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## SENATE

THURSDAY, July 27, 2017

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

## PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend EUGENE WEAVER, Pastor of Harvest Fellowship Church, Stevens, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Our Father in Heaven, we call on Your name with a humble heart. We recognize our need for Your mercy, Your wisdom and guidance, so we ask that You give each Senator and each staff member wisdom and the ability to put Your will and the best interests of the people of Pennsylvania above all else. We pray for a spiritual peace and cooperation that they work together in unity for this great State. We pray every decision made in this Chamber would meet Your approval according to Your word, O Lord, even though elected by the people of the State, it is You who has placed them in government to rule that we may live and work in peace as we worship You, our God. We pray that You would bless each Senator with good health, strong families, deep relationships, and integrity of character. We pray for a spirit of love and peace over the citizens of the Commonwealth that Your great name may be glorified. We ask all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Weaver, who is the guest today of Senator Aument.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

## LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Brewster, Senator Leach, and Senator Tartaglione.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Bartolotta, Senator Brooks, and Sena-

tor McIlhinney, and legislative leaves for Senator Folmer and Senator Stefano.

Senator Costa requests legislative leaves for Senator Brewster, Senator Leach, and Senator Tartaglione.

Without objection, the leaves are granted.

## JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of June 13, 2017, and June 14, 2017, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of June 13, 2017, and June 14, 2017.

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

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

## YEA-50

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

## NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

## GUEST OF SENATOR RYAN AUMENT PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce Reverend Eugene Weaver. Reverend Weaver is the international president of Global Christian Ministry Forum with offices located in Stevens, Pennsylvania. He also serves as the USA national overseer and with a team of ministry leaders providing

vision and oversight for GCMF ministers and ministries in the United States. Reverend Weaver is also the senior pastor of Harvest Fellowship Church and founder and overseer of Harvest Blessing Centre and orphanage and school ministry located in the region of Ngoliba, Kenya, Africa. Reverend Weaver travels extensively throughout North America and the continent of Africa, where his motivating message provides spiritual and practical insights for men and women leading Christian ministries.

Please join me in offering our Chaplain for the day, Reverend Weaver, our usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Aument, Pastor Weaver, who said our opening prayer today, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

### CALENDAR

#### BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS AS AMENDED

#### SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS AS AMENDED

**HB 59 (Pr. No. 2255)** -- 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 general powers and duties, providing for salary, medical and hospital expenses for employees of the Department of Human Services and survivors' benefits and for evaluation of software programs' efficiency; in public assistance, providing for total population coordinated care management, for medical assistance waiver for treatment at institutions for mental disease related to substance use disorder, for additional funding requests for medical assistance appropriations in fiscal year 2017-2018, for supporting self-sufficiency for medical assistance recipients and for electronic asset verification for medical assistance eligibility based on age, blindness or disability; in children and youth, further providing for provider submissions and for adoption opportunity payments and reimbursement; providing for ambulatory surgical center data collection; and making a related repeal.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate amendments, as further amended by the Senate, to House Bill No. 59?

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 amendments, as further amended by the Senate, to House Bill No. 59.

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-35

Alloway	Costa	Langerholc	Scavell
Argall	Dinniman	Laughlin	Stefano
Aument	DiSanto	Martin	Tomlinson
Baker	Eichelberger	McGarrigle	Vogel

Bartolotta	Folmer	Mensch	Vulakovich
Boscola	Gordner	Rafferty	Ward
Brooks	Greenleaf	Regan	White
Browne	Hutchinson	Reschenthaler	Yaw
Corman	Killion	Scarnati	

#### NAY-15

Blake	Haywood	Sabatina	Wagner
Brewster	Hughes	Schwank	Williams
Farnese	Leach	Street	Yudichak
Fontana	McIlhinney	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 LEAVES CANCELLED

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

### CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

#### THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

#### BILL OVER IN ORDER

**HB 45** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

#### BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**HB 118 (Pr. No. 2256)** -- 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, implementing the 2017-2018 Commonwealth budget and instituting future budget implementation: further providing for title of act; in administrative organization, providing for employees with access to Federal tax information; in organization of independent administrative boards and commissions, providing for Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency; in Commonwealth agency fees, further providing for Department of Health, for Department of Labor and Industry and for Pennsylvania State Police; in powers and duties of the Department of Justice and its departmental administrative boards, providing for collections by Attorney general; in powers and duties of Department of Corrections, providing for notice of public hearing for State correctional institution closure; in powers and duties of Department of Education and its departmental administrative boards and commissions, providing for Higher Education Regulatory Restricted Account; providing for Joint Underwriting Association; in powers and duties of Department of Environmental Protection, its officers and departmental and advisory boards and commissions, further providing for Environmental Quality Board and for municipal recycling grants and providing for water treatment facilities; providing for powers and duties of Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; in powers and duties of Department of Health and its departmental administrative and advisory boards, providing for Emergency Drug and Alcohol Detoxification Program; in Department of Aging, providing for PACE and PACENET program payments and for older adult daily living centers; in powers and duties of Department of Human Services and its departmental administrative and advisory boards and commissions, providing for child protective services fees; providing for jail facilities; in powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, providing for alternative energy portfolio standards; providing for judicial administration; and making related repeals.

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-37

Argall	Greenleaf	Rafferty	Vogel
Blake	Haywood	Resenthaler	Vulakovich
Boscola	Hughes	Sabatina	Ward
Brewster	Killion	Scarnati	White
Browne	Langerhole	Scavello	Williams
Corman	Laughlin	Schwank	Yaw
Costa	Leach	Stefano	Yudichak
Farnese	McGarrigle	Street	
Fontana	McIlhinney	Tartaglione	
Gordner	Mensch	Tomlinson	

#### NAY-13

Alloway	Brooks	Eichelberger	Martin
Aument	Dinniman	Folmer	Regan
Baker	DiSanto	Hutchinson	Wagner
Bartolotta			

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Folmer and Senator McIlhinney have returned, and their respective leaves are cancelled.

### CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

#### THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 135** and **SB 168** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

#### BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**HB 178 (Pr. No. 2257)** -- 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, further providing for Keystone Exams and providing for Every Student Succeeds Act State Plan Review; in school directors, providing for school director training programs; in school district financial recovery, further providing for additional criteria and providing for financial administrator in financial watch school district; in grounds and buildings, further providing for limitation on new applications for Department of Education approval of public school building projects; in district superintendents and assistant district superintendents, further providing

for reports, for manner of election or approval and for term and salary of assistants; in professional employees, further providing for causes for suspension, for persons to be suspended and for appeals to superintendent of public instruction; in certification of teachers, further providing for granting provisional college certificates and for evaluation of applications for certification; in pupils and attendance, further providing for nonprofit school food program; in drug and alcohol recovery high school pilot program, further providing for establishment of drug and alcohol recovery high school pilot program, for scope of program and selection of students, for establishment and payment of tuition, for term of drug and alcohol recovery high school pilot program and for reporting; in terms and courses of study, further providing for fire and emergency evacuation drills, for alcohol, chemical and tobacco abuse program and for agriculture education and providing for Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence; in community colleges, further providing for financial program and reimbursement of payments and repealing provisions relating to annual report; in rural regional college for underserved counties, further providing for establishment; in transfers of credits between institutions of higher education, further providing for definitions, for duties of public institutions of higher education and for Transfer and Articulation Oversight Committee; in funding for public libraries, providing for State aid for fiscal year 2017-2018; in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, further providing for definitions, for student-weighted basic education funding, for payments to intermediate units, for assistance to school districts declared to be in financial recovery status or identified for financial watch status and for Ready-to-Learn Block Grant; in State Board of Education, further providing for powers and duties of the board; further providing for the applicability of Act 2016-138; and making editorial changes.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I certainly support the bill, but I want to make a comment to make sure that it is clear, and I know that the Majority chair also wishes to make a comment. While the Governor has asked for--it was at the Governor's request that there was an extension for 1 year of the Keystone Exams. I want to make it clear that in the view, at least of the chairmen of the Committee on Education, that we are in no way supporting the way that the Governor and Secretary of Education have put the moratorium in place. The moratorium, which was passed by this body, ended the Keystone Exams. The Governor and the Secretary of Education have continued to do the Keystone Exams for many of the students in the Commonwealth. I know that myself and Senator Eichelberger, we certainly do not have a problem with that provision of the School Code, to prevent the graduation requirement from taking place for another year.

Let me make this real short, Mr. President. The issue is, while we certainly support the notion of not having this graduation requirement for another year, in no way--for the record, since I know there are possible court cases involving the moratorium, I want to make it clear in the record that this bill is not worded in a way that continues to support the way the moratorium was implemented by the Governor and by the Secretary of Education, who did not follow, in my judgment, the law of the Act 1 of 2016 that was passed by this body.

So while I support the code and support delaying the graduations for another year, for the record let it be noted that I, as Minority chairman, and I know the Majority chairman agrees, because we discussed it in committee, we do not support the way the moratorium, which we passed with Act 1, has been put in place, because there are still tens of thousands of students in this Commonwealth who are forced to take that exam when we specifically said there would be no exams during this period.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Blair, Senator Eichelberger.

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, I echo what my colleague and friend, Senator Dinniman, said about the points of this bill. Again, the legislature is passing a law that says that the Keystone Exams would be delayed--any requirement for them would be delayed for a year. We have had this before and I just want to say for the legislative intent to read into the record that this is what the legislature is doing. We do not want an interpretation from the legal counsel for the Department of Education saying anything different than that.

Also, which has already been in statute, is the school truancy provision in this code that says that the truancy law implemented in 2016 would apply to nonpublic schools beginning in the 2018-19 school year. This, again, was something that was passed before and the Department of Education's legal counsel said that they did not understand the legislative intent of what we were doing. So, as clearly as I can make it, this is what we are doing with this code. I ask for a positive vote today from my colleagues on the Education Code.

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-34

Alloway	DiSanto	McGarrigle	Street
Argall	Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Tomlinson
Aument	Folmer	Mensch	Vogel
Baker	Gordner	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Brooks	Haywood	Regan	Ward
Browne	Killion	Resenthaler	White
Corman	Langerholc	Scarnati	Yaw
Costa	Laughlin	Scavello	
Dinniman	Martin	Stefano	

#### NAY-16

Bartolotta	Farnese	Hutchinson	Tartaglione
Blake	Fontana	Leach	Wagner
Boscola	Greenleaf	Sabatina	Williams
Brewster	Hughes	Schwank	Yudichak

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

**HB 211, HB 234, HB 236, HB 280, HB 285, HB 409 and HB 411** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

#### BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**HB 453 (Pr. No. 2258)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, implementing the 2017-2018 Commonwealth budget and instituting future budget implementation: in Treasury Department, providing for provisions for General Assembly; in Department of Auditor General, further providing for audits of agencies receiving State aid and providing for audits of interstate commissions; in procedure for the disbursement of money from the State Treasury, further providing for settlement agreements and enforcement actions; in financially distressed municipalities, providing for payroll tax; in oil and gas wells, further providing for definitions, providing for Oil and Gas Lease Fund, repealing provisions relating to oil and gas operations in the South Newark Basin and providing for temporary cessation of oil and gas wells; in transportation network companies and motor carrier companies, providing for regulation of taxicabs and limousines by parking authority of city of the first class, for penalties and for provision of transportation network service; in Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund, further providing for funding; in Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund, further providing for other grants; in Tobacco Settlement Fund, further providing for use of fund; in Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund, further providing for definitions, for fund and for distributions from fund; in miscellaneous limitations and transfers, further providing for drug and alcohol programs and providing for Workers' Compensation Security Fund; in Natural Gas Infrastructure Development Fund, further providing for definitions and for transfer of funds; providing for First Chance Trust Fund; in 2016-2017 restrictions on appropriations for funds and accounts, repealing provisions relating to fund transfers; in general budget implementation, further providing for Department of Agriculture, for Department of Community and Economic Development, for Department of Education, for Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, for Department of Human Services, for Commonwealth Financing Authority Restricted Revenue Account and for surcharges, providing for Multimodal Transportation Fund, further providing for Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board and providing for sales by distilleries, for suspension for inspection deficiencies, for State Employees' Retirement System Restricted Account and for Public School Employees' Retirement System Restricted Account; in school district debt refinancing bonds, further providing for sinking fund charges for school building projects and for Public School Building Construction and Reconstruction Advisory Committee; repealing provisions relating to 2012-2013 budget implementation and 2012-2013 restrictions on appropriations for funds and accounts; providing for 2017-2018 budget implementation and for 2017-2018 restrictions on appropriations for funds and accounts; making an editorial change; and making related repeals.

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-40

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

## NAY-10

Alloway	DiSanto	Hutchinson	Regan
Aument	Eichelberger	Martin	Wagner
Brooks	Folmer		

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE

**HB 542 (Pr. No. 2259)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for the title of the act; in sales and use tax, further providing for definitions, for imposition of tax and for exclusions from tax; providing for marketplace providers and marketplace sellers; further providing for remote sales reports; in personal income tax, providing for the Pennsylvania ABLE Savings Program Tax Exemption, repealing provisions relating to contribution for Korea/Vietnam Memorial National Education Center and further providing for operational provisions; in corporate net income tax, further providing for definitions and providing for qualified manufacturing innovation and reinvestment deduction; in gross receipts tax, further providing for imposition of tax and establishing the Natural Gas Optimization Fund and Natural Gas Optimization Program; in realty transfer tax, further providing for definitions and for exempt parties; in entertainment production tax credit, further providing for definitions and for credit for qualified film production expenses, providing for film production tax credit districts and establishing the Entertainment Economic Enhancement Program; in city revitalization and improvement zones, further providing for restrictions and for transfer of property; in neighborhood improvement zones, further providing for definitions and providing for transfer of property; in keystone opportunity zones, keystone opportunity expansion zones and keystone opportunity improvement zones, further providing for additional keystone opportunity zones; in inheritance tax, further providing for timely mailing treated as timely filing and payment; providing for an electric grid virtual financial transactions tax; in Public Transportation Assistance Fund, further providing for fund; providing for fireworks, for unconventional gas wells, for unconventional natural gas air quality protection and for environmental permitting reform; in procedure and administration, further providing for petition for reassessment, for petition procedure and for review by board; providing for Tobacco Master Settlement Payment Fund; in general provisions, further providing for timely filing; providing for severability; and making related repeals.

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 Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, this is a day and a vote on a bill that most of us, at least many of us, in this Chamber have been trying to avoid. I do not think there is a Member, whether you are a Republican or a Democrat, whether you are from rural Pennsylvania, suburban Pennsylvania, or urban Pennsylvania, who enjoys voting for any kind of increases in revenue. We know that the people of Pennsylvania work hard for their money. We know that the money is best kept in their pockets when at all possible so they can do what they do to support their families.

So, it is important, I think, Mr. President, before we take this step, that we review a little bit how we got here. Mr. President, in modern history, go back about 50 years, maybe 40 years, every recession that Pennsylvania has gone through, the legislature met that recession with a tax increase, whether it was a Republican Governor or a Democratic Governor - in the 1970s under Governor Shapp, in the 1980s under Governor Thornburgh, in the 1990s under Governor Casey, or the 2000s under Governor Rendell. When there was a recession and the revenues went down in State coffers, the legislature and the Governor raised taxes, mostly personal income taxes at the time. In 2008, when we had the largest recession in our nation's history and our revenues here in Pennsylvania took a dramatic dip, we took a different path, those of us who were here in the legislature at that time. We decided that the recession was so deep and the families, businesses, and employers were hurting so much that it was up to us to figure out a way to govern without asking the people and employers of Pennsylvania for more money, so, we did not raise taxes in 2009, despite the large decrease in revenue to the coffers. In fact, not only did we not raise taxes, Mr. President, we lowered taxes during that time as we kept phasing out the capital stock and franchise tax. So, we were doing tax cuts during a deep recession, which has never been done, to my knowledge, in Pennsylvania history.

So, for the last decade we have had an issue that other times where they raised taxes, we had a different dynamic in 2009 that previous years did not have, that is that we have had an explosion in expenditures that we do not control. Mr. President, when our revenues were dipping, our expenditures that we do not control were rising. Areas of human service, areas of public pensions, areas of corrections, they were all skyrocketing at a time when we were having great difficulty with revenues here in the State. Just for an example, Mr. President, between 2010 and now, our Department of Human Services budget has increased 15 percent by \$1.5 billion, our school district pension fund has increased by 687 percent, or almost \$2 billion, and our Department of Corrections budget has increased by over a half-billion dollars just in that period in time.

So, to avoid a tax increase that lack of revenue caused and explosion of costs that we do not control, the legislature went to work to reform State government. Over the last 10 years, we have done everything to reduce the cost of State government that

we could possibly do. We have taken on every asset of State government and looked at ways to save money, and in all the departments combined, other than the few I just talked about which we do not control, we are now spending \$270 million less today than we were in 2010. Let me repeat that. In all of those departments except for the Department of Corrections, Department of Human Services and pensions, we are spending \$270 million less today than we did in 2010. That includes education, in which we have had increases, that includes higher education, that includes agriculture, that includes environmental protection, all of those departments combined, we are spending \$270 million less today than we were in 2011. Those are the areas that we control. Those are the areas that we have discretion on funding. The Department of Community and Economic Development is a fraction of what it used to be. I know we were talking the other day about how we used to be able to help our local Little Leagues or local fire companies or local nonprofits with small grants, and those are gone. Anything that was not absolutely necessary we got rid of to avoid having to go to the people of Pennsylvania and raise taxes.

Well, Mr. President, unfortunately, we are basically out of options in that area. I know some would like us to continue to cut, but we do have an obligation to educate our young people. We put \$100 million into a spending package for basic education. We put \$25 million in for special education, and another \$25 million in for pre-K, I believe, in this budget. So, that \$150 million that we were able to achieve in this year's budget, that will not even cover what the school districts' increase in their pension obligation will be. Let me repeat that. The \$150 million will not even cover the increase in the pension obligation that our school districts are facing. Higher education—we are probably spending just about what we were in the year 2000. So, these are areas of responsibility that we have, that we must meet if we are going to have a society that we can fill jobs for. We need an educated society that we can fill the jobs for our employers in the future.

So, Mr. President, this package that we put together is, I think, a fair package. It is a package that, for the first time, will implement a severance tax on the natural gas industry, but at the same time I think it makes significant regulatory reforms which will help the employers in that area significantly. It is a tough day for many of us, Mr. President. It is not a day that we wanted to see, but when we all ran for office, we came here to do a job. I guess some advocate that we should not do anything, we should just sit back and let Rome burn or let the Governor come up with \$2.2 billion worth of cuts. I think the ramifications of that would be significant. We heard from our State Treasurer this week that the State will be out of money come September and will not be able to pay its bills. That, obviously, would have a significant negative impact on our credit rating, which will cost us hundreds of millions of dollars in the future if we get a downgrade in our credit rating. We came here to make tough choices, and I am so proud of this General Assembly because we made tough choices. In the areas I talked about, there was automatic growth. This legislature inherited those problems and has taken on those issues. We passed a historic public pension reform bill last month, which will benefit the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the future. We have passed significant justice reinvestment legislation, which is already having an impact on our Department of Corrections budget, that we are no longer building new prisons.

As a matter of fact, we closed a prison this year. So, those are two areas that this legislature has already taken on that were driving up the cost of State government and future legislators and Pennsylvanians will benefit from that. The Welfare Code that we just passed, the Human Services Code, there are reforms in the Medicaid program, which again is an area of significant increase; as our population continues to grow older, we are going to have more and more increases in that area. There are reforms that will take on that area of expenditure growth.

So, sometimes, Mr. President, you have to take medicine that does not taste very well to get better at the end of the day, but it only works if you do get better. We put, I think, systematic changes into this budget over the last few years that will put Pennsylvania and future General Assemblies in a lot better position than we are today. Again, Mr. President, the people of this Senate have inherited these problems. Past decisions have not worked out the way previous legislatures thought they would and have caused the explosion of these expenditures that we are dealing with today, but because of the courage of men and women of this Chamber and the House, we have been able to make significant changes that the future legislatures will benefit from, and that is our job. That is our job.

It is not our job to sit home and do nothing, our job is to govern. First and foremost, whether we like how things work out or not, our job is to govern. I do not want to be Washington, D.C. I do not want to budget on continuing resolutions for 4 years, 6 years, whatever it was. Our first and foremost responsibility is to balance our budget, and sometimes that involves hard decisions, and this is one of them here today, but, Mr. President, I think it is the right thing to do at the right time. I am proud of the men and women of this Chamber for taking on the tough issues facing Pennsylvania. There is a lot more we can do and a lot more we should do, but first things first, we have to get our books in order, and this bill will help us do that.

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

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne, Senator Yudichak.

Senator YUDICHAK. Mr. President, I concur in large respect with some of the comments, particularly one comment made by the Majority Leader, about the responsibility to govern. I recall when I was first elected back in 1998, at the victory party, one of my supporters slapped me on the back and said, to the victor go the spoils. I looked him square in the eye and I said, I see it a little differently. I said, to the victor goes the responsibility to govern, and I think the Majority Leader eloquently stated that is where we are at in these unprecedented times for State government. Unprecedented deficits as far as the eye can see, many challenges to simply have State government function for the taxpayers of Pennsylvania. Nobody comes to a revenue vote lightheartedly. There are many deficiencies in this bill, but one area that I stand for as the Democratic chair of the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, and recognize the Senate Leadership on both sides of the aisle for a severance tax on natural gas, something which we fought for for many years, even though it is modest, I would like to see it be more robust, but I recognize that we do not want to be punitive to the job creators here in Pennsylvania.

I think it is a fair and responsible severance tax that will help us through these tough budget times; however, I note that there are some environmental policy changes that are also part of this

package that I have great concerns about that I hope as we move through this process, as we continue to work with the Governor and with the House of Representatives, that we can address some of these concerns in terms of environmental regulation on air quality and the permitting reform that is part of this package, but also to come to the realization that DEP has been cut. Its budget has been cut by over 40 percent over the last decade. We have to give the Department of Environmental Protection the funding it needs and the tools that it needs so they can do their job efficiently and the job creators can create jobs without impacting the quality of our environment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator WAGNER. Mr. President, I rise today to express my strong opposition to increasing taxes on hardworking Pennsylvanians. I hear many buzzwords up here. I hear recurring revenue, I hear that we need to cut, cut spending. Well, you have never heard me on the floor use the word "cut." I use the word "manage." If we managed our agencies, we would get our spending under control. Trust me, there is a lot of money out there to be found. Within the last 30 days, virtually every Pennsylvania property owner received their school taxes. Their school taxes are not the same as last year, most of them have gone up. Their school taxes have not gone down, but they have, in fact, gone up. Municipalities are now faced with a requirement which I became aware of a couple of weeks ago called MS4 requirements, which is a mandate by DEP on sediment control. It may not seem like anything big, but over the next 5 years in York County, municipalities in York County are going to spend \$12 million. This is going to get passed on to the homeowners. So, again, I express my strong opposition.

Last month there was an article on *PennLive* entitled, "The secret war Pennsylvania is winning - but will it win Foxconn?" Foxconn is a major electronics manufacturer predominantly based in the Asian markets that has started to invest in the South American markets. They were eying Pennsylvania and several other States to establish a U.S.-based manufacturing plant. The reporter of that article noted one of Pennsylvania's key advantages lies in its low natural gas costs. When the administration's Secretary of the Department of Community and Economic Development was asked why some businesses are choosing Pennsylvania, the Secretary said that low-cost energy is a repeat on the list of positives he heard for our State. Just last night, it was reported by national news agencies that Wisconsin will be the home of the new Foxconn site, which comes with a \$10-billion investment from the company and 3,000 new jobs that are expected to grow to 13,000 jobs. These jobs, 13,000 jobs, are anticipated to pay an average of \$54,000 per year, but we lost out.

Mr. President, it is Pennsylvania's low energy costs which have been trumpeted by this administration as a job-creation incentive. That will now be a thing of the past in Pennsylvania. Last year, Pennsylvania was one of two States in the mix for a \$500 million polypropylene plant. Guess what? This past November of 2016, the company chose to build their plant in Texas instead of Delaware County. This is very important. Citing the reason for not locating in Pennsylvania, the company's top executive said that decisions are already being made by businesses like ours to move elsewhere because it has not evolved in Pennsylvania fast enough.

It should not come to anyone's surprise that our State was ranked as one of the worst States to start a business in, according to a recent report by WalletHub. Then, again, we are also ranked in another study as the 42nd worst-run State in the country. Today, with this vote, we are taking another step back, not forward. Even more troubling, I continue to hear we have a revenue problem. Mr. President, I find very troubling that all of us are here today because the State's chief executive failed to do his job and is failing to do his job and hold the various agencies accountable for their spending. If these State agencies were truly managed like the private sector, a lot of money would be realized, but the Governor refuses to hold these State agencies accountable. Instead, the administration billed the taxpayers \$1.8 million to have an outside consulting firm help them identify costs for this latest budget. The Governor did not need to spend the \$1.8 million on this report. In 2015, Representative Grove and I formed a taxpayer caucus. We identified over \$3 billion in potential savings to the taxpayers, and guess what? That report did not cost the taxpayers \$1.8 million because we did it as part of our responsibility.

But how are we fixing the problems here in Harrisburg and State government? We are just simply throwing more money at the problem. The Department of Labor and Industry has squandered over \$400 million on a computer system upgrade with no successful product delivered to taxpayers. How did the Governor suggest we fix the problem? The State gave them more money. The State Police radio system has been close to a billion of hard-earned dollars lost to a system that is unreliable. Troopers have to carry two radios because the system is unreliable. What does the administration suggest we do to fix the problem? The administration is looking for another \$45 million for another radio project. In June, *PennLive* reported that several major corporations owed back taxes in Pennsylvania to the tune of \$1.2 billion. What is being done to collect this money? Here we are again today, we are losing jobs, losing opportunities, and turning around and asking the taxpayers, the hardworking taxpayers of Pennsylvania, for more money out of their wallets.

I go back to the headline of the article I cited earlier and I ask, so what secret war is Pennsylvania winning? Today, Mr. President, the only winner is the beast that is State government. State agencies will continue to run amok because they are not being managed. No one is asking them to look out for the best interest of taxpayers. Instead, taxpayers are being asked again to part with more of their hard-earned money. I will say it now and I will say it again, and continue to say it, we do not have a revenue problem here in Harrisburg, we have a spending problem, and that spending problem is caused by a mismanagement problem of all the State agencies.

I respectfully ask for a "no" vote on these tax increases.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I was not really going to speak on this bill, but just so the people watching or people back home in the Lehigh Valley know, I will explain why I am voting "no" on this bill. Like in any bill, in this Tax Code there is good and bad, like in a lot of bills that we pass in the legislature. You have to weigh how to vote based on what is bad and what is good. So there is some good in it, and I will say that finally we acknowledged that we should get a Marcellus Shale tax. Here is

the problem I have. We might get maybe \$100 million out of that Marcellus Shale tax, but \$450 million, approximately, is coming from telephone, electric, and gas customers. So the middle class, again, is paying the brunt of this Tax Code. It is minuscule, the Marcellus Shale tax, in the industry compared to what the actual ratepayers are going to pay.

More importantly, my "no" vote is more because of the pipeline issue. We have pipelines coming through left and right, through this State and in the Lehigh Valley, so that we can deliver Marcellus Shale and natural gas to everybody, and I agree with the pipeline delivery. I am all supportive of pipelines, and gratefully, there is some money to help the industry develop these pipelines to come through communities. The problem that I have is that municipalities are impacted by these pipelines, and no money is being given to municipalities that are affected by the pipelines, unlike the impact fee that we now have to municipalities who drill. So all of these companies and all of these municipalities that are drilling right now, they get an impact fee because their communities are impacted by drilling. Well, now we have pipelines and our municipalities are affected by these pipelines and yet, no money goes to those municipalities. It was an easy fix for us to do here in the legislature, in this Senate, and we have refused to do it.

So I am hoping—and I might change my vote if this bill comes back from the House—that the House will give some money to municipalities for the pipelines that these municipalities are affected by, because some of this is egregious, what is happening in our municipalities. You can read the paper to see what is going on. There is the reason for my "no" vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, my reasons for voting "no" are the same as Senator Boscola's, but I do want to talk about the pipeline issue. There is not one cent in this budget to help us in the southeast deal with the impact of these pipelines. One should understand that no one is dealing with the environmental issues, the health issues, or the safety issues. There are not even plans for evacuations. We are not talking about natural gas, my friends, we are talking about butane and propane and the other tanes which are dangerous. We have had, in my own township, in my own district, thanks to DEP's lack of enforcement, 21 individuals in one neighborhood who, when the pipeline went into a spring, it affected the aquifers in our area. I cannot vote for a budget that does nothing, nothing at all, for those in the southeast who are suffering under the impact of these pipelines. Mr. President, the impact fee in the west was deserved when fracking took place there, but now it is us in the southeast who face the pipelines and there is not going to be one cent of profit from the Marcellus Shale industry unless this product gets to market.

In my county, Chester County, we now have the third highest number of pipelines in this Commonwealth, and there is an endless list of new pipelines that are going to be built. When Mariner East 2 was approved by the PUC, it was approved based on an eminent domain status that was given to Sunoco years and decades ago, and my citizens are expressing their concern. They are concerned that the State of Pennsylvania and the DEP of this Commonwealth are not taking care of them, and we in the legislature need to provide funds for this serious situation. As Senator Boscola has tried to point out, it is one thing to tax the people

who have to pay for electricity, natural gas, and telecommunications, but we need to tell those companies that, hey, it is nice you are doing the Marcellus Shale severance tax, however, it should be noted that if it goes over a certain cap, that the tax goes down by the amount of money that is under the \$200 million. So what we say is \$109 million is only \$88 million in this budget, but that is not the point. I am glad we got the severance tax. It is needed. There are many good things in this budget. It is needed.

Finally, Mr. President, let me add one thing that my friend and colleague from Northampton County was not able to or did not get into. I voted against the budget because I said that borrow-and-spend is as bad as tax-and-spend. So, what do we do? After the mistakes and rosy projections of last year, what do we do with the \$1.5 billion in deficit we rang up? We are going to borrow to take care of that. We always have rosy projections, and those rosy projections do not seem to become a reality, Mr. President. If we are going to spend money, then we need to have the money we are going to spend. When we borrow this much money to pay for last year's budget and even some of this year's budget, then I have a problem. I have as much of a problem with borrow-and-spend as my colleagues on the other side have with tax-and-spend.

Mr. President, because of the borrow-and-spend policy in this budget, and equally important, because we in the southeast are facing a situation in which this budget gives us no relief, in which we have no impact fee—and I have put in four bills, Mr. President, one of which would tax the pipelines. Twenty other States tax them, and we would have some money to take care of the environmental and health issues. We in the southeast, in fact, where the pipelines are going in, the four suburban counties have more voters than the city of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh combined. It is about time that this legislature recognizes us in the southeast and in their budget to take care of us.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, again, I thank the Leaders on both sides for reaching an agreement. It is very difficult to reach an agreement in this context, in this Senate, in this State. Obviously, that is more than we can say for the other side of the building. Difficult choices have been made, and I think that the leadership on both sides has been able to recognize that we are in a position where we have to govern, and I think the statement about governing is critical. It does not mean, of course, that we are all going to agree. We have fifty Senators, different regions, different make-ups.

So I raise one other issue for our consideration, not for today, but as we look forward to the days and weeks to come, and that is on the question of raising the minimum wage. Our minimum wage is still at the same level as it was over 11 years ago, \$7.25 an hour. There are over a million Pennsylvanians who would benefit if we could merely raise the minimum wage to \$10 an hour. It is not too late to do so. We will be in Session from now until the end of this year, and during that time we can raise hard-working families out of poverty and bring up to \$40 million of recurring revenue into the budget. So I urge us all, as we move from today, to keep on the agenda of raising the minimum wage, and maybe we can even do so before the end of the summer.

Thank you, Mr. President.



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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I will be very brief. I feel the need to respond to some of the comments that were made on the floor in various areas. Let me first echo the comments of our Majority Leader and the gentleman from Luzerne County who talked about the role that we play as legislators and Senators in governing and making tough choices, and that is exactly what is taking place today. The consequences of doing nothing are far greater than folks, I think, recognize and realize, so I thank my colleagues for recognizing that. I know that the people in this room today will do what needs to be done to avoid a bond downgrade, to fund a budget that nearly all of us supported in this Chamber, and, more importantly, stabilize Pennsylvania's fiscal situation as we go forward for years to come.

Mr. President, I would be remiss if I did not make certain that the record was very clear about the role that the legislature has played with respect to the pipeline issue as it relates to our municipalities. Mr. President, over the course of the past 3 years, including this year, we have been putting money into this CFA that allows municipalities to access those dollars. In 2015-16, Mr. President, we put \$12 million into the CFA for the very specific purpose of use for grants for natural gas production for municipalities, economic development organizations, counties, and school districts. That, in a sense, is the impact that those communities would feel. So in 2015-16 we put \$12 million in there. In 2016-17 we put \$12 million more into that fund to drive more dollars out to our local communities, and this year we are transferring \$6 million into that fund for that particular purpose. As we go forward, we certainly would like to do more, but it is important that we recognize that there is a greater value along those lines to also expand pipelines across this Commonwealth, to allow more production of natural gas, and to allow more folks to be employed. As we go forward, Mr. President, that was something I thought was important to at least get on the record.

With respect to some of the comments that were made about what we have done as a government over the course of the past few years and what steps we have taken, a previous speaker spoke about what I will term as what was deemed to be managing what we do here in this Commonwealth, and cast it in a light that there was mismanagement along those lines for the past couple of years, particularly as it relates to how one operates a business and equating it to what we do here in Harrisburg. Mr. President, there are a significant number of initiatives that have taken place, at least in the last 2 1/2 years, that I want to remind folks about. First and foremost is the GO-TIME initiative that this administration put into place that has resulted in several hundreds of millions of dollars in savings to this Commonwealth and costs that we have not had to expend as we go forward. Mr. President, since I believe in 2010, both the Corbett and Wolf administrations have eliminated 7,900 government employees' positions.

The conversation about Labor and Industry, that is correct. There was money that was misspent in the previous administration, but again, like we are doing now, we are sort of cleaning up the past messes that have taken place in this General Assembly. That is what we are doing today, fixing our fiscal situation and cleaning up our fiscal situation so we have a sound situation going forward. It is precisely what happened in the Department

of Labor and Industry with respect to what was done regarding those resources.

The same thing can be said about the radio program. When I came here in the late 1990s, Governor Ridge was touting a statewide radio system. I applaud my colleague, Senator Vulakovich, for taking on the challenge to bring folks together to continue to move that process forward. Certainly, we wasted resources there, but now we are at a point in time where we are going to fix the situation and move the problem forward, and it takes resources to provide solutions for what needs to be done in this Commonwealth. That is what we are doing as we move forward.

Mr. President, finally, as we look at this particular budget that we are funding with these revenues today, the budget that we put together, that many of us voted on in this Chamber, only increased spending by less than 1 percent, but, more importantly, it had a cut of about \$2 billion in resources and dollars that we would have had to spend had the Governor not taken the initiative to eliminate various funding programs. When you look at our past budget from last year, rolling in the cost of carrying numbers from this year, we reduced it by \$2 billion, which includes, as I mentioned, an increase of less than 0.8 percent, one of the lowest increases we have had in this Commonwealth in decades.

So, Mr. President, I suggest that this particular piece of legislation is something that is worthy of being supported. It provides the balance that we need to fix our fiscal situation in this Commonwealth and allows us to avoid bond downgrades, which have cost tens of millions of dollars to our taxpayers, as we move forward. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this particular measure because it is a tough decision. It is not what we wanted to do when we came here. We wanted to make certain we had a sound situation, but we have an obligation to govern. That is what this bill does. I thank the Members for being here to be able to do that.

Last but not least, Mr. President, we are all going to vote on this measure momentarily, but I would be remiss if I did not say that we have to recognize the people who helped prepare these various code bills that we are voting on here today. We come and go here and back to our districts, but when we are not here there are a number of people, our senior staff people in particular, who work very, very hard to make sure that these measures are produced and prepared in a manner that allows us to be able to vote on them. They meet regularly over countless hours working out differences among the four Caucuses and the administration. They figure out how to take what we want to do and think about what needs to be done. They are able to put it to paper, working together in a very bipartisan way, particularly on this side of the building. I am proud of the work that our folks have done collectively, working with the Majority Leader's staff as well as the Committee on Appropriations' staff. Our folks work very well together to be able to manage this process and bring us here today. Also, the folks up in the Legislative Reference Bureau oftentimes do not get the recognition that they deserve. So a lot of folks have put a lot of hours into what we are doing, and I say thank you to them on behalf of my colleagues here today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes, for the second time, the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, let me just clear up one thing. I know my colleague, whom I respect very much, talked

about pipeline activity and the Commonwealth Financing Authority. Now, all municipalities can apply for CFA money, and when you look at the money that is going from CFA into pipelines, it does not deal with the impact. It does deal with economic development and getting pipelines through and across the State, but it does not deal with the impact. That is why when we did the Marcellus Shale way back with the impact fee, it was an impact fee directed toward municipalities that were affected by the drilling. It is separate, and that is what I am asking for here, a separate impact fee that deals with municipalities affected by the pipeline delivery. There is quite a difference, because even if you are going through CFA, those municipalities that get an impact fee for drilling currently can still apply for CFA money. Those municipalities that have no impact fee with the pipeline can get some CFA money, but we need that direct impact fee, just like it is with Marcellus Shale drilling. There is a separate difference, and I want to clarify that. Thank you.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I join with Senator Boscola because whether we succeed or not in our "no" votes, this body has to at long last recognize that if we are going to get the profit from Marcellus Shale--and I support, by the way, the economic development that Marcellus Shale brings about, and we can have our cake and eat it too, but we are not protecting the health, the safety, and the environment in my county and in the Lehigh Valley and in most of southeast Pennsylvania. Fifty-one accidents or spills have taken place, according to DEP, and, in fact, Mr. President, when DEP issued the permits for these wells, they told the company to use a list in DCNR, a list which was totally unreliable, a list that said that there are only 22 sites, 3 in Chester County, that were on the easement or 150 feet from the easement. To Sunoco's credit, they said, no, we think that list is wrong, and so then they developed a list, but they will not share the list. Neither will DEP share the list and make it public.

I tell my colleagues, what we are trying to say here is we have a problem, and we cannot vote for a budget that does not help us solve our problem. While my colleague and friend from Allegheny County talks about the economic development aspects of it, what we are not getting are the funds to deal with the negative impacts.

Listen, for my friends in the west, Senator Boscola and I, we do not oppose Marcellus Shale. We do not oppose fracking. We only ask for assistance for the same thing you got in the west. You got an impact fee, you got help. We want the same help. Our citizens are demanding it, and they will express themselves at the polls. I can guarantee that. This is the biggest issue that I have seen and an explosion in terms of citizen participation. We have 300 to 400 people showing up at community meetings now. Because I asked for a temporary halt, I just got a petition with over 500 names on it 48 hours after I asked for that, coming from groups including the League of Women Voters, including the Pennsylvania Council of Churches. This is a major issue. We want the economic development. We do not oppose that economic development, but I, like Senator Boscola, hope the House will put into this budget a way to protect us in the southeast.

Until it does, this budget continues to be borrow-and-spend, and as we blow another year -- by the way, one final thing, Mr. President, on the Keystone Tests, understand that in 8 years we have blown \$1.3 billion on testing in this Commonwealth, and

the only thing related to testing is poverty. We need to stop the spending where we know it is wrong, and we are not doing that, and the administration is not doing that. Put it, for example, in education, back into the classroom where it makes something.

So, Mr. President, based on the education and continuing the testing, based on an opposition to borrow and spend, and also based on the crisis that we now have in the southeast with a DEP that does not know what it is doing and not enforcing the weak regulations that exist, I cannot vote for the budget. I join with my colleague, Senator Boscola, in trying to make a plea, not only about this budget, but as we come back in Session in September, that we at long last help those of us in the southeast deal with this issue. CFA funding does not provide that help.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, to sum up some of the comments that have been made earlier, and I think it is important, Mr. President, that all of this discussion and all of this legislation be put into some context. The tax bill that we have, the revenue package that we have in front of us right now, should not be looked at in the context of just an isolated piece, but I believe in the context of a number of the other items that were voted today and yesterday. Finally, it should be looked at in the context of the budget that was passed on June 30, the spending plan that was passed on June 30. Clearly, all of this that we have here, the budget from June 30, the other Code bills that were passed and voted on today, are part of a very detailed compromise that was put together from the Governor's Office and through the Majority here in the Senate, the Senate Democratic Caucus, and a lot of work by a lot of individuals to try to achieve a number of different things that are not just reflected in this one piece of legislation, but that are reflected in totality. We cannot look past the fact that in all of what has been put together, there is, in fact, some new ground that has been broken here in this package.

For the first time after at least a 10-year effort, there will be a severance tax on the Marcellus Shale drilling. We cannot look past that. Is it at the level that many of us would have liked to have seen? No, but it is modest and a tax nonetheless, an opportunity for this industry to make a contribution for the rest of the citizens of the Commonwealth. That is new ground. It cannot be overlooked. It has been said that you cannot raise a tax that you do not have. Well, for the first time, if this eventually becomes law, we will have a severance tax on the Marcellus Shale industry. That is new ground. That is important. All of the legislation that has moved today, this package of bills in addition to what was done on the budget that was passed on June 30, there is new ground that has been created. We will now have State dedicated funding, permanent State dedicated funding, Mr. President, for the LIHEAP program and the Weatherization Assistance Program, something the Majority Leader and I last worked on, I believe in 2005, to put State dollars into the LIHEAP program. We now have a dedicated, permanent funding mechanism to help low-income individuals with their heating and energy assistance needs. That is important. That is new ground, Mr. President. We cannot look away from that.

In this package of bills, we have for the first time dedicated new funding for the children of individuals who are incarcerated, programs to support young people to break the cycle of incarceration. Seventy percent of young people who are the children of

those individuals who are incarcerated usually wind up being incarcerated themselves. Through a great bipartisan effort, working in the House and the Senate, and agreement from the Governor's Office, we will create a fund, the First Chance Trust Fund program, to provide support and break the cycle for these young people. That is new ground, Mr. President.

For the first time, Mr. President, we will now have strong enforcement rules and regulations available to the Liquor Control Board to shut down nuisance stop-and-go's in bars across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and especially prominent in the city of Philadelphia. For the first time. We have never had that before; we will have it now. Citizens across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, especially in my home city, have been crying out for help to get relief, to shut down these nuisance establishments. In this piece of legislation, in this package of bills that are being voted on today, we will now have enforcement opportunities for that. First time, Mr. President. There have been countless meetings by all Members across the board to get assistance in this effort. We will now, for the first time, have that assistance available to us.

There are a number of other things, Mr. President, that are in this package of bills. A number of isolated issues that had to be addressed that are important both to individual Members, important to individual communities, but also important to the progress of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We passed a budget on June 30, Mr. President. We had to figure out how to put all of the dollars together to do that. In the context of figuring out where the rest of those dollars will come from, some of us will have to maybe hold our nose a little bit and vote for, but there are some positive things happening in this package of bills that we are moving today that break new ground, add to the overall benefit of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, handle our responsibilities, and move the Commonwealth forward.

Mr. President, I encourage a "yes" vote on this bill. Thank you.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I have just a couple of brief comments in summary. The gentlewoman from the Lehigh Valley and the gentleman from Chester County identified on the floor a very significant issue that is going on, and I know our colleagues on this side of the aisle, Senator Killion, Senator McGarrigle, and Senator Rafferty in particular, have met on numerous occasions in my office trying to come up with some real solutions to address that issue. Infrastructure improvements can be very disruptive, they can be very problematic at times. Unfortunately, sometimes infrastructure is important to have done, but we want to make sure we do it in the best way that does not disrupt communities and also offset communities if they are financially having problems because of the infrastructure improvements. So, we will continue to do that. That is very important, and I know, as I said, my colleagues on this side of the aisle have identified it as their absolute number one issue that they need to deal with. I know in Delaware County, our one Senator is having town meetings on a regular basis to meet with people to help find the solution. So, we are committed. We have talked about the CFA funds, but we are also committing in any other way we possibly can in this Chamber to make that happen.

Mr. President, to be clear, we can focus on what this bill is not, but I think we also need to focus on what this bill is. There

is not a Member in this body, all 50 of us, who does not have issues in our district that could use some financial help to solve. Whether you are from rural Pennsylvania, urban Pennsylvania, or suburban Pennsylvania, we all have issues that this revenue package is not going to solve. We all can come to the microphone, all 50 of us, and talk about issues in our own districts, similar to the ones that the two I identified earlier talked about, that we could use more revenue to solve. That is not in this bill. What this bill is, Mr. President, is a bill to balance the budget. It is July 27. We have had a spending plan in place since June 30. We have not been able to reach an agreement with the House and the Governor on a final package to balance the budget. This has an agreement from the Governor, he said he would sign it. Hopefully, our friends in the House will come back to Harrisburg soon and take up either this measure or an alternative measure that they do support, but it is July 27 and this bill is a bill to balance the budget, which is our constitutional responsibility. So, instead of focusing on what it is not, let us focus on what it is and our job, which is to balance the budget, and we will continue to work together with our colleagues in all 50 districts on issues that are paramount to them. If they need financial help in the future, we will be there to do the best we possibly can for those communities, but what we need to do on July 27 at 11 a.m. is balance the budget, and that is what this bill is going to do, so I encourage an affirmative vote.

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-26

Blake	Gordner	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Brewster	Hughes	Scarnati	White
Browne	Killion	Scavello	Williams
Corman	Leach	Schwank	Yaw
Costa	McGarrigle	Street	Yudichak
Farnese	McIlhinney	Tartaglione	
Fontana	Mensch	Tomlinson	

#### NAY-24

Alloway	Brooks	Haywood	Reschenthaler
Argall	Dinniman	Hutchinson	Sabatina
Aument	DiSanto	Langerholc	Stefano
Baker	Eichelberger	Laughlin	Vogel
Bartolotta	Folmer	Martin	Wagner
Boscola	Greenleaf	Regan	Ward

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 616, SB 629, HB 631, SB 663, SB 751, SB 781, SB 785, HB 1490 and HB 1523** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

## SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

### BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

**HB 105 (Pr. No. 1573)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.911, No.147), known as the Telemarketer Registration Act, further providing for definitions, for unlawful acts and penalties and for unwanted telephone solicitation calls prohibited.

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 145** and **SB 471** -- 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 723 (Pr. No. 1039)** -- 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 high schools, further providing for courses of study.

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 753** and **HB 831** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS 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 Dr. Barbara A. Rupp, Joram Culbertson, Micah Benjamin Rife and to Shippensburg Lions Club by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mary Venskus by Senators Alloway and Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to B. Erdnene McClure by Senators Alloway and Regan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Breznik, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knittle, Garrett Brian Moyer, Kelly M. Weisner, Emma Fellin Palubinsky Balko, Schuylkill Area Community Foundation, Schuylkill Technology Center, Trinity United Church of Christ of Tamaqua, Tamaqua Business and Professional Women's Club, Schuylkill Center and to Schuylkill County Trout Unlimited Chapter No. 537 by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable and Mrs. Peter Schmehl and to Reading Railroad Heritage Museum by Senators Argall and Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Avenues of Pottsville by Senator Argall and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. and Mrs. Chester Halstead, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hagen, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Tothoro, Mr. and Mrs. John Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fuentes, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mitro, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Garber, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Noffz, Reverend Dominick J. Paglia, Senior Master Sergeant Harold J. Kristensen, Dr. William K. Grosh, Dr. Carl N. Shull, Warren P. Eberly, Myrtle H. Painter, Esther Heffner, John A. Horst, Robert L. Schlosser, Joanna Johnston Sweeney, Elizabeth W. Horst, Dawson W. Zalegowski, Charles W. Ulrich V, Joseph P. Valent, C. Ryan Rathman, Maxwell W. Dimon, Benjamin K. Wagner, Edward F. Cahill, Anna E. Kiscaden, Shirley M. Kain, Betty Ramsey, Elizabeth C. Walker, Hunter Stephen Winters, David J. Kaufman, Edith Kindler, Warren E. Harper, Samuel A. Kieffer, Kerry L. Sweigart, Herbert Davis Bailey, Frances R. Light, Robert J. Fesko, Betty A. Kulp, Henry W. Horning, Mildred R. Day, Florence M. Shank, Margaret B. Mateer, J. Harold Wright, Kari Herchelroth, Betty L. Miller and to Rothsville Volunteer Fire Company by Senator Aument.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robbie Zekany by Senators Aument and Martin.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Hugh J. Gallagher, Jr., by Senators Aument and McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hopkins, Dr. Dennis Peterson, Dr. Joseph M. Zasik, Jr., Roy Chesseri, Cody Dailey, David Bianco, Vincent L. Griffis III, Erik Sowga, David Rinehimer, John Berti, Keith Rinehimer, Ted Sherrill, members and coaches of the Kingston/Forty Fort All-Star Softball Team, Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post No. 0672, PPL Corporation, Greene Dreher Sterling Fair, Newfoundland Area Public Library, Brick's Market, Inc., and to Forest City Branch of the Susquehanna County Historical and Free Library by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Daniel Townsend by Senators Baker and Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David Tevet and to Al Kircher by Senators Baker and Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nancy G. Siffrinn, Johnna A. Pro, "The Yellow Jacket", citizens of the Borough of East Washington, Washington County Bar Association, Washington Area Senior Center and to Charleroi Borough Council by Senator Bartolotta.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kevin Burke, citizens of the Borough of Blakely, Lackawanna River Conservation Association and to Eagle Hose Company No. 1 by Senator Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Zachary Joseph Vilkauskas, Greg Funfgeld, Mary Theresa Mital Reisteter, Freedom High School, Lehigh Office of Special People In the Northeast, Inc., and to Bach Choir of Bethlehem by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mary Tony, Joe Koch, Mary Ogden, Pauline Hunsicker, Catherine Weidner and to Elizabeth Wuchter by Senators Boscola and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sarah Trimmer, Shelley Brown, Karen Shoemaker, Charles Everett, Jr., and to YWCA Bethlehem by Senators Boscola, Browne, and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Milan Drakulic, Sr., citizens of the Borough of Turtle Creek and to Community Health Clinic, Inc., by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Myrene Stoyer, Drew Anthony Slezak, Robert T. Rose, Cody M. Hall, Lucian J. Hall, Rachel Gillette, James A. Boyd, Jayden N. Rossey, Thomas M. Hale, Abigail K. Stine, Edward Hnida, Stella Mabel Gilson, James Feeney, Peyton Schulze, members and coaches of the Lakeview Knothole Little League Baseball Team, Great Stoneboro Fair and to Quality Life Services of Mercer by Senator Brooks.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Joseph A. Miller, Noah James Crowley, Deborah Peters, John Leon Buttery, Joseph R. Kornfeind, Shaumik Sameer Phadke, Earl A. Parris, Mary Ann Stengele, Leticia N. Panellas, Zachary M. Dunn, Pauline Mary Hunsicker, Francis T. Berry, May E. Schaedel, Burton W. Swayze, Garrett Scott Richards, Harold A. Smith, Frank Flamish, Henry M. Sharer, Constance Ricciardi, Marilyn M. Gehret, Aiden Maxwell Levinson, Ray B. Hausman, Jay H. Ruff and to Neffs Volunteer Fire Company by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Pamela S. Bechtel by Senators Browne and Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David Spishock by Senators Browne and Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas James McGinnis, Jr., by Senators Browne and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Haven House of Allentown and to United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley by Senators Browne, Boscola, and Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dan Kunkle by Senators Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reverend and Mrs. Charles Hershberger, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Johnson, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Rudy, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Workinger, Mr. and Mrs. James Platzer, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. David E. Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Bowen, Reverend Philip C. Tundel, Master Sergeant Douglas W. Shepherd, Dr. William H. Farley, Ross E. Cottrill, Skylar Ciccolini, James S. Singer, Bryan D. Imes, Delphine Gibson, David Esh Lee, Justin Snyder, Harry L. Houck, Jacob Kinzer, Steven J. Stimely, Harvey C. Eckert, First Regular Baptist Church of Huntingdon, members and coaches of the State College Teener League Baseball Team, Port Royal United Methodist Church and to Joseph C. Hazel, Inc., by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Dale K. Adair and to Spigno Saturnia Italo-American Society of Pittsburgh by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Pedro Cortes by Senators Costa and Street.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Diana Mattingly, Lori Zytowicz, Patricia Anne Rossiter, Bridget Tuggle, Narasimha B. Shenoy, Michael A. Zuba, Jr., Shane McLaughlin, Ethan Scott Newman, Jordan A. Guistwhite, Isaac Kramer, The Clinic of Phoenixville, Southeastern Pennsylvania Autism Resource Center, citizens of Sadsbury Township,

Wyncote Golf Club, West Chester Fish, Game and Wildlife Association, Inc., Historical Society of the Phoenixville Area, Vanguard Group, members and coaches of the Avon Grove High School Boys' Lacrosse Team, Wharton Escherick Museum, Good Neighbors, Inc., Tabernacle Baptist Church of Coatesville, Devon Senior Living, Kaplan's Fine Jewelry and to Citadel Federal Credit Union by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Robert Sumner by Senators Dinniman and Killion.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas A. Murphy by Senators Dinniman and Martin.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rushton Farm by Senators Dinniman and McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chester County Sports Hall of Fame by Senator Dinniman and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Master Sergeant David R. Durham, J. Elizabeth W. Davis, Kelly Heffner Means, Jerry G. Beck, Jr., Rosanne Williams and to citizens of South Hanover Township by Senator DiSanto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Lori J. Bechtel-Wherry, Our Lady of the Alleghenies Court No. 1755, Catholic Daughters of the Americas and to Wendell R. Henry Family Farm by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Unger by Senators Eichelberger and Langerholc.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Senior Master Sergeant Brian K. Mitchell, Donnie Thompson, Richard A. Schaeffer, Jr., and to Mt. Lebanon Campmeeting by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Redith F. Snoberger by Senators Folmer and Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to citizens of the Borough of Bellevue by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pensyl, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Poplaski, Matthew David Feerrar, Zachariah Anthony Feerrar, Jaren Hudson Tilford, Helen Diak, Robert L. Marks, Sr., citizens of the Borough of Watsontown, Nottingham Village Senior Living Community and to Shiloh United Church of Christ of Danville by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reverend Fredrick Herman Hoffmann, Michael Cunningham, Thomas M. Devery, Christopher Rudolph, James Matlack, Aidan Joseph Andrew Demeter, George Barsby, Souderton Mennonite Homes and to members and coaches of the 2009 North Penn High School Girls' Water Polo Team by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to members and coaches of the 2007 North Penn High School Boys' Water Polo Team and to Asher's Chocolate Company by Senators Greenleaf and Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reverends Dr. C. Milton Grannum, Thelma Gullatt Williams, Frances E. Gore, Mamie Gause, Selma Sarah Bachove Hirshberg, Keith Gehman and to Grace Baptist Church of Germantown by Senator Haywood.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alvin J. Welk by Senators Haywood and McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Craig Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Cammisa, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Peltcs, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Negley, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Deutsch, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Cherry, Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Stotsky, Mr. and Mrs. Clair L. Bupp, Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Balas, Merrill A. Moses, David James Custer, Lynn Johnson Cressman, Vernon L. Wise, Jr., Grace Wilkinson, Warren County Fair, Marienville Fire Company, Inc., First Baptist Church of Franklin, Thompson-Miller Funeral Home, Clarion University and to Department of Transportation District 1-0 by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Harlan Brice Seago, Ida R. Spalding, Jennie Cellucci, Louise Stiller, Nickolas J. Jekogian, Charles E. Hembree, Janet Bilisnansky, Penncrest High School Envirothon Gold Team and to Concord Township Historical Society by Senator Killion.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Senior Community Services of Folsom, Chester County Fund for Women and Girls and to Crozer-Keystone Healthy Start by Senator Killion and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reverends Dr. Claude Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Galen Calhoun, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Evacko, Mr. and Mrs. David Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Lutz, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Carns, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Goldizen, Mr. and Mrs. Domenick Luberto, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Majercsik, Mr. and Mrs. John Holbert, Camden Donahoe, Brady Blackburn, Nicholas Evans, Palma Pencola, Constance Updyke, Theresa Holliday, Theresa Conrad, Lorraine Ott, Lois Scaife, Jennifer Anne Michaels, Wickett & Craig, members and coaches of the Moxham PNA Baseball Team, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Denny's Beer Barrel Pub, Inc., Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Everett and to Grace Lutheran Church of Johnstown by Senator Langerholc.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bernard C. Kowalski, SCORE Erie and to Housing and Neighborhood Development Service of Erie by Senator Laughlin.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christopher Petko, Michael Krumenacker, Nicholas J. Kotler, John Bushner and to Upper Merion Senior Service Center by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kyle David Johnson, Conner E. Velkly, William H. Taylor, Spiro Arthur Schramm and to Pennsylvania District of Kiwanis International by Senator Martin.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief Joseph Daly by Senator McGarrigle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Delaware County Community College by Senators McGarrigle, Killion and Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jane M. Soreth, Brendan Scott Mindaik, Elizabeth Griffin Gendall, Dorothy Arner, Patrick Xavier Gannon and to Upper Makefield Fire Company by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alex Kromdyk, Robert Kreamer, Jacob D. Hillman, Aaron Doremus, Twila Fisher, Joshua Paul Gery, Conner B. Haire, William Bushnell, Daniel Moriarty, Jack S. Peters, Troop 108 of the Boy Scouts of America and to Perkiomen Lodge No. 595 of the Free and Accepted Masons by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to members and coaches of the 2006 North Penn High School Boys' Water Polo Team and to members and coaches of the 2008 North Penn High School Girls' Water Polo Team by Senators Mensch and Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mariah Elizabeth Elser, Alfonso A. Fazio, Jr., Catherine Kennedy McMullen, Jacob W. Pirhalla, Nicholas Andrew Galbraith, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Chapter of Delta Chi Fraternity, Peter Wentz Farmstead Society and to members and coaches of the Upper Providence Little League Baseball Team by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reba Dubner and to Penn Christian Academy of Norristown by Senators Rafferty and Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael Christopher Smith, Cameron David Kefford, David Spishock and to Dominick DeLorenzo by Senator Regan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jill Loeffler, Christina Cassotis, Mt. Lebanon Public Library, Bethel Park Volunteer Fire Company and to citizens of South Fayette Township by Senator Reschenthaler.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Beth El Congregation of Pittsburgh by Senators Reschenthaler and Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Very Reverend Monsignor Joseph P. Garvin, Thelma Whittington Green, International Brotherhood of Teamsters Union Local No. 830 and to Special People In the Northeast, Inc., by Senator Sabatina.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Parsells, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zona, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wilson, Ryan Joseph Sharrow, Johnny Alexander Rigler, Jeradin Michael Armagost, Marilyn Norman, Marguerite A. Pierson, Green Free Library, members and coaches of the Keystone Intermediate All-Star Baseball Team and to Saint Marys Area Ambulance Service by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Melissa J. Martinez, Dr. Palmer A. Orlandi, Jr., Robert C. Overfield, Robert H. Christie, Alberta Thomas, Josephine Vigni, Donald R. Ackerman, Aaron J. Lockard, Jebadiah J. Sussenbach, Susan M. Ciufo, Anthony T. Uliana, Carol Fehr Alfred, Stephen Menhennitt, Mary Bach, Cheri Neff-Prior, Neil Unternahrer, Megan Bossuyt, Nathan Reddicks, John Nauman, Nurse-Family Partnership, Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Pocono Raceway, GFWC Pocono Mountain Women's Club, Delaware Water Gap Celebration of the Arts and to members and coaches of the 1977 Bangor Area High School Boys' Basketball Team by Senator Scavello.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Gust C. Kraras, Cheryl A. Funk, Reading Branch of the NAACP, Mifflin Court Senior Living Community, Gallen Insurance, Inc., Reading and Vicinity Ministerial Association and to Mentors for Berks Youth by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to George J. Vogel, Jr., and to Reading Berks Conference of Churches by Senator Schwank and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sister Mary Agnes Kirsch, Monsignor J. Edward McCullough, Christopher Sweeney, Nicholas Morgan, George Wesley Colflesh, Sheryl

Pepiot, Sylvia M. Tarpley, Somerset County Technology Center Practical Nursing Program, Fayette County Community Action Agency, Inc., and to Monessen Volunteer Fire Department No. 2 by Senator Stefano.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Shirley M. Kitchen and to Marian B. Tasco by Senator Street.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Diego Castellanos, Marie McMenamin, Frank Tamasauskas, Felicita Feliciano, Joselina Rodriguez, Thelma Whittington Green and to New Kingdom Baptist Church of Philadelphia by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Adwoa Pokua, Brian Thomas Bugieda, Jacob Leinenbach, Dolores Kownacki, Steven Diogenes Curran, William Pezza, Rodney Miller, James Ewart, Rose Marie Strippoli, John Costello, Charles R. Mudie, Marsha L. Haug, Joseph A. Byers, Lower Bucks campus of Bucks County Community College, Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad, Villa Joseph Marie High School and to citizens of Bensalem Township by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable John Rocco, Dr. Mark G. Pavlovich, Eric Broadbent, Frank Gailey, Tina Horn, Mike LaRosa, Katelyn Martin, Doug Mascherino and to Ryan Sekkes by Senators Tomlinson and Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bucks County Community College Foundation and to Bucks County Community College Alumni Association by Senators Tomlinson and McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jarrod Alexander Medved, Jordan Kanschat, Bryson Miller, Kody Komara, Evan Sweesy, Domenik McGill, Austin Demme, Clarence Harold Cyphert, Greg Park, members and coaches of the Beaver County Christian School Boys' Volleyball Team, members and coaches of the Riverside High School Boys' Track and Field Team, members and coaches of the Riverside High School Baseball Team and to Quigley Catholic High School by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James R. A. Campbell by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patricia Pell, Sawyer Garrod and to Dawson Garrod by Senator Wagner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Jamison, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lanyi, Honorable Robert J. Brooks, Robert S. Barron, Evelyn Montross, Thomas W. Freeman, David M. Hanna, Jarett Michael Lazar, Jensen Cowan Ingraham-Beene, Westmoreland County Food Bank, Bove Engineering Company and to First Baptist Church Men's Group for Thanksgiving by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lori Grant by Senators Ward and Stefano.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Keith D. Jones and to James D. White by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Aaron D. Salyards by Senators White and Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Fred Howell, Sr., Wistar Institute and to Resurrection Community Methodist Church of Philadelphia by Senator Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Mazzullo, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kaczmarek, Mr. and Mrs. William Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas

P. Delovich, Mr. and Mrs. Dale A. Nace and to Evelyn McCarty Bennett Higley by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Claude Bennett by Senators Yaw and Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dantone, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Aleo, Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Mauriello, Stephen Plechavy Kurtz, Walter Allabaugh, Kazimierz Pulaski Political Club, Saint Maria Goretti Church of Laflin, Penn State Extension in Carbon County, Cintas Corporation, Location No. 735, Knights of Columbus, Plymouth Council No. 984, Greater Hazleton Area Polonaise Society and to Saint Stephen's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral of Wilkes-Barre by Senator Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Honorable William H. Amesbury, Sandy Feldman, Joseph L. Wroblewski, Eric Mahler, Clayton Karambelas, Michael Hirthler and to Air Excellence by Senators Yudichak and Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Robert W. Naismith, Dr. Susan F. Sordoni and to Dr. Louis D. DeNaples, Jr., by Senators Yudichak, Baker, and Blake.

### 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 Cherub Beth Straigis, to the family of the late Elizabeth Jane Lohman Wallace and to the family of the late Mary A. Petty by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Frank J. Danyi, Jr., by Senator Boscola.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Edward Joseph Dymek by Senator Dinniman.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Anna Mae Bailey and to the family of the late Josephine R. Bono Bozarth by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Stephen Blair Herrold by Senator Scarnati.

### POSTHUMOUS CITATIONS

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

A posthumous citation honoring the late Joseph H. Jones, Sr., was extended to the family by Senator Argall.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Roger Bollard was extended to the family by Senator Brooks.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Lenora M. Smith was extended to the family by Senator Farnese.

Posthumous citations honoring the late Mr. and Mrs. Amelio Scott and to the late Dr. Raymond W. Andrews were extended to the families by Senator Scavello.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Vivian Ortiz was extended to the family by Senator Tartaglione.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

The following announcement was read by the Secretary of the Senate:

## SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

## COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 251, 252, 552 and 564)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider House Bill No. 298)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider House Bill No. 453; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

11:00 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (public hearing on Liquor Control Enforcement of Stop and Go's and legal gambling devices)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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**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 motion was agreed to by voice vote.

**AFTER RECESS**

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

**RECESS**

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, September 18, 2017, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 10:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.