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SENATE

FRIDAY, June 30, 2017

The Senate met at 9 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by the Secretary of the Senate, Hon. MEGAN MARTIN:

Let us pray.

Good and loving God, source of every grace and blessing, we thank You this day and all days for fellowship and family. Thank You that You know each of us by name and have caused us to walk with You. As we gather here today, we ask that You will be in our midst. Help us to make decisions that will be pleasing to You. Help us also to listen before speaking and to respect the opinions of others. Give us that reverence for one another that will make us apostles of peace.

Lord, we know that we are dependent on You and our trust is in You completely. We ask that You strengthen us, restore us, and inspire us with Your love. Fill us with Your peace, fill our conversations with Your grace and truth, and fill today's Session with Your presence. Bless us as we gather here today. Send us Your spirit and be present among us in the mouths of all who speak, in the ears of all who listen, and at the very heart of what we all say and do. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator McIlhinney, Senator Ward, and Senator Brooks, and legislative leaves for Senator Vogel and Senator Folmer.

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

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator McIlhinney, Senator Ward, and Senator Brooks, and legislative leaves for Senator Vogel and Senator Folmer.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Farnese.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journal of the Session of May 22, 2017, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of May 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	Reschenthaler	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 pro tempore. The Journal is approved.

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Senators LANGERHOLC, SCARNATI, DINNIMAN, McGARRIGLE, FONTANA, COSTA, RAFFERTY, BREWSTER, SABATINA, FARNESE, MARTIN, KILLION, AUMENT, BOSCOLA, SCAVELLO, HUTCHINSON, STREET, HUGHES, VULAKOVICH and MENSCH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 164**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing June 30, 2017, as "Arthrogryposis Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, about 1 baby in 3,000 is born with arthrogryposis. Arthrogryposis occurs when a child is born without joint contractures, prohibiting their joints from movement and potentially leaving them stuck in one position. Often, the muscles around these joints are thin, weak, stiff, or even missing. The main cause of arthrogryposis is fetal akinesia, which is a condition where a baby does not move around inside the womb normally. Starting in early pregnancy, moving helps a baby's joints, muscles, and tendons develop. If this movement is restricted, these parts may not develop well and extra tissue may form in the joints, making movement harder.

Research on prenatal diagnosis has shown that a diagnosis can be made prenatally in approximately 50 percent of fetuses presenting arthrogryposis. It can be found during routine ultrasound scanning showing a lack of mobility and abnormal position of the fetus. Although there is no cure for arthrogryposis, there are various treatments that can be done to maximize the strength and function level of the individual. To better combat arthrogryposis, more research needs to be done to find the causes of this condition to map the genes in genetic types and to perform long-term outcome studies of common surgical procedures.

GUESTS OF SENATOR LANGERHOLC PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, fortunately, individuals living with arthrogryposis can and do lead fulfilling lives. With me today as a guest seated in the gallery is my friend, Jack Cavanaugh. Jack was born with arthrogryposis. Today Jack is a spunky and energetic 3-year-old. Seated with Jack are his parents, Lindsay and Shawn; his sister, Ava; and his brother, James. I cannot see him from where I am standing, but I know that he is up there with that light-up-the-room smile, which can warm the hearts of even the worst of enemies during a budget debate. I am happy that he is here today to brighten our Chamber.

Again, Mr. President, I thank you and my colleagues for helping me recognize June 30, 2017, as "Arthrogryposis Awareness Day," and welcome Jack and his family to the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the brave, young Jack Cavanaugh and his family please rise, or just wave, so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Jack, you got the resolution passed because you were here. Well done.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Ward, Senator Brooks, and Senator Farnese have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of a series of off-the-floor committee meetings to be held in the Rules room, starting with the Committee on Appropriations, followed by the Committee on Judiciary, followed by the Committee on Transportation.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on Appropriations, followed by the Committee on Judiciary, followed by the Committee on Transportation, 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 and Senator Folmer have returned, and their respective leaves are cancelled.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 218 (Pr. No. 2196) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act to provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive and Judicial Departments, the State Government Support Agencies and the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, for certain institutions and organizations and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017; to provide appropriations from the State Lottery Fund, the Tobacco Settlement Fund, the Aviation Restricted Account, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund, the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Tuition Account Guaranteed Savings Program Fund, the Banking Fund, the Firearm Records Check Fund, the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund, the Oil and Gas Lease Fund, the Home Improvement Account, the Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act Enforcement Fund, the Insurance Regulation and Oversight Fund, the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development Restricted Receipt Account, the Justice Reinvestment Fund, the Multimodal Transportation Fund, the State Racing Fund and the ABLE Savings Program Fund to the Executive Department; to provide appropriations from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, for the proper operation of several departments of the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend Motor License Fund money; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds from the General Fund, the State Lottery Fund and the Tobacco Settlement Fund for the Executive and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Browne.

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I rise this morning to ask the Members of the Senate to endorse the provisions of House Bill No. 218, as amended. It is no secret, Mr. President, that the Commonwealth, like many jurisdictions throughout the nation, has faced tremendous financial struggles in the past decade. Current expenditures continue to outpace revenue for 9 of the past 11 months, actual revenues have fallen short of revenue projections, and legacy and mandated costs continue to grow. We are facing a \$1.5 billion deficit in the current cycle we are about to close, and nearly \$3 billion for the prospective fiscal cycle that we are discussing today as part of House Bill No. 218, and our ability to utilize short-term budgeting strategies to balance the budget are running short. These all leave no easy answers for this Chamber, this General Assembly, and this government for developing a fair and balanced budget. Despite all of these challenges, I believe that collectively we have crafted a 2017-18 General Fund budget that is not only fiscally responsible, but also provides the necessary resources for programs and services that are vital to the Commonwealth and its citizens.

The \$31.99 billion fiscal year 2017-18 General Fund proposal before us represents a modest 0.6-percent increase over last year's supplemental budget, and nearly \$650 million less than what was originally proposed to us for our consideration in February. With limited resources available, it is even more crucial than ever that we insure we are allocating the limited funding to programs and services that are vital to our citizens and have proven results. One area where this is clearly the case for all of us is the investment of our State dollars in our young people, insuring we are providing them with opportunities to succeed in school and therefore later in life. This budget recognizes the need to invest in our children and their families by increasing funding for education and early intervention programs. The budget increases basic education funding by \$100 million, early education initiatives by \$30 million, early intervention funding by \$12 million, and special education funding by \$25 million. These investments bring our pre-K through 12 system funding through the Commonwealth to a historic high of \$11.8 billion.

House Bill No. 218, as amended, also makes important investments in allocations in helping to provide for our citizens most in need and most vulnerable, with \$7 million to combat heroin and opioid addiction, including funding for drug interventions and to support additional drug courts. The budget provides \$5 million to the community-based family centers for proven, effective home visitation initiatives for vulnerable pregnant women, infants, and young children, and provides funding to help individuals with disabilities and senior citizens through community-based programs which allow them to get the care they need in their own home or in the community. With House Bill No. 218, as amended, we are making an additional worthy commitment to thousands of our citizens so they can live and pursue their goals in our communities and not in institutions.

House Bill No. 218, as amended, also reconciles and restores some of the most significant concerns that our citizens expressed to us collectively regarding the Governor's proposed spending plan. It restores proposed funding cuts to last year's levels to the best-in-the-nation University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine; \$19 million and \$60 million, respectively, for juvenile and adult probation services; and funding for important health programs that the Commonwealth has been committed to for many, many years, such as epilepsy support, adult cystic fibrosis, trauma prevention, and ALS support services. At the same time, Mr. President, we need to scrutinize all State spending, and we also need to look for ways to control costs and provide synergies in program areas which will place the Commonwealth on a more sustainable financial path for the future.

Through more appropriate criminal justice policies and the merger of the Department of Corrections and the Board of Probation and Parole, we will sustainably reverse the 20-year upward trend in spending in corrections, which can be better spent investing in our children and our citizens. The \$103-million reduction in the Department of Corrections in the merged Department of Corrections and Board of Probation and Parole is the first such reduction we have seen, Mr. President, in many years, and it is a very important path for us to take. The budget also provides for a thorough review to examine the unification of our largest program area, the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services into a single department, a very important conversation in terms of sustainability, and possibly looking to restructure the way we offer these services to our citizens to provide more efficient spending and better outcomes.

Mr. President, like the previous years, finding the correct balance between providing necessary resources and holding the line on spending and crafting a budget has proven tremendously challenging. As we look at the proposal before us for the 2017-18 spending plan in House Bill No. 218, as amended, I believe we have been able to reach that balance. In recognizing the financial struggles the Commonwealth continues to face, this budget provides a fiscally responsible and modest increase in spending for vital State programs and services while protecting hardworking families and job creators from onerous tax increases. Mr. President, in short, it is the right financial solution for Pennsylvania's future, and I ask the Members of the Senate to endorse the proposal. Thank you very much.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, it is a pleasure to follow Senator Browne in suggesting support for this particular budget that is in front of us now on this Friday morning, June 30. Given Senator Browne's comments, I think it is also important that we provide some context for this budget and the process that allowed us to get to where we are right now.

We are struggling through a difficult economic environment. Decisions made in the past continue to provide some constraints on our ability to aggressively move forward with the appropriate investments to deal with some very significant challenges that exist for many of Pennsylvania's people. Our economy is not growing at the rate we need it to grow. Jobs are not being created at the rate that they need to be created, but those are decisions made in the past. The question then becomes, how do we move forward? How do we grapple with a difficult economic environ-

ment? And how do we get to this moment that we are in right now?

We should be reminded, Mr. President, that on the first Tuesday in February of this year, Governor Wolf introduced and provided a very austere budget proposal of \$32.3 billion. It was modest. It was thoughtful. It was an attempt to address the social and political realities that exist here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but it was a document that allowed Pennsylvania to move forward. Following that, in the weeks of public hearings by both the House and the Senate by their respective Committees on Appropriations in April of this year, the House passed a budget of \$31.5 billion, which unfortunately was—my words, our language—very Draconian with lots of cuts, lots of reductions. It was a document that really did not reflect the needs of the people of the Commonwealth given where we are right now.

In the process over the last several months since the passage of the budget coming out of the House, there have been significant conversations, in many respects, shuttle diplomacy, what have you, with all parties to get us to a point. Clearly, our effort was to get closer to what the Governor introduced back in February this year, to restore the cuts in various areas, to be thoughtful about how we structure State government, and to present what hopefully will be a strong foundation to go into the future with next year's budget.

So what we have, Mr. President, is a budget process that started out as an introduction with the Governor of \$32.3 billion, which was followed up by a passage of a budget out of the House which was \$31.5 billion, and now a negotiated agreement of a budget that is now \$31.996 billion, driving closer to where the Governor first introduced this budget. Now, as was said earlier, Mr. President, and we cannot ignore, in this budget we have restored many of the job creation programs that exist in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. There are more opportunities for economic development, for more growth, and for more jobs—real fundamental job creation programs. We have made investments in our basic education, our K through 12 education, and our college sector. We have funded our basic education with a \$100-million increase, which I believe, Mr. President, fully restores those cuts that were made in the previous administration to our basic education lines. We have increased our special education by \$25 million. We added \$25 million for the Pre-K Counts program, another \$5 million for Head Start, and another \$11 million for early intervention, important down payments on really what we need to do about jettisoning forward our education system with appropriate financing which provides 21st century education opportunities for all of the children, no matter where they are in the Commonwealth. We are not completely there, but this is an important investment.

We have, Mr. President, as we looked at getting investments in our spending areas, also taken the final steps in making Pennsylvania government operate more streamlined, more thoughtfully, and more efficiently. A proposal that this Caucus introduced several years ago, I want to say almost 5 years ago, Mr. President, of combining the Department of Corrections with the Board of Probation and Parole will now finally come to fruition. That will be reflected in this budget, making those two essential, important agencies, which need to more closely work together, by structurally putting that in place. We think that is an important step in being efficient, being thoughtful, and being smart about how the Commonwealth should operate.

In addition, Mr. President, we listened closely to the Governor's proposal of unifying a number of the different agencies, and even though there is still more work that has to be done in that area, we did make the decision to combine our Department of Human Services and our Department of Health. So, that is a good thing. Listening closely to the Governor's proposal, a number of hearings took place all across the Commonwealth by various different standing committees in the Senate, and the result of that is we decided to combine the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health, making sure that these agencies work more closely together to achieve better results for the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

So, Mr. President, we have struggled through smartly, I think, and thoughtfully given the current environment that we are in. We have decided to reject and push back on some of the uglier conversations that are occurring in other places around this country and decided to work more thoughtfully together with one another with cooler heads to try to get something positive done. For many of us, this is not all that we need to have to address some very real issues in communities across the Commonwealth, both in rural and urban communities, but this is a step forward.

We balanced out the Governor's proposal, which was austere, with the proposal that came out of the House, which we believe was Draconian, to something that is moderate and modest, but does move the Commonwealth forward. We have created an opportunity to streamline State operations by merging various departments, and thankfully, we will get this done, hopefully, prayerfully, we should be able to get this part of this effort done on time.

So, Mr. President, I encourage an affirmative vote by our Members and all Members on this document. I thank, again, the great spirit of cooperation between both our offices and our staff, Senator Browne's offices and his staff, and all engaged in this process.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I certainly echo and thank our Leaders in the Committee on Appropriations, Senator Browne and Senator Hughes, for the work that they have done, and most certainly their staff, too. Those of us who are not here every single day and into the late hours cannot probably understand how much work goes into getting a product like this done, so I think it is important, first, to thank them.

The steady stream of citizens and advocacy groups who have been coming into our offices, at least my office, and I am sure yours, too, on a 15-minute basis over the past several weeks to advocate for the piece of the budget that they care the most about has come to an end. I think we have gotten to a good place in terms of this budget, and I certainly will be a "yes" vote on it. We only got here, obviously, because of the good work of the administration, our Leadership, individual Members, and our staff. So I am very pleased about what we were able to do, but I certainly do not want to pat myself on the back too much, because there is another big piece of this that needs to be finished, right? This is not the way we normally pay our bills at home or spend; we make sure we have the money first before we do this. We all know that. But now the really hard work is coming, and I only ask that those who will be engaged in this, I know I will not be there, but I count on our Leadership and our staff and the

administration to do the hard work to get us to a good place, again, when we come back. I hope when they do that they look at sustainable revenue sources. I am willing to look at every opportunity, at everything that is presented to us, and certainly evaluate it fairly. I hope, too, that we consider that we have some opportunities that the Governor put forward that probably have not been considered but maybe still could be. As you know, I was very supportive of the unification effort. I think there still is a lot of promise in that, and I am hopeful, even if we do not get there at the end of this budget process, that we work toward that in the coming year, because I think we have to. We have to look at how we can do a better job with fewer resources, most certainly. And it can be done.

I also ask that we think about perhaps looking at a modest excise tax, severance tax, that could be placed on our bountiful natural gas resources. I will be among the first to never say that these companies do not pay taxes. They provide good jobs. This is an industry that is very, very important to Pennsylvania, but it is also an opportunity for us to look at our natural resources and look at not only how we can help to protect them, but also use them to help bring a sustainable income source to Pennsylvania. We all come here with different ideologies, but I know we come here for one reason overall, because we all care about Pennsylvania. We are here because we want this Commonwealth to be better.

We have some more work to do, Mr. President, and I urge and wish the best to those who will be bringing together that package for us and ask that they continue to focus on sustainability as we look at the revenue resources that we will present next week.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I wish I could vote "yes" on this bill, but I am going to vote "no" for the following reasons. We all say we are fiscal conservatives in both parties, and we have heard over and over again an attack on tax and spend, at least tax and spend was honest, but now what we have done in this Commonwealth and what is going on in Washington is that we replace tax and spend with borrow and spend. That, to me, is wrong, to have a budget and not have the means to pay for it and not vote on it at the same time. I put in legislation to correct that, it goes nowhere. So, Mr. President, the issue is very simple. When you do a budget, whether it is at home, as some of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle like to tell me, they use the analogy, we sit around the kitchen table and we figure out what our expenses are and how much we can pay. So what had been a Democratic tax-and-spend agenda at least was an honest one where the citizens knew what the money was going to. Now what we have done is we have a bipartisan borrow-and-spend agenda, and I just cannot agree to it.

Also, Mr. President, secondly, I have worked for 8 years to try to end this obsession with testing, and when I realized that we only could piece together \$100 million on school subsidy, and of the \$5 billion in school subsidy, even with the addition, only \$250 million will go out under the new formula to help the poorer districts, I sit here also realizing that in this budget is \$50 million for assessments. So the cost of testing our students who do not have the resources to pass the test is half of what we are going to give the school districts to help those students.

So, Mr. President, I appreciate the fine work that has been done here. I know that this work is very hard, but Mr. President, in my conversations with my constituents, which is in a Republican county, by the way, Mr. President, they have made it very clear to me that when you deal with spending, you deal with revenue at the same time. My constituents have made clear that we are not making any progress if we replace tax and spend with borrow and spend in terms of solving both the \$1.5-billion deficit from this year, where we did the same kind of borrow-and-spend budget, and we are going to do it again and we are going to borrow to save next year and probably to take care of part of this year. So, Mr. President, I think it is wonderful that we provide services to people, but let us be up front. Let us be honest. Let us tell people how we are going to pay for those services. Everyone wants something, but no one wants to pay for something, and when you have a borrow-and-spend budget, we, as a legislature, are doing exactly that. We are saying, here is the money, but we do not know how we are going to pay for it. So I have to vote in the negative.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, very briefly, I thank the Members for their comments and thank both sides of the aisle for the opportunity to negotiate and work to provide for a budget that I think many of us in this room thought we might not be able to achieve. So there are a significant number of investments that we are making together. Together we are making significant investments at a time when it is difficult to do, investments in education, continuing our efforts to restore resources, particularly in the K to 12 area, but also, to me, as I mentioned on this floor many times, nearly \$30 million in additional early learning dollars, which I think is critically important, but also the economic development activity that takes place in the various lines that we restored, many of the lines that were cut, Draconian cuts in business development and job growth opportunities that came from House Bill No. 218 from the House.

There are a number of other areas that we have addressed with respect to maintaining resources available for the opioid crisis, which I think continues to be a priority for the Members of this General Assembly and the front office, the Governor's Office. I think that is extremely important. We also are making investments in a lot of critical programs that focus on those who are chronically ill, through the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services, that I think mean a lot to a lot of people, particularly in the area of outreach. There are a lot of positive things in this particular budget. I thank the folks who helped us work to get through this, including certainly a number of staff, Leaders, and some of the various committee chairs along those lines.

With respect to the previous gentleman's conversation about how we pay for it, I think as our colleague from Berks County referenced, that conversation will take place as we go forward. I have full confidence that together we will make certain that we provide the resources for this Commonwealth to fund this budget. I think it is a very austere budget, as the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations said before, less than 1 percent, 0.6 percent over last year's spending. To me, I think that is a significant advancement in the continuation of the policies that we are trying to work to shrink government. This is a budget that

does both. It makes strategic investments in areas that are important, stabilizes funding from year to year for many agencies and departments, but also recognizes that we need to continue to look to streamline the resources and spending that we do in this Commonwealth. Now, our next challenge, as mentioned, is to look at the revenue side of the equation. I have full confidence, as I mentioned, that we will be able to do that together in a continued bipartisan way that allows us to achieve what needs to be done to achieve this measure.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator WAGNER. Mr. President, I will be voting "no" on House Bill No. 218, and here is why. I came to Harrisburg 3 years ago, and I come from the private sector. One thing that I have learned in the private sector, and it is rule number one: Know where your revenue is coming from before you spend money. We are stuck in a process right now, everything is, well, we have always done it this way. The problem we have today is that we have a budget process that we are using that is a budget process that was used last year, 5 years ago, 10 years ago, 15 years, 20 years ago; the numbers are just getting much bigger. Now, we have numbers that are in the billions, and we are in the tens of billions, and I applaud the Committee on Appropriations and the Members of this Chamber for all of the work that they have put into this budget. I appreciate and respect all of the hard work. My issue is that we do not know where the revenue is coming from, and today we are going to vote on a spending package. But we have a monster here in Harrisburg, and every year the monster is hungrier and the monster needs to eat more, and we just keep feeding the monster.

We have school districts around Pennsylvania that are sitting on approximately \$4.4 billion worth of reserve funds. In the last year, at the end of 2015, the reserve funds were around \$4.3 billion. At the end of 2016, which was approximately 6 months ago, those reserve funds increased by \$100 million. So we are increasing our spending and giving more to schools so they can increase their reserve funds. We need to look at this process. The fact that we are essentially going to borrow from somewhere else, we are robbing--basically, in the private sector and in our homes we call it robbing Peter to pay Paul, and now it has come to State government where we are going to rob Peter to pay Paul. We are internally lending money. That is not a good process. We need to go back to zero-based budgeting. My colleague from Chester County, I think he may have pulled, this is actually a line he may have come over to my desk and saw it written down, but he talked about people sitting down at their kitchen table. We need to look at our spending and we need to look at our revenue and they need to be linked together.

Something that really bothers me about Harrisburg is, and it was reported last year, we had a very, very large debate and a lot of hard feelings over the money spent at the Department of Labor and Industry for the unemployment call center infrastructure upgrade. Over a 10-year period we spent \$410 million and we have nothing to show for it. The Auditor General released an audit that he performed in January, February, and March at the Department of Labor and Industry, he could not even account for \$178 million. They literally do not know where the money went. That means they do not know where the cancelled checks are, they do not know where the invoices are. Was the money stolen?

What happened to the money? He cannot account for the money. Then there is the infamous statewide radio system project that started back in 2006. Almost \$1 billion was wasted and we have nothing to show for it.

Now, listen, I say to my colleagues, we talk about this \$410 million and the \$1 billion, but you know the response that I get from everybody? And listen, I have a tremendous amount of respect, but everybody just shakes their heads and they walk away. Nobody cares about this. This is taxpayer money that has been wasted. Actually, we have to find out where this kind of stuff is going, but we have a monster that we just continue to feed. It has to stop. We have to stop doing things the old way. I hear about status quo all the time. We have always done it this way. If I ran my business for one solid week the way that we run State government, I would not be in business and so would thousands, tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands of other Pennsylvania businesses. We have to stop this madness.

So therefore, I urge my colleagues to look hard when you cast your vote today. Again, I want everyone to understand that I came here 3 years ago and when I was on the outside, I was very critical of the system, but I have come to respect and acknowledge the hard work that a lot of people do. The staff of the Committee on Appropriations, the time and energy they spend crunching numbers, trying to make things work, but at the end of the day, we have to stop the way we are doing it now and look at a new way. Exxon Corporation, a \$300-billion corporation traded on the New York Stock Exchange, does zero-based budgeting. There are tens of thousands of companies in York County and in southcentral Pennsylvania and probably hundreds of thousands of businesses in Pennsylvania that do zero-based budgeting every single day. We have to stop what we are doing now and we have to change things.

So, again, I respect everyone and the hard work, but I will be casting a "no" vote today. Thank you.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I thank all of the Members. I know it has been a long week away from your families to get all the work done that is needed to get a General Appropriation bill passed and to the Governor by June 30. Hopefully, in a few minutes we will be accomplishing that. So I thank everyone for their patience and their hard work and all of their dedication to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, whether you are a "yes" or a "no" vote, every Member comes here with ideas and talent to try to make Pennsylvania a better place. The mix of 50 Members here in the Senate is what makes this a special place. So I thank everyone for their patience and their hard work this week.

Mr. President, in my time in the Senate, the one thing that I find that has been the most difficult over the years is for government to look to the future. In government, we have problems that face us right now, and those problems can be difficult, and so therefore you try to address those immediately and you do not necessarily, by finding consensus, look to the future. You look to how to get to tomorrow or to the next fiscal year. So you make short-term decisions that solve short-term problems, but sometimes they create longer-term problems. The way government operates, you sort of get past that day to get to the next day. That has been, in the history of government, and all over the place, including Pennsylvania, including previous legislatures here, including some that I was a part of, we made decisions facing

problems that we had at the time that solved the issue for that day but carried on larger problems into the future. I refer to those as legacy issues, issues that this legislature has had to deal with. When we talked about some of the problems, as the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations mentioned, and some of the challenges we face in this budget, a lot of that is caused by some of these legacy issues from the past that were resolved in ways that did not look down the road. So we have had the challenge to try to deal with those.

One of those in the past was the issue of the Department of Corrections. The chairman of the Committee on Appropriations mentioned this is an historic budget of cuts in the Department of Corrections. The Governor announced earlier this year he is going to be closing a correctional facility, which a few years back, I think, would have been unthought of. A few years back, under a previous Governor, we were sending prisoners out of State to house them because our prison population had gotten so large. So we were shipping them out of State and paying other States to house our prisoners. Well, thanks to the work of this Chamber and the Chamber next door, led by our chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, the gentleman from Montgomery County, we slowly but surely changed policies, and by doing justice reinvestment, we have been able to make a big change. It was not something we did overnight or started policy changes that gave us savings that day, but because we did them years ago it is now producing savings today. Our prison population has gone from a point where we were increasing our population by 1,500 new prisoners a year, which is essentially building a new prison every year to house that increase, to the point where now it is flat growth, to the point where, now with the merger of the Board of Probation and Parole, we are now actually going to see a savings. Again, hard work done that did not get savings immediately, but over time has produced them and has put us in a much better position than we were years ago. At the same time, crime rates are going down in Pennsylvania statewide. So, that has been good work. We did not look at the problem today, we looked at the problem tomorrow, we put in the hard work, and over time, we achieved success.

Earlier this month, we passed a public pension reform bill. Obviously, one of the great weights on this budget over the years has been the liability we have in the public pension area. Our increase as the employer and our contribution to the pension system, which comes from the taxpayers, has gone from around \$600 million back in 2006-07 to in excess of \$3 billion, and if you add what the school districts are putting on, there are billions more. That has obviously been a tremendous weight on this General Fund budget. Again, because of the pension bill we passed earlier this month, we will now begin a process of putting ourselves in a much better position. No, we did not receive those savings in this year's budget. In this year's budget we are living up to our responsibilities from Act 120 of 2010 by continuing to make our contributions. This legislature is living up to that responsibility, but, we are putting measures into place that somewhere down the line in a not-too-distant future, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will be in a much better position in its pension obligation debt than it is today. Again, we are looking to the future, and hopefully as we did in just the reinvestments, we will see improvements in that area.

Another large area, obviously, is human services. That has been a challenge as our aging population continues to grow in

Pennsylvania, and the weight on the programs we have to deal with that has been taxing. Obviously, the Lottery has been in a stressful situation and we are trying to deal with that. The Governor did make proposals and we are looking at those. The chairman of our committees, the Committee on Health and Human Services, the gentlewoman from Luzerne County, and the Committee on Aging and Youth, the gentlewoman from Mercer County, and also the chairman of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, the gentlewoman from Washington County, are trying to work through a process so we can review that and hopefully find those savings. It is important that we go through a process. Those are departments that have very delicate constituencies, and we have been a big believer in that we need to walk before we run. I believe under the leadership of those chairmen, we are going to put together a process so we can continue to review this down the road, and hopefully find the savings that the Governor is looking for by merging some of these departments. We will continue that work as we have done the hard work in the other areas that I mentioned before.

Debt is another issue that is a challenge, and has been a big issue for the Speaker of the House. He has sent us some debt relief bills over the years to try to restructure our debt in a way that will begin to rein in its growth. We are going to continue, hopefully over the next week, working on legislation such as that to deal with those issues. These are big, weighty issues. Like a cruise liner or a battleship, we do not turn quickly. To turn these things around, it takes some time, but if you do not get started, you never get there. I think this legislature has started this challenge and taken on these difficult issues, which have been so taxing on our budget, and have prevented us from investing in areas we would like to be investing in. Again, like any budget, it will not take long to look at it and say, here are the things we like, but here are the things we do not like.

We are still challenged in our investments in higher education. There is a lot of talk about money we put into education this year, and we did, and I think it is very good, but we are still lagging behind in higher education. Pennsylvania recently ranked in *U.S. News* as 47th in student debt and 48th in tuition costs. A lot of that could be tied right back to here, in our investment and our support of higher education, but that is a challenge for tomorrow, unfortunately. It is something we need to address, but until we get some of these cost drivers in line that I have talked about, these legacy issues that this legislature inherited--many of the men and women in this Chamber inherited these issues and are brave enough to tackle them and put policies into place that involve delicate constituencies that will move these issues forward. Some of those challenges will have to wait a little longer, but they are challenges that we need to address in the near future.

I am proud, as Leader of our Caucus, but also as a Member of this Chamber, that those other issues I talked about earlier, this legislature has not kicked them down the road and has not looked to today and not worried about tomorrow. It is taking on the issues today and maybe future legislatures will benefit from the courage and the vision of the people in this Chamber. This budget is not perfect, and it is certainly easy to find a reason to vote "no," like any budget, but like any good budget, it is a compromise. It deals with how we get to tomorrow, but this legislature is doing it in a way that looks down the road as well, and I think it is a budget that is very worthy of support.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-43

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

NAY-7

Dinniman	Haywood	Leach	Williams
DiSanto	Hutchinson	Wagner	

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate 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.

NONPREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILLS ON
THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 325 (Pr. No. 1021) -- The Senate proceeded to consider-
ation of the bill, entitled:

An Act making appropriations to the Trustees of the University of
Pennsylvania.

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 two-thirds 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 326 (Pr. No. 1059) -- The Senate proceeded to consider-
ation of the bill, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of April 1, 1863 (P.L.213, No.227), enti-
tled "An act to accept the grant of Public Lands, by the United States,
to the several states, for the endowment of Agricultural Colleges," mak-
ing appropriations for carrying the same into effect; providing for a
basis for payments of such appropriations, for a method of accounting
for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure;
and making an appropriation from a restricted account within the Agri-
cultural College Land Scrip Fund.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The 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 two-thirds 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 327 (Pr. No. 1060) -- The Senate proceeded to consider-
ation of the bill, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of July 28, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.87,
No.3), known as the University of Pittsburgh--Commonwealth Act,
making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; and providing
for a basis for payments of such appropriations, for a method of ac-
counting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information
disclosure.

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 two-thirds 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 328 (Pr. No. 522) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of November 30, 1965 (P.L.843, No.355), entitled "An act providing for the establishment and operation of Temple University as an instrumentality of the Commonwealth to serve as a State-related university in the higher education system of the Commonwealth; providing for change of name; providing for the composition of the board of trustees; terms of trustees, and the power and duties of such trustees; providing for preference to Pennsylvania residents in tuition; providing for public support and capital improvements; authorizing appropriations in amounts to be fixed annually by the General Assembly; providing for the auditing of accounts of expenditures from said appropriations; authorizing the issuance of bonds exempt from taxation within the Commonwealth; requiring the President to make an annual report of the operations of Temple University," making an appropriation for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of such appropriation; and providing a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

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 two-thirds 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 329 (Pr. No. 523) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of July 7, 1972 (P.L.743, No.176), entitled "An act providing for the establishment and operation of Lincoln University as an instrumentality of the Commonwealth to serve as a State-related institution in the higher education system of the Commonwealth; providing for change of name; providing for the composition of the board of trustees; terms of trustees, and the power and duties of such trustees; providing for preference to Pennsylvania residents in tuition; authorizing appropriations in amounts to be fixed annually by the General Assembly; providing for the auditing of accounts of expenditures from said appropriations; providing for public support and capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of bonds exempt from taxation within the Commonwealth; requiring the President to make an annual report of the operations of Lincoln University," making an appropriation for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of the appropriation; and providing a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, of course I will vote for this, but I want to point out the unfairness of what occurs here. Twenty-five percent of the Lincoln University budget comes from State appropriations, and only 4 percent or 5 percent of Pitt's and Penn State's budget, and about 11 percent of Temple's budget, comes from State appropriations. When you hold things even, you need to understand that each of these colleges is punished in a very different way in the sense of the loss of income. Since Lincoln University is in my district, and since this has five times more the impact for Lincoln University than for Pitt or Penn State, and certainly twice the impact for Temple, I rise to say, yes, I will vote for it, because I am grateful it has not been cut, but I also want to make the point that in the future we should understand the difference that this appropriation makes for the different colleges, for the four universities in the system. In my judgment, Lincoln University in my district is not being treated fairly when we make a decision not understanding the percentage that is dependent upon State appropriations.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Alloway	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Baker	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel

Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Vulakovich
Blake	Gordner	Rafferty	Wagner
Boscola	Greenleaf	Regan	Ward
Brewster	Haywood	Resenthaler	White
Brooks	Hughes	Sabatina	Williams
Browne	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yaw
Corman	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak
Costa	Langerhole	Schwank	
Dinniman	Laughlin	Stefano	

NAY-0

A constitutional two-thirds 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 AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 16 (Pr. No. 1056) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

HB 59 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

HB 118 (Pr. No. 2159) -- 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 Health and its departmental administrative and advisory boards, providing for Emergency Drug and Alcohol Detoxification Program.

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 168 (Pr. No. 140) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 168 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 168, Printer's No. 140, 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 211 and **HB 290** -- 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 332 (Pr. No. 935) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 422, **SB 431** 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 503 (Pr. No. 500) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 503 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 503, Printer's No. 500, 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 LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 504 (Pr. No. 753) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 504 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 504, Printer's No. 753, 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 508, SB 590, SB 616, SB 629, SB 677, SB 697, SB 751 and HB 1426 -- 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 and SB 31 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 45 (Pr. No. 2108) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 56, HB 105, HB 126, SB 128, SB 135, 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 211 (Pr. No. 1269) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for a grant program for a Statewide 2-1-1 system and imposing duties on the Department of Human Services.

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 240, SB 403, SB 406, HB 411, SB 471, SB 472, SB 494, SB 533, SB 542, SB 610, SB 655, SB 658, SB 692, SB 723, SB 728, SB 756, SB 785, SB 786, HB 790, SB 792, HB 866 and HB 1039 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1285 (Pr. No. 1589) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for exemptions and special provisions.

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 OVER IN ORDER

HB 1288 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1431 (Pr. No. 2156) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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 Route 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; 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; and designating the bridge carrying State Route 3012 over the Susquehanna River between City Island and the intersection with State Route 1010 and State Route 1027, commonly referred to as the Market Street Bridge, as the Senator Harold Mowery Market Street Bridge.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

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

SB 172 (Pr. No. 1067) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices and providing for automated speed enforcement systems.

SB 663 (Pr. No. 781) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in adoption and enforcement by municipalities, further providing for administration and enforcement.

HB 1490 (Pr. No. 2163) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rates and distribution systems, further providing for rates to be just and reasonable; and providing for water and sewer authorities in cities of the second class.

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

HB 234 (Pr. No. 200)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for collection of restitution, reparation, fees, costs, fines and penalties.

HB 236 (Pr. No. 202)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in judgments and other liens, further providing for personal earnings exempt from process; and, in sentencing, further providing for payment of court costs, restitution and fines.

HB 280 (Pr. No. 369)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in bonds and recognizances, further providing for bail to be governed by general rules.

HB 285 (Pr. No. 2197) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for collection of restitution, reparation, fees, costs, fines and penalties.

HB 631 (Pr. No. 668)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, providing for a mandatory period of probation for certain sexual offenders.

HB 1523 (Pr. No. 2084)

An Act amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in DNA data and testing, further providing for policy, for definitions, for powers and duties of State Police, for State

DNA Data Base, for State DNA Data Bank, for State Police recommendation of additional offenses, for procedural compatibility with FBI and for DNA sample required upon conviction, delinquency adjudication and certain ARD cases, providing for collection from persons accepted from other jurisdictions and further providing for procedures for withdrawal, collection and transmission of DNA samples, for procedures for conduct, disposition and use of DNA analysis, for DNA data base exchange and for expungement.

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

SB 781 (Pr. No. 1068) (Amended)

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 831 (Pr. No. 1840)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to operation of vehicles, further providing for obedience to authorized persons directing traffic and providing for drivers in organized motorcycle processions; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for following too closely.

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 Schuylkill Haven Church of the Nazarene by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Krick family, Laura Kaskey, Samuel Angstadt, Ayla Blatt and to Zaren Kerper by Senators Argall and Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reverend and Mrs. Richard G. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Martin and to Lititz Springs Park by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Susquehanna Valley Emergency Medical Service by Senators Aument and Martin.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jeff Metz by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waddell, citizens of the Borough of Townville, Mitchell Milk Hauling, Pine Hill Golf Course and to Mercer County Antique Power Association by Senator Brooks.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Laree Alley Distler, Adele McMichael Wasson, Walter B. Ross, Jr., Mary Marcin Anthus and to Selma M. Wentz by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. David Mann, Chief Diane M. Conrad, Dorothy Powell, Skylar Packer, Juniata Valley Bank, Kish Bank and to NuVisions Center by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Association of Slovene Americans by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Angelina Pappas and to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Epsilon Sigma Omega Chapter by Senator DiSanto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Young, Oakes, Brown and Company, P.C. by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John A. Parse by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nevada Richie by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Gary Entreklin by Senator Killion and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Clair Easter, Justice Hudak, Benjamin M. Fye and to Alec J. Burkhart by Senator Langerholc.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to WCTL Radio by Senator Laughlin.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nicholas Stout and to Melville C. McKenney by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the citizens of Uwchlan Township by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ian Collier Gabig, Daniel S. Shank, Andrew C. Heidelbaugh, Jakeb D. Flowers, Spencer Mulhearn and to Jackson Keith McLaughlin by Senator Regan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Steven Shissler by Senators Regan and Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kevin Patrick Martin, John Michael Martin and to Jeffrey P. Schmoyer by Senator Resenthaler.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tacony-Holmesburg Town Watch, Inc., and to Sigma Alpha Rho Fraternity by Senator Sabatina.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kallenborn, Timothy L. Holladay and to Francis L. Hendricks by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Hilda I. Transue by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matt Kramer by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jon Christian Kardos and to Stephen Paul Kertis by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Balint and to Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hankinson by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Yarmel by Senator Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mountain Top on the Move 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 Sadie Toney Reynolds by Senator Hughes.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late John D. Hontz by Senator Killion.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late James Edward Stratton and to the family of the late Leonard Esmond Crooke by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Edith Washington Benson and to the family of the late Wilbur Alonzo Smith, Sr., by Senator Williams.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator BLAKE. 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 781, HB 234, HB 236, HB 280, HB 285, HB 631, HB 831 and HB 1523.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2017

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 6 and 781; and House Bills No. 97, 211, 234, 236, 285, 409, 631, 785, 1494 and 1523)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Resolutions No. 165 and 166; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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Off the Floor	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Bill No. 52; and House Bill No. 824)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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BILLS SIGNED

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

HB 423 and HB 424.

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess to the call of the President pro tempore.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the Senate stands in recess to the call of the President pro tempore.

AFTER RECESS

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

HOUSE MESSAGE**HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
TO HOUSE BILL**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 218**.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the Minority Leader has made the following appointment:

Ms. Veronica A. Richards as a member of the Patient Safety Authority.

BILL SIGNED

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

HB 218.

RECESS

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

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess to the call of the President pro tempore.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the Senate stands in recess to the call of the President pro tempore.

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator John C. Rafferty, Jr.) in the Chair.

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

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Saturday, July 8, 2017, at 1:18 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 10:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.