH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 153**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of August 6 through 12, 2017, as "YMCA Advocacy Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, the YMCA is one of the largest community organizations within the Commonwealth. It does much more than provide recreation and swimming activities. It works with young people in trying to help them become better citizens and deal with the situations that they face to make good choices and decisions. In fact, in some of the YMCAs, students who are in seventh grade are given free membership, because that is a particular age group which, if we can help someone who is in seventh grade, we can turn around their lives for the remainder of their school career and then into adulthood. So, I ask us to recognize the wonderful work that the YMCA does throughout the Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair fully agrees. What a great organization.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sergeant First Class Dennis L. Swartz, Jr., members and coaches of the Tri-Valley High School Baseball Team, members and coaches of the Williams Valley High School Softball Team and to members and coaches of the Pine Grove Area High School Softball Team by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Randy Warfel, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. George Gehman, Joanna Harlacher, Thelma R. Rosen, William B. Walters, Thelma Linn, Marvin G. Fitterling and to members and coaches of the Donegal High School Softball Team by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lenoxville United Methodist Church by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to June Alberta Heffner, C. Elizabeth O'Brien, Grace Ann Carr, Robert J. Conner, Julia M. Karol, Bonnie B. Kratzer and to Margaret A. Ponticelli by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Veterans Multi-Service Center and to the Olivet United Methodist Church of Coatesville by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Craig Moyer and to Robin Bloss by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dorothy Elizabeth Knerr by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne I. Plyler, Jr. by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. King and to Richard Shaffer by Senator Langerholc.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the members and coaches of the Pennsbury High School Baseball Team by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Cameron James Morgan by Senator Regan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Harvey Kane, Maddie Salek, Zach Skolnekovich, Courtney Phoenik, Zach Wagner, Connor Bruce, Luke Ross, Ryan Gex, Neil Rana, Liam Gibbons, Kevin Kwok, Savannah Shaw, members and coach of the Peters Township High School Boys' Lacrosse Team, members and coaches of the Sewickley Academy Boys' Tennis Team, members of the Quaker Valley High School Girls' Track Team, members of the Bethel Park High School Boys' Track Team and to Moon Township Parks and Recreation Board by Senator Reschenthaler.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Donald E. Tanner and to citizens of the Borough of Westfield by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sharon S. Laverdure by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reuben Scott Graham by Senators Scavello and Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Leda F. Gismondi by Senator Stefano.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to members and coaches of the Lawrence County Indians Basketball Team by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to members and coaches of the Wilmington Area High School Softball Team, members and coaches of the Greater Latrobe Senior High School Baseball Team and to the members and coaches of the Mt. Pleasant Area Junior-Senior High School Softball Team by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to citizens of the Borough of Saxonburg by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. David John Boyles by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Larry Souder by Senators Yaw and Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. August Long by Senator Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kiwanis Club of Wilkes-Barre by Senators Yudichak and Baker.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Anita Shook and to the family of the late Eileen Kane Gallagher by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late John Peter Javsicas by Senator Haywood.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Philip C. Holmen and to the family of the late Samuel W. Cramer, Sr. by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Dr. Mark Samuel Reed by Senator Schwank.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 6, SB 56, SB 655, SB 785, SB 786, HB 45, HB 424, HB 1219, HB 1288 and HB 1431.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017

11:00 A.M.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (public hearing on Philadelphia Soda Tax)

City Cncl.
Chambers,
Phila.

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017

12:00 P.M.	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (to consider House Bills No. 59 and 508)	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider Senate Bill No. 792)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 183, 431, 736 and 751; and House Bills No. 239, 290 and 1269)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	FINANCE (to consider House Bills No. 542 and 866)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bill No. 676; and House Bill No. 409)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 560; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017

10:30 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider House Bill No. 653)	Room 461 Main Capitol
11:00 A.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bills No. 135 and 240)	Room 8E-A East Wing

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, two issues, and the first one deals with dogs and cats. I came back from a rally that we held in the back of the Capitol where a lot of media were there, for which I am grateful. It is hot out there. We are into summer, and for a number of years we have put bills into the Senate and others have put bills into the House to protect dogs and cats who are left in hot cars and eventually some die or are seriously injured, because when you are left in a car with the air conditioning off and the windows closed, it is like an oven. It goes up to 120, 130 degrees within that car. We need to get this done. I do not want to see another summer go by in which animals are suffering for no real purpose. Now, I put in a bill here that went through the Committee on Judiciary. Representative Costa put in a similar bill in the House. This bill has the support of the Fraternal Order of Police. This bill has the support of the AAA. All that awaits is that we get out of our air-conditioned offices and chairs, Mr. President, and think about what is happening to those who are our companions and our friends - our cats, our dogs - and have the system by which we can stop the suffering that is needless and does not have to go on.

Now, the House also has a bill which is going to toughen the regulations when it comes to those parents who are actually totally irresponsible who have at times left children in cars. However, we know with the tightening or without it that any police officer will break that window to get that child out. But with a dog or a cat, the trouble is they are afraid that there will be no protection against liability, against court issues. Now, we need to tighten the law and get every child out so no child is waiting and punish those parents, and Representative Boback's bill will do that, but in the case of dogs and cats, in the majority of situa-

tions no one will even go in to rescue because of the fear of being sued and civil liability. When you have a bill in which the Humane Society, the AAA, and the Fraternal Order of Police are all agreeing on, I think it is enough of an indication that if Leadership would bring this up for a vote, it would be approved. If Leadership in the House does the same thing, it will be approved. I do not care whether it goes through the House and comes to us or whether it goes through us and goes to the House, it has to get done.

Very briefly, all the bill does is this: it says that if you see a dog in a hot car--and dogs cannot sweat, by the way, that is why they pant. They have no ability to sweat as human beings do. If you see that situation, then you try, you call 911, you call a police officer or you find someone who will, you make an effort to try to find the person. When that officer comes onto the scene, the first thing they do is see if in that store, in that office, if the person could be found. If the person cannot be found, the officer or the fire person will break the window, get that dog out, and immediately take the dog to a veterinarian and leave a note on the car. The irony of it is the person will probably call the police and say they were broken into, but in this case they did the crime themselves by leaving that animal in the car. In addition to whatever animal cruelty charges are incurred, they will also be fined for letting the animal be in the car and they are responsible themselves for any damages to the car, not the police, not the State, not the municipality, and further they have to pay the vet bill and go to the veterinarian to pick up their dog and pay the bill.

So, Mr. President, we do have a problem, and what I am remonstrating about, if that is a proper word, and I think it is, is a matter of our humane treatment of animals. The way we treat animals reflects on how we treat each other. It simply takes Leadership in the House and the Senate to bring this up for a vote. There is no opposition I know of in either body. This has gone on year after year and it has not been brought up in this Chamber for a vote. I plan to contact every animal organization, every dog group, and, if it requires thousands of letters, and the last time I did this to stop the gassing of dogs, within 48 hours we were in contact with 150,000 people around the world. If that is what it takes, that is what it takes, but it has gone on too long and we need to stop it. We know we are here at least to the 30th, and we may well be here after the 30th. Let us just get it done. That is first, Mr. President.

The second issue I will be more brief on because I have spoken on it before, and that is to remind everyone that we have to deal with the Keystone Exams. It is absurd for the Commonwealth to have spent \$1.3 billion on them, about \$850 million of that comes from us here in the State, the remainder coming from local school districts. That is unacceptable in what we are doing. What the Department of Education has actually created is a way for every student to graduate, whether they pass the exams or not, but they are going to continue the exams and we are going to have to pay for them, which makes no sense whatsoever. If we switch to the SATs for next year, by switching to SATs we will save \$8 million to \$10 million because we use the PSAT to establish the groundwork for it. When everything is being cut in education, why would we not want to save \$8 million to \$10 million and put it where it belongs, back in the classroom? Put it where it belongs, back helping those kids who need education before they enter kindergarten. Because in the end, the only correlation that study after study has shown with the Keystones is

poverty, and we are becoming impoverished trying to solve this, but what would any thinking person say?

Well, if the greatest failure rates are coming in the areas where our poorer school districts are, and we have the greatest disparity in funding in the nation between rich and poor districts, would any thinking person not simply say, wait, let us put the money where it should go. What is the sense of testing kids and failing them and stamping "failure" on those children, stamping "failure" on the teachers, and the schools when some of them do not even have the textbooks for the test in biology, for example. There has not been a lab open in most of the general high schools in Philadelphia in over 5 years. So the disparity leads to the inabilities, students are not equal, it reflects poverty, it reflects the spending, and yet we continue to do this and our answer is, let everyone graduate, but we still give the test. This is absurd. We need to stop it.

So, Mr. President, in sum, as we sit here today, let us do something about the Keystones, and as we sit in this air-conditioned Chamber, let us toughen the laws about children left in cars and let us, finally this summer, take care of our dogs and our cats. Let us get our rear ends off of our air-conditioned seats here in this Chamber, in our offices, and in our air-conditioned cars and let us do some thinking and let us have some sympathy. Let us have some compassion about our dogs and our cats and let us make sure that no child is left in a car as well. If the legislature can do it, it is just getting off of our rear ends in this nice environment, in this comfortable air-conditioned environment, thinking about others and finally doing it.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, I again rise in support of Senator Argall's Senate Bill No. 76 because I continue to believe that no tax should have the power to leave you homeless. As previously noted, Senator Argall and I have been working to educate people on how Senate Bill No. 76 would provide for the total elimination of school property taxes by increasing the personal income tax and the sales tax in expanding the sales tax base. One of the more persistent myths Senator Argall and I have faced in this education process is how school debt will be handled. Despite what critics say, Senate Bill No. 76 does provide for the total elimination of school property taxes.

Mr. President, let me walk you through how Senate Bill No. 76 reaches this much-needed and long-overdue goal. Mr. President, if you turn to chapter 11 of Senate Bill No. 76, on pages 132 and 133 you will see that schools are permitted to retain a portion of their property taxes to cover outstanding debts. I believe this was added in recognition of the impact that debts have under the current tax system and the need to insure schools continue to have the ability to cover their debt obligations. What is frustrating about this provision, Mr. President, is how it is used by opponents of Senate Bill No. 76. They say the bill does not provide for the total elimination of school property taxes, but it does. Chapter 11, page 133, lines 7 through 11, states schools can only refund debt if the refunding results in reducing total debt and service over the life of the debt or shortens the term of the debt. Hence, they cannot refinance debt in perpetuity, as some critics claim. The only way, Mr. President, schools can continue to levy a property tax for outstanding debt is if that debt gets smaller or the terms of that debt get shorter. The repeal sec-

tions of Senate Bill No. 76 on page 154, lines 1 through 10, eliminate schools' ability to levy property taxes. Once a school's debts are liquidated, all remaining school property taxes are automatically eliminated. Senate Bill No. 76 does provide for the total elimination of school property taxes, Mr. President, because no tax should have the power to leave you homeless.

Consider, Mr. President, the impact of Senate Bill No. 76 across the Commonwealth: 80 percent average immediate reduction and elimination of school property taxes. In my district of Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, the immediate elimination of school property taxes would be 65 percent of the Lebanon City school property taxes, nearly 75 percent of the Palmyra school property taxes, almost 80 percent of the Annville-Cleona school property taxes, over 81 percent of the ELCO school property taxes, 86 percent of the Cornwall-Lebanon school property taxes, and nearly 87 percent of the Northern Lebanon school property taxes. These are significant reductions, Mr. President, and it is again why I am talking about the one and only bill that offers a way to reach the much-needed and long-overdue goal of eliminating school property taxes, and that is Senate Bill No. 76.

If you do not like the mixture of the taxes proposed by Senate Bill No. 76 to eliminate school property taxes, offer an alternative. If you do not like the proposed expansion of the sales tax as recommended by Senate Bill No. 76, offer an alternative. If you do not like allowing schools to continue to impose a property tax to cover their debts after passage of Senate Bill No. 76, offer an alternative. But please, Mr. President, if you are not able to offer alternatives to these provisions of Senate Bill No. 76, please do not criticize the only bill that does provide for the complete elimination of school property taxes, Senate Bill No. 76. Because, Mr. President, no tax should have the power to leave you homeless.

Thank you, Mr. President.

BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bills:

HB 168, HB 217 and HB 1238.

RECESS

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

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, June 26, 2017, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 12:25 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.