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MONDAY, July 10, 2017

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

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

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Senator ANDREW E. DINNIMAN:

First, both myself and Senator Rafferty, who gave the prayer yesterday, thank the Senate for allowing us this opportunity. Indeed, you have Father Rafferty and Rabbi Dinniman here as your praise team, and we thank you for that.

Father, we know that today and tomorrow are not going to be an easy time, and we ask You for Your guidance and Your prayers. When people such as myself and Senator Rafferty come up here, and when others in the Senate and the guest Chaplains come, we are following the tradition that you might not be aware of that is over 335 years old in Pennsylvania. In 1682, through the mercy and guidance of God, the Great Law of Pennsylvania was issued, and the first part of that law, which was from the first Legislature, established freedom of religion. God, we thank You for having done that in this Commonwealth. At that time, through Your guidance, God, Pennsylvania became the only large political unit in the world that guaranteed religious liberty and religious freedom for all.

Father, as we look over the Great Law of 1682, since we are the descendants of those who gathered in 1682, we see that the issues were the same. They discussed gambling and the regulation of public houses, which were bars and taverns, they discussed taxes, they discussed prisons, all of the same issues--such as elections and who should register, and the possibilities of fraud--that we discuss today. Because, You see, Father, what You have taught us is that while this stage of history changes, human feelings, human emotions, and who we are as human beings to do good and to do evil does not change. What You have shown us is that while the stage changes, we who are here 335 years later have the same emotions for love and hate, for fear, for anxiety, and all the human emotions. This continuation has helped us understand how dependent we are on You, because it has allowed us to see, going back to that first Assembly, both our weaknesses, our need for You, our strength, and the possibility of what we can achieve through faith.

So today, as we go into the final Session, we want to also look outside and look around us. We thank You, God, for this most amazing day, for the leaping green spirit of the trees, a true-blue dream of sky, and for everything which is natural, for everything which is infinite, for everything which is yes, because what we have learned in the 335 years is the importance of the freedom of religion and religious liberty. But, we have also learned that by being together, by achieving Quaker consensus, that we can achieve the yes, the yes is the hope, the yes is the possibilities that we have as human beings, and the yes is what God and faith is all about. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Dinniman for a very nice prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communications in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

July 10, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Patrick Eiding, 3862 Linden Avenue, Philadelphia 19114, Philadelphia County, Fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple University of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 14, 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Edward Rudolph, Penn Valley, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

July 10, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, H.F. "Gerry" Lenfest, 2445 Oaks Circle, Huntingdon Valley 19006, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple University of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 14, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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 Bartolotta, and legislative leaves for Senator DiSanto, Senator Gordner, Senator Greenleaf, and Senator Wagner.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Bartolotta, and legislative leaves for Senator DiSanto, Senator Gordner, Senator Greenleaf, and Senator Wagner.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of June 4, 2017, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of June 4, 2017.

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

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

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN P. BLAKE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, I am delighted to welcome today two fine young women who have been serving as interns in my office for a portion of this summer, and they have been exposed to the work that I have been doing in the district, as well as here in the Capitol. Tiffany Warnetsky is a senior at Bloomsburg University majoring in political science and communications. Anna Notchick is a senior at Marywood University in Scranton majoring in history with minors in political science and sociology. She just scored very well on her LSAT, so Anna will be, as Senator Corman likes to say, soon burdened with a law degree.

I would appreciate a warm welcome for these fine young women who have a lot of promise in their future, Mr. President. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Blake, Tiffany and Anna, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. I visited Marywood University a while ago and it is a great school. Please tell Sister I said hello.

**GUEST OF SENATOR DONALD C. WHITE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator White.

Senator WHITE. Mr. President, today I introduce John Louis Gatti, who is serving as my intern here in the Harrisburg office. He is originally from my hometown of Indiana. His family has been wonderful friends of mine for many, many decades, and John currently lives in Mechanicsburg. He is a business major at High Point University where he will be a junior. I would appreciate it very much if you would join me in welcoming Mr. Gatti to the Pennsylvania Senate. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator White, John Louis Gatti, who is in the gallery, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, my guest is on his way up from our office, but allow me to introduce to the Senate a young man who has an outstanding resume. Matthew DeSantis is spending a few months with us in our office of General Counsel

as a legal intern from Duquesne University School of Law. He has been a fantastic addition to our staff and has a bright future ahead of him.

As I mentioned previously, we, each year, take in two Duquesne University law student interns to allow them to experience the opportunity of working and doing legal research and understanding the legislative process. This is the process by which the University assembles applications from the law students and they make a determination they deem to be best appropriate for this particular position.

Mr. President, more than that, though, Matthew is a wonderful all-around young man who I am very proud to have had the chance to be part of our staff. His list of accomplishments and activities are lengthy. To be honest with you, Mr. President, the future of Pennsylvania is very strong with folks like Matthew, who will someday soon be at the helm in our communities. Mr. President, Matthew graduated from Duquesne in 2014 with a B.A. in political science and a minor in German. He is a Duquesne Honors College member and a member of the Alpha Delta national service fraternity, devoting himself already to more than 200-plus hours of service within the community. That is an outstanding contribution to our Commonwealth. Matthew is a published writer for the Duquesne Law School *Juris Magazine*, as was I a number of years ago, while also playing on their intramural soccer team and participating in the Reed Smith Mock Trial Training Program, in which Duquesne consistently excels. Outside of his studies and extracurricular activities, Matthew finds time to give back to the community and the less fortunate. He is a volunteer with the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society, the Daisy Wilson Artist Community, and Best Buddies of PA. If all of that was not enough, he is a member of Duquesne's Power Center's 1,000 pound weight lifting club. Certainly a club I will not be a part of. And if the skills and intellect within the legal realm are not enough, he on his own built a desktop computer capable of playing high-definition video games, and maybe, who knows, some computer gaming games as well. We cannot help but be energized and proud of the work and focus of this tremendous young man.

I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming and giving best wishes to my legal intern from Duquesne University School of Law, Matthew DeSantis.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Costa, Matthew DeSantis, who is on the Senate floor, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa, for your information, Duquesne is a great school, and you know I visited with President Gormley, and you have done a wonderful job. Did you say that you wrote for the *Duquesne Law Review*? Did I hear that?

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I only wish. I simply wrote for Duquesne *Juris Magazine*. Those of us who could not get on the *Law Review* ended up writing for *Juris*. Just saying.

The PRESIDENT. We are all going to rush and review your articles, Senator.

Matthew, once again, welcome.

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 a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I ask Democrats to meet in our caucus room upon recess.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

CALENDAR

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 144 (Pr. No. 1051) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 144?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 144.

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-48

Alloway	Dinniman	Leach	Stefano
Argall	DiSanto	Martin	Street
Aument	Eichelberger	McGarrigle	Tartaglione

Baker	Farnese	McIlhinney	Tomlinson
Bartolotta	Folmer	Mensch	Vogel
Blake	Fontana	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Boscola	Gordner	Regan	Wagner
Brewster	Greenleaf	Resenthaler	Ward
Brooks	Haywood	Sabatina	White
Browne	Hughes	Scarnati	Williams
Corman	Killion	Scavello	Yaw
Costa	Laughlin	Schwank	Yudichak

NAY-1

Hutchinson

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 289 (Pr. No. 1020) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of old State Route 22 over the Conemaugh River in Blairsville Borough, Indiana County, as the Blairsville Area Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating that portion of State Route 4027, also known as Business U.S. Route 220, over the Norfolk Southern mainline railroad tracks in Grazierville, Snyder Township, Blair County, as the John Fredrick Bridges Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 53825, on that portion of State Route 1011, also known as Castile Run Road, over the South Fork Tenmile Creek between Jefferson Township and Clarksville Borough, Greene County, as the PFC Brent A. McClellan Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 11 over the Susquehanna River between the City of Pittston and West Pittston Borough, Luzerne County, as the Specialist Dale J. Kridlo Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge at the junction of State Route 150 and State Route 64 over Fishing Creek in Mill Hall Borough, Clinton County, as the U.S. Navy SOC David M. Collins Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 2014 over Lycoming Creek, City of Williamsport, Lycoming County, as the Alexander M. McFadden Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 85 over the north branch of Plum Creek, Plumville Borough, Indiana County, as the Henry Lue Weaver Memorial Bridge; and designating a bridge on State Route 26 over Bald Eagle Creek, Howard Township, Centre County, as the Howard Area Veterans Bridge.

On the question, Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 289?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 289.

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

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

YEA-49

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

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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 527 (Pr. No. 1081) -- 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, establishing the Office of State Inspector General.

On the question, Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 527?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 527.

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-47

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

NAY-2

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

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

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 553 (Pr. No. 1037) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for surrender of license, for period of disqualification, revocation or suspension of operating privilege, for driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked, for chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled substance, for probationary license and for ignition interlock limited license; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for penalties, for ignition interlock and for illegally operating a motor vehicle not equipped with ignition interlock.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 553?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 553.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YEA-49

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

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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 624 (Pr. No. 1000) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 624?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 624.

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-28

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

NAY-21

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 6 (Pr. No. 1085) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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 York, Senator Regan.

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, thank you to my Senate colleagues for your consideration of Senate Bill No. 6, the Public Assistance Integrity Act. Mr. President, I recently came across a quote from Senator Marco Rubio which I think captures the underlying intent of this proposal. In speaking about Social Security and Medicaid he said, when you talk about reforming our entitlement programs, it is not always about cutting these programs, sometimes it is about saving these programs, many of which are on a path to fiscal unsustainability.

Mr. President, as we prepare to vote on this landmark reform, I emphasize that Senate Bill No. 6 was crafted with two objectives in mind. First, to demonstrate to the taxpayers of Pennsylvania that we value their significant tax contributions and are willing to hold the beneficiaries of those dollars accountable for their actions. Second, and more importantly, to preserve public assistance for those who are truly in need and deserving of taxpayer-funded benefits on which they depend. Mr. President, despite our ideological differences in this Chamber, I think many of us, in fact, most of us, will concede that Pennsylvania has a problem when it comes to welfare fraud. We have all seen the headlines: "Welfare fraud, 346 guilty in first 6 months of 2016." That came from WGAL in September of 2016; "Latest charges total \$287K stolen in Pa. Welfare fraud" last month, *LehighValleyLive* in June of 2017; "Woman accused of trading food aid for heroin is among 64 charged with welfare fraud," *PennLive*, 2017. A June 15 article on ABC27 details how the Office of Inspector General has charged more than 250 Pennsylvanians with welfare fraud since the beginning of 2017 alone, amounting to over \$1.5 million in misused funds. In the same article, Bruce Beemer explains how electronic benefit transfer cards are being used with increasing regularity as currency on the black market, something I witnessed firsthand during my 23 years as a U.S. Marshal.

Quite frankly, Mr. President, the people of Pennsylvania are tired of reading these headlines. It is something I hear from my constituents at the grocery store and at my kids' lacrosse games week after week and month after month. It begs the question, Mr. President, what are we, as policymakers, prepared to do about it?

This legislation is a culmination of several years of work not only by myself, but by others, like my colleagues Senator Scarnati and Senator Argall. Central components of this bill, which address the eligibility of high-level felony drug dealers and noncompliant sex offenders, were contained in bills that passed the House last Session with overwhelming bipartisan support. The bill places reasonable controls on how and where EBT cards can be used, no matter where you are from. I hope, as a matter of statewide policy, we can agree that taxpayer-funded benefits should be spent in grocery stores and not in strip clubs or casinos. We always strive to pass thoughtfully-crafted legislation, Mr. President. When it comes to tracking benefit fraud, interagency coordination is sorely lacking. When Senate Bill No. 6 becomes law, it will be the first law of its kind to require the Department of Human Services and the Office of Inspector General to work cooperatively for the purpose of detecting and rooting out benefit fraud. Mr. President, this is a reasonable bill. It

was made better yesterday with the amendment offered by my colleague from Philadelphia, Senator Street. The amendment provided, as he puts it, a path for redemption by reducing the lifetime ban to a 10-year ban and including reasonable exceptions for our senior citizens.

Mr. President, the Public Assistance Integrity Act is not designed to be callous or unduly punitive. The bill is about addressing the most egregious abuses of our welfare system and enhancing the law to protect the eligibility of our society's most vulnerable and needy. Mr. President, I respectfully ask the Members for an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 6.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I rise to address this bill. Folks from different parts of the Commonwealth view things differently. This is a big State, with people from a variety of different perspectives on the issues. There are a number of goals that the maker has sought to address. This bill does not address all of them, but he needs to take steps towards addressing the concerns of his constituents, as I do mine, and each of us does our own. At this point, this bill reflects some of the values that are important to me. The amended bill will make sure that folks who committed crimes long ago and who have already turned around their lives do not get caught up in a net designed for people who are currently in the process of or in the business of selling drugs. There are people who made mistakes in the past and maybe were wrong and were punished and have turned around their lives. The reason I worked with the maker was because I was concerned that all too often when we are seeking to address one problem, the law of unintended consequences has negative consequences, most often on people whom I represent.

So I thank the maker for carving that out so that the scope has been narrowed. I point out that in order to suffer the consequences of the bill, you must first be convicted of distributing a measure of narcotics that is beyond what a person merely standing on the corner would have, and that even after that you must then fail two subsequent drug tests or be convicted of a subsequent drug distribution offense. I do not believe this to be a perfect bill, but I do believe that as a body we have to work together to represent the interests of people across the Commonwealth. The interests of the people of north Philadelphia may be different than the interests of people in other parts of this State, but I think this bill now fairly represents concerns that were addressed by people throughout the body. My greatest concerns have been addressed, the ones that I raised in the meeting of the Committee on Health and Human Services, where I voted against it. It now addresses the concerns of senior citizens, and I think if we are going to work as a collaborative body, we have to be able to vote for collaborative legislation, and therefore I urge a "yes" vote on the bill as amended.

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I appreciate the opportunity to bring my perspective to this conversation as well. I certainly want the maker of the bill to know that I understand the perspective from which this legislation was derived, but I have learned a couple of things in my few years here in the Senate. One, when you fix one problem, sometimes you create two others by legislation. Two, this is a diverse State. As Senator Street

remarked, what is maybe helpful in one part of the State may not be as helpful in another part of the Commonwealth as well. Another thing is that we represent the entire Commonwealth. Yes, we are here to represent our constituents. I certainly am here to do that, too, and I know mine care about this, but they want me and they want all of us to create policies that are policies that will work, that will not harm more than they will help. I am afraid that this bill gets into that territory, and I think that is unfortunate, because I certainly do not support welfare fraud. Not one single person in this Chamber does. We all know very well that dollars that are diverted for the wrong purposes are not getting to the people who absolutely need them.

There are a few things in this bill, certainly that I have mentioned in the Committee on Appropriations, but there are a couple of things that I have some numbers on now that I would like to talk about. One is the issue of the replacement EBT or the SNAP cards that are used for what we used to call food stamps. We already know that Federal law limits the amount of money that States can charge for replacing a lost or stolen EBT card to no more than the cost of replacing the card. So now the Commonwealth charges \$2.50 for the second and any subsequent times an EBT card is replaced, unless the card is damaged. Mr. President, that is Federal law. By averting or diverting what the purpose is of the Federal law, we are putting \$172 million in SNAP benefits possibly at risk. That is what the Commonwealth is dispensing in terms of food stamps or SNAP benefits. We could be putting ourselves at risk or liable for having to replace that.

We know also that State law was already amended to require compliance with all the obligations imposed by the criminal court to require participation in drug treatment and to provide for drug testing for individuals with drug convictions as a condition of receiving benefits. The issues relative to sex offenders, as well, have already been addressed in other legislation. I am in support of all of those things. My fear is the unintended consequences of this bill. Primarily, one of the things that is an issue for me is the issue of people on Temporary Aid for Needy Families. In Pennsylvania, 90 percent of those people are women. So, whether it is 10 years or it is a lifetime, I think it is going to be a very severe penalty for individuals who maybe have drug addiction disease problems but yet they are trying to overcome them. This, I think, will be a very severe penalty and will actually hinder them from being able to recover. Sometimes you need a little help to get off of assistance. This, I think, works to the opposite of that.

Mr. President, I am also very concerned about this issue of welfare fraud, and, in fact, I found it interesting, in a conversation with Inspector General Beemer about the issue of welfare fraud, I actually had them come into a meeting in the city of Reading, which is in my district, to talk to store owners about the issue. He relayed to me, the Inspector General, that probably more than the fact that drug kingpins are using EBT cards is the fact that stores are trading them for cash.

In other words, he gave me the example that there is actually a store very close to us here in the Capitol where somebody would come in with their EBT card, let us say it has \$100 on it, and the store owner would give that individual \$60, or maybe \$50, in cash so that they could use that to buy drugs. Now, are the store owners not complicit in this as well? I think what this bill does is focus the penalties and the crime, and certainly there

is a problem when people are doing this. We did not give these to people to use to buy drugs, but the stores are complicit in this as well, and it is not just for drug purchases, the stores are using the funds on these cards and buying other things themselves as well.

So, what the Inspector General talked to me about is the fact that we actually need more help looking at welfare fraud involved with some of the stores where people are using the EBT cards. He relayed to me the fact that if we would add 10 positions to his staff, we could save possibly \$15 million to \$16 million in terms of fraud. Let me repeat that: 10 positions within the Office of Inspector General could possibly garner \$15 million to \$16 million in savings. I would like to see us address something like that rather than just focusing on one part of the problem. My issue is we are just not looking at this comprehensively enough. So, why not look at more resources for this? A few years ago, I proposed to the Corbett administration, knowing that there was an opportunity within the farm bill, which is where the food stamp benefits come from, actually, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to participate in a grant program that would allow us to study new ways of using these cards to safeguard the ability for people to use the cards legally rather than illegally. Unfortunately, they did not take me up on the proposition.

So, there are things that we could possibly do, but I do not think Senate Bill No. 6 is enough and I do not think that it is comprehensive enough to truly address what the problem is. There are good things about it, most certainly, but there are other issues that I think are going to disproportionately impact people who will really be hurt. While there is a discreet set of people who will be benefitted by the amendments that were made to the bill yesterday, I believe there are far more people who will be hurt by the bill overall. Let us work together to truly address welfare fraud. Let us think about it and all of its ramifications so that legislation works whether you have constituents in the city of Philadelphia, in Berks County, or in Cameron County, that all of these issues can be addressed in a better way. So, for that reason, Mr. President, I will be a "no" vote on Senate Bill No. 6. Thank you.

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I take a few moments to express my deep opposition to the bill which we are about to pass here, Senate Bill No. 6. I believe, Mr. President, that this bill would undermine benefits for some of the most disadvantaged residents in Pennsylvania under the guise of cleaning up abuses of the public assistance system by drug kingpins and nefarious drug users. Now, we have seen this come up before, tying drug tests to public benefits as a way to ferret out abuse and somehow make right a rampantly violative population of benefit receivers. This bill is nothing more, Mr. President, than bad policy that hurts the poorest of our population and denies benefits to those who may have addiction issues or may have had drug-related issues in their past, but have paid their dues to society for their crimes.

This is where I really begin to have a problem. The connection between failing two drug tests and being a drug kingpin, at least in my opinion, is too tenuous to be rational. To me, someone who fails two drug tests and is on notice that their actions could result in a loss of public benefits is more likely to be struggling with an addiction and in need of help than they are to be

a drug kingpin. It would be better to find a way to devote resources to insure that those battling addictions get the help they need, rather than to enact a cruel and, in my opinion, harmful policy. Furthermore, the idea that two lost ACCESS cards means or connects a series of dots to lead to a conclusion that the person is a drug kingpin is also irrational to me. I do not believe that the majority of people who have lost two ACCESS cards are involved with illegal drug dealing, and I have seen no evidence, Mr. President, that supports that contention. The potential harm, and I think this point was underscored very well by the previous speaker, that this provision would cause to those who have done nothing wrong other than misplacing a card or having a card stolen is too great of a risk for them to suffer for the wrongs of a few.

Now, I thank my colleague, Senator Street, for his leadership in attempting to make this bill better. God knows we need leadership when it comes to these issues, and I thank him publicly for his efforts to protect the poorest of the poor in Pennsylvania, but without action, Mr. President, leadership is just a word. Many of us who staunchly oppose this legislation have been waiting for action from the Governor that he will veto this bill. Unfortunately, Mr. President, prior to yesterday's amendment and today's vote, we have not seen that action. We have not seen that leadership from the Governor on this issue. We do not know what his intention is, whether it is to veto this bill or, God forbid, allow it to become law. So, again, I congratulate and commend my friend, Senator Street, for his leadership role, for taking action, for governing, for doing what we were sent here to do, taking a bill which he knows is bad and doing everything he can to make it better, to move the ball forward. That, in my opinion, Mr. President, is leadership.

So, I wanted to get those points out. I will be voting "no," and I hope, Mr. President, that after the Governor sees this floor action today and hears some of the arguments that were made, he will make clear and take a public position of his intention to veto this bill if it gets to his desk.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, I thank Senator Farnese for his passion on this issue. I remind the Members that this bill was not written or designed to be cruel to our poorest Pennsylvanians, but it is designed to take benefits away from high-level drug dealers. I need to remind the Members that today 13 Pennsylvanians die every week of heroin overdose. More Americans will die of a heroin overdose this year than they did in all 8 years of the Vietnam War.

These are high-level drug dealers making their living off of selling drugs. Now, if they are convicted and they are released from prison, they are fine as long as they abide by the order of the court. That already exists in law. They can receive those benefits as long as they can receive them, but if they fail two drug tests or if they commit another high-level drug trafficking crime--when I say high-level, that means over 50 pounds of marijuana; 100 grams of Schedules 1 and 2 narcotics; coca leaves and derivatives; methamphetamine of over 100 grams; acid, or LSD, of more than 1,000 tablets. That is not the poorest of Pennsylvania standing on the street corner trying to make a living. That is people out there making a living selling poison to our

children. Do they deserve welfare benefits? Do they deserve the taxpayers' hard earned money? I think not, Mr. President. I think not. Thank you.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-40

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

NAY-9

Blake	Fontana	Hughes	Schwank
Costa	Haywood	Leach	Tartaglione
Farnese			

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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Brewster.

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 45 and **SB 168** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 172 (Pr. No. 1067) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for defini-

tions; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices and providing for automated speed enforcement systems.

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-45

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

NAY-3

Brooks	Hutchinson	Laughlin
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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.

HB 176 (Pr. No. 2222) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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-48

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 211 and **HB 211** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER TEMPORARILY

HB 234, HB 236, HB 280 and **HB 285** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order temporarily at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 409, HB 411, SB 503, SB 504, SB 616 and **SB 629** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER TEMPORARILY

HB 631 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order temporarily at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 663 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 677 (Pr. No. 798) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I rise in support of this legislation which would provide tax-exempt savings in our ABLE program. It is a companion to the language in the ABLE Act, which is known as Achieving a Better Life Experience. It is a program that we enacted here in Pennsylvania in 2016. I worked very closely with Senator Tartaglione and both Representative O'Neill and Representative Marshall in the House to help create this program. At the Federal level, Senator Bob Casey was the prime sponsor of the Federal bill that gave States the opportunity

to create these savings accounts. What they do is they encourage families to set aside funding related to the disability of their family member. This bill is important because what we would be providing is contributions made to the Pennsylvania ABLE account that could be deducted annually from taxable income up to the Federal threshold per beneficiary. So, as Treasurer Torsella has said, these accounts are run through the Department of Treasury. The ABLE account represents a fresh approach to bring financial security to individuals with disabilities.

These accounts are modeled after the Pennsylvania 529 College Savings Program, and what they do is allow friends and family to help cover a wide range of disability-related expenses for an individual. It could include basic living, education, transportation, job training, assistive technology, or provide for their health and wellness. So, it is an important component and companion to the act that we passed last year. I thank everyone for their support in getting this program off the ground. Individuals are enrolling, and this added component, this benefit that would provide the tax advantage here in Pennsylvania will be crucial to the success of the program.

Thank you, Mr. President. I urge an affirmative vote.

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I am going to be supportive of the initiative, but I would like to ask the maker of the bill one question.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Baker, would you stand for interrogation by Senator Williams?

Senator BAKER. Absolutely, Mr. President.

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, the question I ask, when I was looking at this, is why was there not an income threshold beyond which one would be able to be involved in this?

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, your question is related. These allow it up to the maximum amount that you can put aside at the Federal taxable level. So what we are doing is mirroring it based on how much money you are permitted to save at the Federal taxable threshold of \$14,000 a year. Currently, an individual with a disability who may receive Supplemental Security Income is only permitted to save \$2,000 or they lose their benefits. So this will provide that incentive for families to help secure the future of the individual with the disability.

Senator WILLIAMS. Maybe I did not state the question properly. I apologize. Certainly, those who are of a modest income, working income, if a person has wealth, I cannot define it any better than that, was there any conversation that would suggest that that participant would not be able to have a tax benefit simply because they are wealthy? I acknowledge that--

The PRESIDENT. Senator, if I may interrupt, for purposes of Senate protocol, because we have to be consistent, as you know, please address the question to the Chair and then the Chair will relay it.

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I apologize. Thank you. I was looking that way but I was talking to you.

The PRESIDENT. You can talk to me and look that way anytime.

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, again, the question simply is, in States that are struggling, we are, in effect, I believe, and maybe I do not understand the mechanism, creating an ability to have a tax credit to shelter certain income to go toward an expense which is appropriate, but I would question beyond those

who are certainly working every day and trying to figure out this issue, who fall into poverty, frankly, because of this issue, those who are blessed enough to have economic means to support either themselves or a family member, why would we not consider a threshold beyond regarding your income? I guess that is the question I ask.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Baker, do you have that one?

Senator BAKER. I do. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, there will only be one account permitted per beneficiary. So the beneficiary, as I mentioned, if you are receiving any kind of public Supplemental Security Income or SSD, would not be permitted currently from having any more than \$2,000. So this particular account will allow them to save the money at the Federal level, and it is the Federal gift exclusion. The maximum annual revenue loss to the Commonwealth for one individual with disabilities would be approximately \$429.80. That is regardless of how many folks pay into this account. So the account is for the actual individual with the disability. We are not tax-sheltering someone else. This is particularly for someone who has been identified with a disability. You have to have the disability and be identified before age 26. It is permitted at the Federal level, and we are just adding our State tax exclusion to the same Federal tax exclusion that exists in the Federal statute that Senator Casey passed in 2014.

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I thank my colleague for her indulgence in what I, frankly, was not very well informed about. I think her information provides a significant light for me individually, but most importantly, for those of us collectively, and I am certainly happy to support this measure.

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-48

Alloway	Dinniman	Laughlin	Schwank
Argall	DiSanto	Leach	Stefano
Aument	Eichelberger	Martin	Street
Baker	Farnese	McGarrigle	Tartaglione
Bartolotta	Folmer	McIlhinney	Tomlinson
Blake	Fontana	Mensch	Vogel
Boscola	Gordner	Rafferty	Vulakovich
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Browne	Hughes	Sabatina	Williams
Corman	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yaw
Costa	Killion	Scavello	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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 751 and SB 781 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 785 (Pr. No. 2218) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 9, 1999 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, in capital facilities, further providing for bonds, issue of bonds and notes, maturity, interest and for appropriation for and limitation on redevelopment assistance capital projects; and providing for capital budgets.

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-48

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, Laughlin, Leach, Martin, McGarrigle, McIlhinney, Mensch, Rafferty, Regan, Resenthaler, Sabatina, Scarnati, Scavello, Schwank, Stefano, Street, Tartaglione, Tomlinson, Vogel, Vulakovich, 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 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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1490 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER TEMPORARILY

HB 1523 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order temporarily at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 52, SB 56, HB 105, SB 128, SB 135, HB 187, SB 240, SB 406, SB 471, SB 494 and SB 655 -- 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 692 (Pr. No. 850) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 723 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 756 (Pr. No. 982) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, providing for assessments for Federal accountability; in duties and powers of boards of school directors, further providing for publication of rules, regulations and policies; in professional employees, further providing for rating system; and, in high schools, further providing for high school certificates.

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

SB 785, SB 786, SB 792, HB 824, HB 831, HB 866 and HB 1288 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS SIGNED

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

SB 144, SB 289, SB 527, SB 553, SB 624 and HB 1494.

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 meeting of the Committee on Judiciary to be held immediately in Room 461, followed by an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room in the rear of the Chamber.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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 Dylan B. Crowley and to Nathan Steigerwalt by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Aaron Joseph Gabryluk, John W. Rowe, Mary Jane Sensenig and to Robert C. Sloat by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sean Rinkel by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Rose Mattioli by Senators Baker and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Austin Hunter Jones and to William Moats IV by Senator Brooks.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to New Life Church of God of Pittsburgh by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Daphne S. Anderson by Senator DiSanto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Proper, Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Carson and to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keith by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew G. Roth by Senator Killion.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Helen A. Gilchrist by Senator Langerholc.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Chester J. Westgate and to John P. Antosh, Jr., by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patrick James Dorsey and to Aidan Moretz by Senator Regan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Louise H. Johnson by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dincher, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Johnson and to Connie Luckadoo by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dennis E. Robinson by Senator Yaw and others.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Loris A. Stiles by Senator McIlhinney.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

The following announcements were read by the Secretary of the Senate:

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017

Off the Floor APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 667; and House Bills No. 46, 178, 453, 508, 542 and 1285) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

Off the Floor RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 181, 227, 446 and 651; House Bills No. 59 and 118; and certain Executive Nominations) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at 1:13 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.