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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, September 20, 2017

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend NICK KEENEY, of Chambers Hill United Methodist Church, Harrisburg, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we gather in this Chamber today with the holy task of bringing order, peacefulness, and stability to the lives of the people we represent. We remember that Jesus told his disciples, "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required, and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded." Remind us again in this sobering moment of the great power that has been entrusted to the Members of this body. May they hold this power in a sacred trust for the betterment of the citizens of this Commonwealth. Help us to pursue a just, peaceful, and truthful resolution to our differences, one that considers the needs of all people and not just those whose voices are loudest or whose pocketbooks are the deepest. Give us the humility to set aside our political scores and work with one another in a common purpose and a common identity. By Your grace, bless the work that is done here today. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Keeney, who is the guest today of Senator Folmer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

September 20, 2017

Senator HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 330**, entitled:
An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for suicide prevention in institutions of higher education.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, September 20, 2017.

**APPOINTMENT BY THE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the President pro tempore has made the following appointment:

Mr. Michael J. Torbert as a member of the Public Pension Management and Asset Investment Review Commission.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 796 (Pr. No. 1008)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fees, further providing for exemptions from other fees.

SB 837 (Pr. No. 1099)

An Act designating a portion of State Route 981 in Smithton Borough and South Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland County, as the Specialist 4 William J. Kolenc Memorial Highway.

SB 887 (Pr. No. 1151)

An Act designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 611 beginning at mile marker 391 and ending at Pennsylvania Route 940 intersection, Monroe County, as the Roy J. Gross, Sr., Memorial Highway.

SB 888 (Pr. No. 1154)

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

HB 407 (Pr. No. 2011)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for contributions for pediatric cancer research and establishing the Pediatric Cancer Research Fund.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Blake, and legislative leaves for Senator Schwank and Senator Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Blake, and legislative leaves for Senator Schwank and Senator Williams. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of June 26, 2017, and June 27, 2017, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of June 26, 2017, and June 27, 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.

GUESTS OF SENATOR PATRICK M. BROWNE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I have the honor today to rise and recognize the distinguished public service of our friend, Greg Jordan. Mr. President, as you and the Members of the Senate are aware, following over 32 years of dedicated service to the Commonwealth, including the past 8-plus years as executive director of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, Greg will be retiring next week. There is no question, Mr. President, that Greg Jordan has made a profound and lasting impact on the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Appropriations with whom he has served, and all of the Senators, staff, and colleagues he has worked with over his 32 years of public service. He is State government's premier budgeteer, and it will be hard-pressed to find anyone with more knowledge or insight into the fiscal affairs of the \$74 billion operation which is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Here is some background of Greg. He is a native of Mercer County, and a graduate of Clarion University. He began working

for the Commonwealth during the Governor Thornburgh administration as a Pennsylvania management intern in the Governor's Office in 1985. From 1986 to January of 1989, he worked as a legislative liaison for the Department of General Services. Greg then joined the staff of the Senate Committee on Appropriations in February 1989 and never turned back. He first served as assistant executive director for the committee before being named executive director for the committee in 2009 under the leadership of Senator Corman. During his 32 years of service, Greg has worked for six Senate Committee on Appropriations chairmen, starting with Senator Tilghman, Senator Thompson, Senator Wenger, Senator Armstrong, Senator Corman, and myself. Throughout the different responsibilities Greg has had as a staff member of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, he has worked for 144 Senators. His Senate career has spanned six governors - Governor Casey, Governor Ridge, Governor Schweiker, Governor Rendell, Governor Corbett, and, of course, Governor Wolf.

Greg's work ethic and commitment to Senate Members, Senate staff, and the Commonwealth's residents is indisputable. He is driven to adhere to the highest standards of service and has earned the respect and admiration of his many friends and colleagues. It is undeniable that even in a workplace that by its very definition has perpetual life, there is no way to replace someone who has made such a significant impact on his profession and those with whom he has worked. Regardless of his knowledge and wisdom in professional and financial affairs, what has made Greg Jordan so impactful on the institution which he has served for most of his career is his understanding that the success of this formal body to advance the people's business depends not on its institutional mandates, but on the quality of the people who serve in it.

To get to know Greg Jordan beyond the expert budgeteer but as the person he is is to understand and appreciate his impact: his love and commitment to his wife, Fran, and his family, his passion for music and travel, the warm nostalgia he finds in his endless stories about early days in small-town northwest Pennsylvania, his school with his many friends, the railroad car factory with his family, stories which always climax with his signature smile and body-shaking laugh, and his devotion to the Harrisburg neighborhood he calls home. The personal connection he builds with his staff and his team, a connection which inspires them and all of us to serve up to our true potential, a potential to successfully and accurately execute, oftentimes under enormous time pressure, the financial obligations of this government, this is the Greg Jordan whom I have come to know over my service in the Senate and in the Senate Committee on Appropriations. Striving to live up to his ideals as a person is the way we strive to match his impact as a public servant. In a period of the most extreme challenge for the Commonwealth financially, Greg Jordan has not only instilled confidence that our actions will be carried out, but through his steady, calming way, in an environment which makes the toil and financial turbulence infinitely more tolerable.

Accordingly, Mr. President, it has truly been my esteemed pleasure to know and work closely with Greg as a Member of the Pennsylvania Senate, and especially over the past 2 1/2 years with his dedicated team on the Committee on Appropriations. Mr. President, I ask you, all Senate Members, and staff to join me today on behalf of the 12 million people for whom he has served and made their lives truly better to say thank you, Greg

Jordan, for being the person who has inspired all of us to make this institution of people the best it can be through your outstanding career of dedicated service, service that represents the very best that State government is and should always be.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, very briefly, the gentleman from Lehigh mentioned that I was the one who hired Greg as executive director, and I guess technically that is true, but, see, that was my first year as chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, and I did not know what I was doing--people still do not think I know what I am doing--but it was obviously a big change and big job for me. So, I interviewed Greg and it was more like he was interviewing me. He was the one who was qualified for the job, and I was the one learning the job, so I was more trying to make sure he stayed on so I could do the job. I think he was interviewing me to see if he wanted to work for me. Fortunately, he did. Fortunately for me and fortunately for the Senate Greg did stay on and became the executive director of the committee. For the last 10 years we worked very closely together, the first 6 years in my term as chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and the last 3 as Leader, which obviously works very closely with the Committee on Appropriations staff.

I do not know how we would have gotten ourselves through this maze of difficulties for the last decade without Greg Jordan and his expertise. He came to the table not with his own agenda, but with the facts: here is what you can do and here is what you cannot do. He really understood State government and all its many facets. With Greg Jordan, as we know, it has been very difficult this last decade of doing budgets when the economy crashed, revenue went down, and we had to make a lot of difficult decisions. We had to figure out ways to serve the people of Pennsylvania, and Greg was right in the middle of that, coming up with new ideas all the time so that we could do our jobs.

He was also, for me, a great friend, someone I could talk to, someone I could rely on, and the only sad part about becoming the Leader of the Senate was that Greg would not be working with me every day. But, being the true great professional that he is--we all feel as if we are irreplaceable, and if there is anyone who is close to being irreplaceable, it is Greg Jordan--but he set up the staff so that he can leave. He has hired great people over the years whom he has put into place and they are prepared to take on that new challenge. I think that is the mark of a really good employee and a good director, that he not only will do a good job in the job that he has, but he will set it up for when he leaves so that the committee will move on without missing a beat. We are glad that a few years ago Fran made an honest man of him, and they have been a lovely couple for years. As Senator Browne said, they are dedicated to their community, dedicated to us in State government, and he will be truly, truly missed.

God bless you and Fran. I wish you nothing but the best.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, these are, for many of us, especially those of us who have been around for a minute or two, difficult moments when you see someone who is clearly talented, clearly committed, clearly more than competent, make a decision to leave this body, to leave the 12 million people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to go on and choose to live the

rest of their life. Greg Jordan is all those things that my counterpart and friend, Senator Browne, has indicated. Greg Jordan is all of the things that my good friend, the Majority Leader, Senator Corman, has indicated. But, as times become more turbulent, as we do the things that we do, trying to move this Commonwealth forward, and all of the people and the institutions within the Commonwealth, losing a force, a steady hand, a knowledgeable force, an entity who can guide us through this process, both Republicans and Democrats, losing someone like Greg--and I can call him Greg--will be difficult. Even though we are on different sides of the aisle, he has always remained someone who can provide good, solid, and wise counsel to us, even though we know that we may have a different viewpoint in how we are looking at a particular situation.

We are in, as I said, Mr. President, very turbulent times. Significant change has started to come our way and will be only increasing. It is the people such as Greg Jordan, and there are few like Greg, who have the knowledge, the history, and the understanding to keep our rudder straight and to keep us going in the right direction. I know he will be leaving to do other things, traveling, I am sure, checking out his favorite music haunts, wherever they may be at any given locale around the country or around the world. We want him to do that and to enjoy that, because he has earned it, but we also want to make sure that--and I have a sneaking suspicion that Senator Browne, Senator Corman, and a few of us will make sure that we have Greg's GPS attached to our own phones so that we can make sure we know how to find him whenever it is necessary.

It is a significant thing, I have to add this, Mr. President, that we have with us on the floor not only a number of the members of our Committee on Appropriations staff and our leadership staff, but also the Budget Secretary asked if he could come on the floor and spend a few moments here with us, Secretary Albright, former executive director, who worked with Greg, and I assume he is still working with Greg for the foreseeable future, but hopefully not too long, all right? I know that Miriam Fox is here, the executive director of the Democratic House Committee on Appropriations. I think it says something very significant that two of his counterparts in different Chambers and different parts of the building, along with our own Mark Mekilo and some of our staff, are here on the floor for this particular moment.

This is a loss for Pennsylvania, and we need to be clear about that. There are folks, some inside this building, some outside the building, who denigrate government and denigrate public service and think that it is not meaningful, that it does not have value, that it is a function that others can tend to, and we do not necessarily need folks who have been around for long periods of time who have institutional history and who have significant knowledge about how portions of government work. There are folks who do not believe in this. For every one of those individuals who do not believe in the value and importance of what it is that is being done, we can hold up a Greg Jordan and all of that history and all of that knowledge and all of that information and say, sorry about that, but whatever you may think, we can, for lack of a better term, trump just by holding up a Greg Jordan.

So, Greg, we thank you, I thank you, our team thanks you, our Caucus thanks you. We thank you for your commitment, we thank you for your service. Do not think that Senator Browne, Senator Corman, and the rest will be the only ones who have a way to contact you. We will know exactly where to find you

whenever it is necessary, because we know you have some stuff hidden in whatever budget that we have been working on somewhere to do a good thing for some people in this Commonwealth.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Mercer, Senator Brooks.

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, Greg grew up just a few minutes from my hometown, and back home the Jordan name is revered and well respected. Greg has carried that legacy down here to the State Capitol, so I say thank you, Greg, for a job well done, and honoring your last name as we cherish it back home, and wish you the best in your retirement. God bless.

The PRESIDENT. The very special Greg Jordan, Air Jordan, we thank you so much for your service. Ultimately, at the end of the day, it is all about nonpartisanship and working together one way or another. You had one of the most complicated jobs in State government and you are to be commended for your great service. Always a gentleman, always nice to people, and so well respected here. Congratulations to you and Fran, and how about you stand and finally take a bow for all of your great service. Would the Senate please congratulate Greg on his retirement.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR MICHAEL J. FOLMER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, I rise to introduce today the guest Chaplain of the Senate, Reverend Nick Keeney of the Chambers Hill United Methodist Church. Reverend Keeney grew up on a farm in Wyalusing, Pennsylvania, and earned a degree in economics from Alfred University before receiving a Master's in Divinity from Duke University. He has served churches in North Carolina, New York, and Pennsylvania. Pastor Nick and his wife, Brookye, are proud parents of two sons, A.J. and Clark, and have a miniature dachshund named Augie. Pastor Nick is passionate about the ways his congregation can connect to and serve their neighborhoods. On days off, he enjoys hiking with his family, playing golf, or enjoying a good old-fashioned motorcycle ride.

Senators, please join me in a warm Senate welcome for Reverend Nick Keeney.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Folmer, Pastor Nick Keeney, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. Thank you for your prayer.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR THOMAS H. KILLION PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator KILLION. Mr. President, this morning I rise to introduce a young man from my district, Ben Voss, who is serving as a guest Page for the Senate today. He is an eighth grader at Garnet Valley Middle School in Delaware County. He is also joined by his parents in the gallery, Matthew and Kathleen Voss. Ben has a strong interest in State government politics with thoughts of a possible future career in public service. Ben is involved in

YMCA Youth and Government and works at the Y summer camp as a leader-in-training. I enjoyed spending time today earlier with Ben, who is here on the floor, and as I mentioned, his parents are seated in the gallery. Mr. President, I ask that we extend our traditional warm Senate welcome to these special guests.

The PRESIDENT. Will the guests of Senator Killion, our guest Page on the floor, Ben, please rise so we can welcome you and your parents, Matt and Kathleen.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN C. RAFFERTY AND SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I am especially honored today to have the opportunity to introduce a group of students to the Senate of Pennsylvania. I was hoping to meet them earlier this morning, but our Committee on Transportation hearing on the Turnpike ran a little over time, so I will be out to visit them at the school very shortly. Mr. President, it is the 10th grade class from Kimberton Waldorf School in the Phoenixville area. Most students come from my district and Senator Dinniman's district. They are visiting us today to observe State government and to have the chance to tour the State Capitol.

Mr. President, at a time when we recognize news reports of the test scores showing a lack of knowledge of civics and government in our schools, Senator Dinniman and I both have sponsored a bill bringing civics back into our high schools. I am very encouraged today with the 10th grade class from Kimberton Waldorf School with their teacher, Effie Scott, to be here today to see firsthand the Senate of Pennsylvania and State government in action.

Mr. President, before we give them our traditional warm welcome, I yield the floor to my colleague from Chester County, Senator Dinniman.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, it is a privilege to be here with Senator Rafferty. Before redistricting, East Pikeland Township, where Kimberton Waldorf is located, was in my district, but the point is students come from both of our districts to this school. Senator Rafferty is on target: we have groups who come here to learn about government. We need to restore the teaching of government and civic virtue within our schools. The bill, which Senator Rafferty put together and which I have the privilege of cosponsoring with him, will restore that notion. If we look around today, we see that so many young people do not know much about government. They certainly learn when their teachers and schools come to visit us here in Harrisburg, but we have a responsibility to put back the teaching of public engagement, the teaching of the very basic foundation, constitutionally, of this nation. So today as we welcome Kimberton Waldorf, we welcome students who are concerned about the government. We want to restate the need for this Senate and this legislature to take some action so that every student in a private, public, or religious school has a foundation of knowledge, civic engagement, and civic virtue, the very basis of this nation and Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Will the guests of both Senator Rafferty and Senator Dinniman, the 10th graders from Kimberton Waldorf and their teacher, Effie Scott, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Keep that pageant wave going all day long.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators SCARNATI, FONTANA, YAW, MARTIN, BARTOLOTTA, BROOKS, BROWNE, LEACH, ARGALL, RESCHENTHALER, GREENLEAF, YUDICHAK, FARNESE, BREWSTER, MENSCH, SABATINA, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, COSTA, FOLMER, BAKER, KILLION, VULAKOVICH, VOGEL and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 195**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2017 as "Hunger Action Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

GUESTS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, clearly, hunger is an issue that transcends political parties, families, and geographic areas. Offering this resolution by many Members in this Chamber is very important as we close out another Hunger Garden this year. It was hugely successful and those who participated in it, I thank them. We have two people in the gallery, one from the group Feeding Pennsylvania, and the other one from the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, Jane Clements-Smith and Erin Smith Wachter. We ask them to rise and thank them for their help with feeding Pennsylvanians in need of food.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Scarnati, Jane and Erin, on behalf of feeding the hungry, please rise so we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Thank you for all you do, and we will see if Jane and Erin's presence will help the resolution pass.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of off-the-floor committee meetings to be

held in the Rules room in the back of the Chamber, starting with the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by the Committee on Appropriations.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of those two committee meetings, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

HB 453 (Pr. No. 2410) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

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 oil and gas wells, further providing for definitions, providing for Oil and Gas Lease Fund and further providing for oil and gas operations in the South Newark Basin; 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 Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund, further providing for transfer; 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 2016-2017 restrictions on appropriations for funds and accounts, repealing provisions relating to fund transfers; in general budget implementation, further providing for Department of Community and Economic Development, for Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, for Department of Human Services and for Commonwealth Financing Authority Restricted Revenue Account and providing 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, for limitation on new applications for Department of Education approval of public school building projects and for Public School Building Construction and Reconstruction Advisory Committee; providing for Tobacco Annuity Liquidation; 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.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1

SENATE NONCONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 453 (Pr. No. 2410) -- 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 oil and gas wells, further providing for definitions, providing for Oil and Gas Lease Fund and further providing for oil and gas operations in the South Newark Basin; 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 Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund, further providing for transfer; 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 2016-2017 restrictions on appropriations for funds and accounts, repealing provisions relating to fund transfers; in general budget implementation, further providing for Department of Community and Economic Development, for Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, for Department of Human Services and for Commonwealth Financing Authority Restricted Revenue Account and providing 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, for limitation on new applications for Department of Education approval of public school building projects and for Public School Building Construction and Reconstruction Advisory Committee; providing for Tobacco Annuity Liquidation; 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.

On the question,
Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate amendments to House Bill No. 453?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate nonconcur in the amendments made by the House to Senate amendments to House Bill No. 453, and that a Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate be appointed.

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

The PRESIDENT. For the information of the Members, on the motion, an "aye" vote supports the motion to nonconcur in the House amendments, and a "no" vote is to concur.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I join the Majority Leader in asking for an affirmative vote on the nonconurrence and the creation and appointment of a conference committee as it relates to this particular bill. I ask my Members to join me and vote to nonconcur.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YEA-43

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

NAY-7

DiSanto	Hutchinson	Regan	Wagner
Eichelberger	Martin	Stefano	

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.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 211 (Pr. No. 1269) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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.

HB 234 (Pr. No. 200) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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.

HB 236 (Pr. No. 202) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 251 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 285 (Pr. No. 2221) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 409 (Pr. No. 2155) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions and for Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council and providing for review of updated sections and adoption of updated sections into Uniform Construction Code; in Uniform Construction Code, further providing for revised or successor codes; further providing for changes in Uniform Construction Code; in training and certification of inspectors, further providing for education and training programs; and, in exemptions, applicability and penalties, further providing for applicability to certain buildings.

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

HB 409 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 409, Printer's No. 2155, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDENT. The bill will be placed on the Calendar.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 411 (Pr. No. 1014) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1981 (P.L.214, No.67), known as the Bingo Law, further providing for definitions, for rules for licensing and operation and for penalty.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 503, SB 504, SB 552, SB 564 and SB 616 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

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

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

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.

HB 631 (Pr. No. 668) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

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

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 781 (Pr. No. 1068) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 781 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 781, Printer's No. 1068, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDENT. The bill will be placed on the Calendar.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 1523 (Pr. No. 2084) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in DNA data and testing, further providing for policy, for definitions, for powers and duties of State Police, for State DNA Data Base, for State DNA Data Bank, for State Police recommendation of additional offenses, for procedural compatibility with FBI and for DNA sample required upon conviction, delinquency adjudication and certain ARD cases, providing for collection from persons accepted from other jurisdictions and further providing for procedures for withdrawal, collection and transmission of DNA samples, for procedures for conduct, disposition and use of DNA analysis, for DNA data base exchange and for expungement.

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.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 145, SB 297 and SB 435 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 471 (Pr. No. 941) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in real property, providing for real estate foreclosure of vacant and abandoned property and for sheriff's commission and credit or attorney fees.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 472, SB 542, HB 561 and SB 625 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 655 (Pr. No. 993) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 742 and SB 753 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 790 (Pr. No. 1163) -- 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, in additional special funds, establishing the First Chance Trust Fund.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 822, SB 826, SB 827, SB 854, SB 883, HB 1287, HB 1420 and HB 1421 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to note that tomorrow is a very special day for Senator Wagner and Senator Tartaglione, who will be celebrating their birthdays. Since we will not be here, please wish them a happy birthday.

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

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

MEMBER OF THE THE *[sic]* BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

September 7, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 11, 2017, of Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until graduated or separated from the University, vice Logan Steigerwalt, Walnutport, graduated.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE THE *[sic]* BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

September 7, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 28, 2017, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Aaron Walton, Allison Park, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS

September 14, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vest in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I hereby recall my nomination dated June 12, 2017, of John Pocius, 2933 Cedar Avenue, Scranton 18505, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Robert Garlitz, Sewickley, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

August 28, 2017

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated July 18, 2017, of Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until January 21, 2020, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gilbert Griffiths, Dallas, deceased.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

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

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

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

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Sherman Hostetter, Jr., 267 Garvinhurst Drive, Beaver 15009, Beaver County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Nevin Rentzel, 800 Norman Road, York 17406, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CANCER CONTROL, PREVENTION AND RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Susanne Gollin, 1216 Heberton Street, Pittsburgh 15206, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, John McCarrin, 530 Woodhaven Road, West Chester 19382, Chester County, Ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael Flinchbaugh, 30 Keller Avenue, York 17406, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2021, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Ronald Kopp, 2066 Colebrook Road, Middletown 17057, Dauphin County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Ronald Rohall (Public Member), PO Box 855, 674 Kissell Springs Road, Ligonier 15658, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, R. Ivan Lugo, 231 Pine Street, Philadelphia 19106, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Richard Bosco, 3004 Nicely Place, Greensburg 15601, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mark Hall, Shippenville, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Douglas Grimes, 2021 Majestic Drive, Canonsburg 15317, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice James Adams, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Guy Salerno, 711 Pleasant Avenue, Peckville 18452, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Stephen Margeson, Dickson City, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION BOARD
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND
SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael Brinkash, 154 Railroad Street, Locust Gap 17840, Northumberland County, Twenty-seventh

Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

July 11, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Armand Ferrara, Jr., 118 Howard Street, Charleroi 15022, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

July 12, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Edward Seebeck, 20050 Route 6, Warren 16365, Warren County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Christopher Gegaris, 212 Ledge Lane, Mountain Top 18707, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until January 21, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Constance Henry, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael Pawlik, 74 Winkler Road, Shickshinny 18655, Luzerne County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until January 21, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gilbert Griffiths, Dallas, deceased.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Audrey Silverstein (Public Member), 224 North Bowman Avenue, Merion Station 19066, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until January 15, 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice David Shutter, Glenshaw, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

July 10, 2017

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

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

July 10, 2017

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

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I request that the nominations just read by the Clerk be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator ALLOWAY,
That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering nominations made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I call from the table certain nominations and ask for their consideration.

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Sherman Hostetter, Jr., 267 Garvinhurst Drive, Beaver 15009, Beaver County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Nevin Rentzel, 800 Norman Road, York 17406, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CANCER
CONTROL, PREVENTION AND RESEARCH
ADVISORY BOARD

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Susanne Gollin, 1216 Heberton Street, Pittsburgh 15206, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, John McCarrin, 530 Woodhaven Road, West Chester 19382, Chester County, Ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael Flinchbaugh, 30 Keller Avenue, York 17406, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2021, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Ronald Kopp, 2066 Colebrook Road, Middletown 17057, Dauphin County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Ronald Rohall (Public Member), PO Box 855, 674 Kissell Springs Road, Ligonier 15658, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, R. Ivan Lugo, 231 Pine Street, Philadelphia 19106, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Richard Bosco, 3004 Nicely Place, Greensburg 15601, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mark Hall, Shippensburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Douglas Grimes, 2021 Majestic Drive, Canonsburg 15317, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice James Adams, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Guy Salerno, 711 Pleasant Avenue, Peckville 18452, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Stephen Margeson, Dickson City, resigned.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael Brinkash, 154 Railroad Street, Locust Gap 17840, Northumberland County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

July 11, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Armand Ferrara, Jr., 118 Howard Street, Charleroi 15022, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

July 12, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Edward Seebeck, 20050 Route 6,

Warren 16365, Warren County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Christopher Gegaris, 212 Ledge Lane, Mountain Top 18707, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until January 21, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Constance Henry, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael Pawlik, 74 Winkler Road, Shickshinny 18655, Luzerne County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until January 21, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gilbert Griffiths, Dallas, deceased.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

July 6, 2017

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Audrey Silverstein (Public Member), 224 North Bowman Avenue, Merion Station 19066, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until January 15, 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice David Shutter, Glenshaw, resigned.

TOM WOLF Governor

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

July 10, 2017

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

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

July 10, 2017

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

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

On the question,
Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations?

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 530 (Pr. No. 1166) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1987 (P.L.220, No.39), known as the Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act, further providing for definitions, for qualifications for license, for reciprocity, for restriction on the use of title "licensed clinical social worker," for restrictions on the use of title "Licensed Professional Counselor," for penalties and for unlawful practice; and repealing provisions related to appropriation.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators WAGNER, BROOKS, DINNIMAN, MARTIN, BARTOLOTTA, EICHELBERGER, FARNESE, ARGALL, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, RESCHENTHALER, LANGERHOLC, BREWSTER, SCAVELLO, SABATINA, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, COSTA, FOLMER, YAW, HUGHES, BAKER, WHITE, BLAKE, KILLION, BROWNE, VULAKOVICH, VOGEL, MENSCH and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 196**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2017 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania, encouraging young Pennsylvanians who are fighting cancer, honoring young people who have lost their lives to childhood cancer, expressing gratitude to the doctors and nurses who provide special care to patients and families affected by childhood cancer and encouraging all residents in this Commonwealth to join the fight against childhood cancer.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator WAGNER. Mr. President, we have a lot of pressing issues going on right now in Harrisburg. Mostly how to balance our State budget without raising taxes on hardworking Pennsylvanians, but, Mr. President, today I take a few minutes to touch on something with a greater impact than what we do here today. Mr. President, across the world September is "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month," and I stand here today to have Pennsylvania join nations, other States, local governments, and school districts in recognizing this important designation in honor of the many children and their families battling cancer. The American Cancer Society is estimating that over 10,000 children all across the country under the age of 15 will be diagnosed with cancer this year alone. Research shows that 1 out of every 330 children will be diagnosed with cancer before their 18th birthday. Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease for children in this country, and after accidents, it is the leading cause of death for children under the age of 14. These statistics are sobering, and even more sobering is when it hits home.

Many of us have personal stories of family, friends, or other loved ones who have to deal with this awful disease, and in my opinion, one cancer diagnosis is too many. Mr. President, I would like to touch on one of those stories that impacts us right here in the Senate. My legislative and executive director of the Committee on Local Government, Erin Marsicano, and her husband, Joe, have a beautiful 6-year-old daughter, Sophia. For those of you who know Sophia, she is central Pennsylvania's Wonder Woman, and let me tell you, she is tough as nails. Yet, this Wonder Woman is battling her biggest villain yet. A few months ago doctors at the Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital found a mass on Sophia's brain that turned out to be a cancerous tumor. Not only that, the cancer has already spread throughout her spinal fluid and down her spine. Sophia's type of cancer is so rare that it has stumped neurology and oncology professionals from several institutions in this country. Sophia, or Wonder Woman, continues to battle this evil villain which has taken her sight and has severely impacted her central nervous system. In July and August, Sophia endured 6 weeks of radiation to her brain and spine with a total of 30 treatments, along with 42 straight days of oral chemotherapy. Sophia also received a separate type of chemotherapy every 2 weeks, and her medical team is currently exploring additional chemotherapy options for her.

I, along with Erin and Joe, continue to ask, why this girl? Why Sophia? Many of us in this room ask why this loved one or why this friend has been diagnosed with cancer. None of us can answer that question here today. However, what we can do is offer our support, our prayers to everyone, especially our children who battle cancer. Thanks to continuing advances in the medical community, more and more of our younger generations are living healthy and vibrant lives after beating cancer at an early age. I want the children of Pennsylvania who are fighting cancer, as well as their family and friends, to know that we have important issues in the Senate today as it relates to our State budget and taxes, but nothing is more important than your battle with cancer right now. Republicans and Democrats battle on issues in this building all the time. Sometimes we agree and we disagree, but right now, I thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for joining me in supporting all of our children across the Commonwealth in their battles to defeat cancer and recognize September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. We stand with you.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the Senator, and our prayers, our encouragement, and our inspiration go out to Sophia.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 197**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 26, 2017, as "National Voter Registration Day" in Pennsylvania and encouraging Pennsylvanians to register and vote.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, this resolution is simple, it is clear, and may be one of the more important things that we speak to here on this day in this hour. This resolution calls for recognizing September 26, 2017, as "National Voter Registration Day" in Pennsylvania. By population, Mr. President, there are 12,784,000 folks in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The total voting age population in Pennsylvania is 10.1 million people, but unfortunately, the total who are registered in Pennsylvania are 8.6 million people. So, anytime that we get the opportunity to be part of a national effort to recognize and increase voter participation, which first must come from being registered to vote, Mr. President, is extremely important and puts on notice that this body is definitely concerned about the most fundamental aspect of our democracy, which is the right to vote and, of course, the participation in that right. So, Mr. President, I ask for full and unanimous support of this resolution.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 198**, entitled:

A Resolution designating October 2, 2017, as "Justice Thurgood Marshall Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, consistent with the first resolution which was initially adopted prior to the hopeful adoption of this one, this resolution recognizes October 2, 2017, as "Justice Thurgood Marshall Day" in Pennsylvania. October 2, 2017, marks the 50th anniversary of Thurgood Marshall being sworn in as the first African American Supreme Court Justice in this nation. I think it is important to underscore that. Again, October 2, 2017, marks the 50th anniversary of Thurgood Marshall being sworn in as the first African American Supreme Court Justice in Pennsylvania. Although Thurgood Marshall was born on July 2, 1908, in Baltimore, he does have some very significant and very important Pennsylvania roots. He graduated from Lincoln University in Chester County in 1930. Lincoln University is one of the first, Lincoln and Cheney, historically black colleges and universities in the nation. Justice Marshall graduated magna cum laude from Howard University Law School in 1933. In 1934, Justice Marshall joined the legal division of the NAACP, where he would work until he became a judge. From 1938 to 1961, he served as chief counsel for the NAACP.

During his distinguished career at the NAACP, he argued more than a dozen cases before the United States Supreme Court, including *The State of Connecticut v. Joseph Spell*, which helped lay the groundwork for the civil rights movement, and, of course, the landmark case, *Brown v. Board of Education*, which declared State law segregating public schools was unconstitutional. On

June 13, 1967, President Johnson nominated Justice Marshall for a seat on the United States Supreme Court. On August 30, 1967, in a short, I guess that would be approximately 8 to 10 weeks, Mr. President, on August 30, 1967, Justice Marshall was overwhelmingly approved to assume a seat on the United States Supreme Court. Chief Justice Warren swore in Justice Marshall on October 2, 1967, marking the first time an African American sat on the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. President, Justice Marshall continues to serve as an example and inspiration for all who continue to fight for justice and equality. Further notes indicate that Justice Marshall, as a lawyer, won more cases than any attorney who has ever appeared in front of the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. President, it gives me great honor to introduce and ask for unanimous support for this resolution marking October 2, 2017, as Justice Thurgood Marshall Day here in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, given the environment that we are in right now, the recognition of this great American, I think, is duly appropriate for this Commonwealth and for this nation. I ask that this body join numerous other bodies across the nation as they lift up this great contribution and recognize October 2, 2017, as the anniversary and swearing-in of Justice Thurgood Marshall to the United States Supreme Court.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Justice Marshall was an amazing individual and a tremendous icon and role model for America.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution,

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

Senators SCAVELLO, FARNESE, DINNIMAN, ARGALL, MARTIN, FONTANA, BREWSTER, BARLOTTA, GREENLEAF, SABATINA, DiSANTO, RESCHENTHALER, RAFFERTY, LANGERHOLC, FOLMER, YAW, HUGHES, YUDICHAK, WHITE, BAKER, AUMENT, COSTA, KILLION, BROWNE, MENSCH, STREET, WARD and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 199**, entitled:

A Resolution designating October 6, 2017, as "Manufacturing Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monroe, Senator Scavello.

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, I am pleased to offer this resolution along with my colleague, Senator Farnese, designating October 6, 2017, as "Manufacturing Day" in Pennsylvania. This is part of a nationwide effort led by the National Association of Manufacturers, and in our Commonwealth by the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association. Manufacturing is the backbone of the economic well-being of our Commonwealth, generating over \$70 billion annually in State gross product, employing 570,000 hardworking Pennsylvanians on the plant floors, and supporting supply, distribution, and retail networks that sustain millions of additional Pennsylvania jobs.

However, Mr. President, it is important to emphasize that there are upwards of 8,000 jobs that remain unfilled on our plant floors. Therefore, it is essential that we continue to increase awareness of the Commonwealth's need to fulfill manufacturing jobs and to educate young people as to the opportunities that exist in this important sector. I hope some of the guidance counselors in our schools across our State hear this. Despite the fact that manufacturing jobs have above-average wages and benefits, averaging an annual income of over \$65,000, 44 percent higher than non-manufacturing sectors, stigmas that manufacturing is dirty, dangerous, and unfulfilling often remain uncontested. We must change this stigma and show continued support, and involvement in Manufacturing Day is a critical first step.

Thank you, Mr. President. I will turn the microphone over to my colleague, Senator Farnese, for his remarks.

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, again, I am happy to join in on this resolution with my good friend, Senator Scavello, to designate October 6, 2017, as Manufacturing Day in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As you know, Pennsylvania's history as a center for manufacturing is longstanding. Not only has our great State been a place where we would consider traditional manufacturing opportunities, but also Pennsylvania has become a home for many of the new types of manufacturing sectors, including biotech, pharma, and next-generation manufacturing. The economic value of manufacturing is obvious. I know I do not need to explain its value to anyone here today, but I do note that it accounts for 12 percent of our gross State product, and that more than a half-million working Pennsylvanians have jobs in manufacturing, an industry like the previous speaker said, with high wages that allow folks to carve out a prosperous way of life for themselves and for their families.

Thank you, again, to my fellow chairman of the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development, Senator Scavello, for his work to highlight this important sector of industry in Pennsylvania. I thank you for your time today, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators LEACH, FONTANA, SABATINA, HUGHES, FARNESE, BLAKE, RESCHENTHALER, KILLION, WILLIAMS, YUDICHAK, BOSCOLA, ARGALL, WAGNER, REGAN, DINNIMAN, STEFANO, MARTIN, SCHWANK, COSTA, AUMENT, SCAVELLO, RAFFERTY, BROWNE, MENSCH, VULAKOVICH and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 200**, entitled:

A Resolution condemning white supremacy and neo-Nazism.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator LEACH. Mr. President, today I am proud of the Pennsylvania Senate. It is not every day any of us feels that way,

but today we are speaking with one voice, we are speaking un-animously, which has not always been able to be achieved around the country on this issue. We are Democrats, Republicans, liberals, conservatives, rural legislators, urban legislators all speaking together to condemn white supremacy and Nazism. This resolution was borne out of the events that occurred on August 12 in Charlottesville, where we had something that many of us never thought we would see in America, a rally of people carrying torches and chanting anti-Semitic and racist slogans. We had violence, a young woman was killed. Shortly after that, in response to that, I spoke at my first anti-Nazi rally. It is amazing that in America in 2017 I can say that, that that is actually a thing that I did. I felt it was important for the entire body to speak with one voice, to say not that these people do not have a First Amendment right to express their views, but that their views are not views that are shared by people anywhere in this legislative body and not shared by decent people anywhere across Pennsylvania.

Mr. President, we have seen this sort of talk before throughout history. We have seen where it goes, whether it was the Armenians, whether it was the Nazis in Germany, whether it was other groups of people who were subject to the genocide and violence because of their ethnicity, because of their religion, because of their race. That all starts with the dehumanization of people and the calling for discrimination. Now, there are always going to be fringe people, Mr. President, in society, we cannot stop that. It is a big country. But what we can do is make sure that this particular pathogen does not enter the mainstream, the bloodstream of American life, that this does not become normal, that this does not become something that is all right.

We are calling this today what it is. This is domestic terrorism and violence in service of racism, and bigotry is in fact the most common form of domestic terrorism in America. We have seen the results of this throughout our history, whether it was lynchings, bombings, whether it was other forms of violence. Today, we are standing up as one body and saying, no, that is not acceptable. We are not going to tolerate that, we are going to permit it because the law requires us to, but we want nothing to do with that. As one sign says that is popping up on lawns across the State, hate has no home here, certainly not in the State Senate today.

I am very proud of every Member of the body for supporting this resolution. Regardless of what else we disagree with, we should all agree on the basic humanity of all of our fellow citizens and the basic right of all of us to have an opportunity to live our lives peacefully and with dignity and without fear of being attacked, without fear of violence, without fear of discrimination or persecution based on who we are.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Montgomery County for bringing this resolution forward. I think it is an important resolution, it is an important statement by the Senate of Pennsylvania.

Mr. President, a couple of weeks ago we went through ceremonies honoring and remembering September 11. The remarks I made at one of the gatherings was that if we really want to honor these individuals, we need the spirit that came out after September 11. The camaraderie and the unification of our coun-

try together as one was a tremendous feeling. It did not last very long, but it was important that we all came together. If we truly want to honor these victims, we need to honor that spirit again. I am a big *Game of Thrones* fan. In those days, your political enemies, when you won, you cut off their heads, and that was the way it was in the day. When we created this country, we created something special that we could have differences of opinion on politics and we could have battles and we could have idea exchanges and fight hard, and then at the end of the day we move on and be one.

I think there is no better example of that than in our Founding Fathers themselves with Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, two people who were diametrically opposed, on different sides of the aisle, different sides of political view, fought tooth and nail against each other on public policy of the day, but Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence and John Adams signed it. Even though for years after they battled on public policy, they were great friends and shared letters to their dying days, and actually died on the same day 50 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. That is the example that we all need to set for each other, that spirit of the Democrats are my opponents but not my enemies. You know, the Democrats are my neighbors, they are my volunteer firemen, they are my community members, they are my friends. Although we may disagree at times, we do it in a professional, polite way that moves public policy forward. So when people prey on hate, as some of these groups have, they are preying on fears; they are not preying on the best of us, they are preying on fears, and that is not tolerable. Those of us who do not believe that need to stand up and say it is not tolerable.

So I thank the gentleman for bringing the resolution forward, and I am glad it was done in a way that we all supported it and unanimously make a very strong statement that whatever your political views are, right, left, center, anywhere in between, if you are spewing hate, we are not going to stand for that.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators HAYWOOD, TARTAGLIONE, FARNESE, HUGHES, SABATINA, STREET, WILLIAMS, BREWSTER, FONTANA, LEACH, GREENLEAF, AUMENT, BROWNE, VULAKOVICH and MENSCH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 201**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring Fannie Lou Hamer on the 100th anniversary of her birth, October 6, 2017, in recognition of her vast and valiant efforts to ensure the civil rights of minorities, women and low-income families.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, in keeping with all the prior resolutions regarding voter registration and ending hate, I am pleased to offer this resolution for Fannie Lou Hamer on what would be her 100th birthday, October 6 of this year.

As you may know, Fannie Lou Hamer was the youngest of 20 children of a family of cotton sharecroppers in Sunflower County, Mississippi. She dedicated her life to civil rights, first working in her town through the Mississippi Regional Council of Negro Leadership, then later working for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. She participated and organized civil disobedience to fight racial segregation and injustice. Ms. Hamer was threatened, arrested, beaten, and even shot as part of the violent response to her work with civil rights and voting rights. Though this never deterred her, it is evident in a statement she made after attempting to register folks to vote in Indianola, Mississippi, where she said, "...what was the point of being scared? The only thing [they] could do was kill me, and it seemed like they'd been trying to do that a little bit at a time since I could remember."

So, in recognition of the lifework of Fannie Lou Hamer, I am pleased to submit this resolution and ask for unanimous support by the Senate.

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

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

Senators DINNIMAN, MARTIN, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, BREWSTER, BROWNE, HUTCHINSON, VOGEL, BOSCOLA, FARNESE, MENSCH, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, COSTA, HUGHES, KILLION and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 202**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2017 as "Mushroom Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I am proud to represent an area that produces more mushrooms than any other area in the United States, never mind Pennsylvania. Chester County just had its Mushroom Festival, where tens of thousands of people participated and came to the Kennett Square area. Mushrooms are healthy and good for you, so we encourage people to continue eating them. But really what is important is in my county, we are the high tech center of Pennsylvania, but an interesting fact is, despite being a center of high technology, despite being the home of Vanguard Services, which, as you know, is the largest financial service in the United States in terms of the amount of deposits that are made, despite being the center of the biopharma industry, we still have more money coming in from agribusiness, and especially the mushroom business, than we do from other aspects of our economy, as important and as essential as they are.

So, I rise today to toast the mushroom, thank it for the jobs it has created in my county, and urge people in the Commonwealth to continue to eat a nutritious, good food product that is made right here in Pennsylvania. Thank you.

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

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

Senators DINNIMAN, MARTIN, ARGALL, EICHELBERGER, BARTOLOTTA, FARNESE, GREENLEAF, BREWSTER, SCAVELLO, SABATINA, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, COSTA, FOLMER, HUGHES, YUDICHAK, BAKER, KILLION, VULAKOVICH, VOGEL, MENSCH and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 203**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2017 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and acknowledging the importance of raising public awareness of the threat and causes of prostate cancer.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, as a survivor of prostate cancer, this is a very important resolution to me personally, and to the thousands and thousands of men in this Commonwealth who have had prostate cancer. It is the third highest cause of death of any cancer of men within the Commonwealth. One in seven men in this nation will be impacted and will have prostate cancer.

The key to survival and the key to continued good health is early recognition. So, the way the urologists say it, and it is fine to say it, do not fear the finger. Go get that digital exam, because it can mean the difference between your life and your death. While the Obamacare regulations eliminated some of the insurance reimbursements for the blood test, it appears from recent studies that the importance of the blood test is back, so we urge you to ask your doctor whether he or she recommends that as well. In my particular case, it was that I had a baseline based on the continuation of the PSA tests that created the recognition that when it went up, something was wrong.

So, I hope that men in this Commonwealth, for their own sake, for the sake of their spouses, and for the sake of their children, will get their testing for prostate cancer done, both the digital test and, if their doctor recommends, the PSA test as well, which new research shows to be equally essential. We hope that in most cases insurance companies will cover both, and we hope that we will put enough pressure on to make sure that this is covered for all men, both forms of testing, in the Commonwealth. Early detection saves your life. It saved my life, and it will save your life, as well.

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

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

Senators DINNIMAN, MARTIN, FONTANA, BREWSTER, BROWNE, GREENLEAF, HUTCHINSON, BOSCOLA, FARNESE, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, MENSCH, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, COSTA, HUGHES and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 204**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of September 24 through 30, 2017, as "Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative Programs Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, there are many who work with juveniles in our Commonwealth at the centers and alternate workflow programs who are doing an amazing job in this Commonwealth of bringing young people around to good citizenship, to awareness of their misdeeds, and to starting a new opportunity in their growing up and in their lives of being effective citizens and understanding its importance. I think that we need to honor those who work with these young people and who are changing young lives day in and day out. In my own county, we have a special ceremony, which will take place in about a week, in which we honor these workers and thank them for all that they do. I know other counties do this, as well. So, it is a pleasure, Mr. President, to present this resolution.

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

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

Senators FONTANA, DiSANTO, MARTIN, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, SCARNATI, FARNESE, RAFFERTY, SABATINA, HUGHES, YUDICHAK, WHITE, AUMENT, COSTA, KILLION, BROWNE, VOGEL, BARTOLOTTA, MENSCH and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 205**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2017 as "Italian-American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I rise today to ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing October 2017 as "Italian-American Heritage Month." Perhaps one of the most famous Italians is the explorer Christopher Columbus. During Columbus's time, most people believed that the world was formed mainly of one giant landmass consisting of Europe, Asia, and Africa, mostly because they were the only continents mentioned in the Bible, and they were surrounded by one enormous body of water they called the ocean sea. Christopher was determined to find a quicker route west from Europe to Asia, and during one of his voyages Columbus luckily came upon the Americas. More recently, we credit Christopher Columbus with Italian immigration to the New World and what is now Pennsylvania.

Currently, there are over 17 million Americans of Italian heritage in the United States, with more than 1.4 million residing in Pennsylvania and many in this Chamber, Mr. President. While the first Italians to settle in Pittsburgh may have faced discrimination, Italian cuisine was embraced enthusiastically. In fact, as you know, Mr. President, when you come to Pittsburgh, a Pittsburgh staple is a Primanti Brothers sandwich, which is the concoction of meats, coleslaw, and French fries stacked upon two

slices of Mancini's bread, which was invented by Italian descendants. As an Italian American myself, Mr. President, it is with great pride that I urge adoption of this resolution.

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I am honored to join with Senator Fontana and I thank him for allowing me to cosponsor the resolution honoring Italian Americans. It is a long-held belief that the navigator for Christopher Columbus was Irish. We do have to salute Christopher Columbus for his bravery and daring to cross the Atlantic Ocean, discovering the United States of America, and, of course, Amerigo Vespucci, who drew the map of the United States, for whom America is named. This is a great month, October, to salute all that was done by the Italian Americans, and as I marvel driving through many of the urban centers of Pennsylvania, a lot of the churches, massive churches, and the parochial schools were built by the nationalities that came to the United States, the Italian Americans being prominent among them.

Francis Recchuiti, who is a very dear friend of mine and an attorney in Montgomery County, asked me to sponsor this resolution. I join with Senator Fontana and I once again thank him for allowing me to be part of this salute for the Italian Americans in the month of October.

The PRESIDENT. Spices are the joy of life, and what a spicy combination in this resolution.

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

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

Senators FONTANA, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, SABATINA, BREWSTER, FARNESE, RAFFERTY, HUGHES, YUDICHAK, BAKER, AUMENT, COSTA, KILLION, BROWNE, MENSCH, STREET and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 206**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2017 as "Spina Bifida Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I stand here today to recognize October 2017 as "Spina Bifida Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, spina bifida is a congenital defect that occurs when there is an incomplete formation of the spine. Spina bifida is the most frequently occurring, permanently disabling birth defect, affecting 1 in 2,500 babies in the United States each year. Spina bifida is not one condition, and it often results in partial paralysis, bowel and bladder incontinence, skin sensitivity, and many other cognitive developmental and physical challenges of varying degrees. The cause of spina bifida is unknown and affects each person differently. Every woman of childbearing age is at risk of having a child with spina bifida, which is why it is recommended that all women who are plan-

ning on becoming pregnant consume 400 milligrams of folic acid daily, which can reduce the risk of having a child with a neural tube defect. Many people believe that a diagnoses of spina bifida insures a poor quality of life, which is not true, Mr. President, thanks to the advancements in treatments over the past few decades.

Mr. President, I stand here today to bring awareness about spina bifida as a special tribute to John Moroney III, the son of my longtime staffer, Patty, and her husband, John, who passed away recently. Like a true western Pennsylvania resident, John was an avid Pittsburgh sports fan and club attendant at Heinz Field for over 10 years. By designating October 2017 as Spina Bifida Awareness Month, I hope it will bring greater awareness to help further understand this condition, while celebrating the lives of more than 166,000 Americans who are affected.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. We all remember John Moroney and we thank you for your recognition of him and the issue of spina bifida.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 207**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 26, 2017, as "P.O.W.E.R. 4 Precision Medicine" in Pittsburgh and commemorating the contributions of Women In Bio in this Commonwealth.

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

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 796, SB 837, SB 887, SB 888 and HB 407.

And said bills having been considered for the first time,

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

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, as you know, last week the Consolidated Education Plan was sent to the Federal government. I want to say and make it clear that certainly in terms of myself, in terms of the Republican chair in both the Senate and the House, as well as the Democratic chair, that we have serious concerns. In a press release yesterday, the two Republican chairs said we will chime in as a legislature to state our concerns, and I thank them for doing that and I, hopefully, will also put my comments in with theirs.

Understand that Pennsylvania is very unique in terms of the States. In most States, the authority of education rests in either the Governor, the State Board of Education, or the Secretary of Education. Pennsylvania is one of only four States in which that authority rests in the legislature itself. Unfortunately, over many decades we have not stated our authority in this matter. Many things have happened in education that I think are distasteful to many residents of the Commonwealth. One of those aspects of education is the excessive testing that our students go through. While certainly the reduction in the amount of test time is a step in the right direction, like test time for the PSSA, which is for our elementary and middle school students, there is still excessive testing. In fact, in third or fourth grade, the 9- or 10-year-old, instead of going through 8 days of testing will now go through 6 1/2 days of testing. That still is not the best way, it seems to me, for a young person to learn. By the way, with this focus on testing, what we have forgotten is that education is about the liberation of the human spirit, it is about moral decisions that we make, it is about civic responsibility that we should have. If we continue to focus on the testing of only three subjects, those are the subjects that get focused on in the curriculum and the importance of the other subjects gets left behind.

So, Mr. President, I want you to know that while the plan has been submitted, we in the legislature have an opportunity, and, indeed, a constitutional responsibility to submit our objections to certain parts of the plan. What was most interesting, Mr. President, is while the plan focused in on limiting test time for our elementary and middle school students in terms of PSSA, it continued the Keystone Exams without any comment, and it says that we are now going to take a construct of students over the next 13 years, this being the first year, and we are going to follow it through. That means that the Keystone testing will continue until 2029. It is expensive. You must realize, as I have said many times before, the total cost of these exams to the Commonwealth is \$1.3 billion, that one corporation has received \$741 million from the State, and it is about time that we put that money where it counts: it is in the classroom and it is with the teacher. Do not stamp "failure" on students who cannot pass the test, who come from school districts that do not have the resources to teach, that do not have certified teachers, and in some cases do not even have the textbooks. That is simply wrong. We will have much more discussion of this in the months ahead, but I bring up that just because this report is in, it does not mean that the discussion or battle is over. I am very proud that the two Republican chairs have made it clear, because I have been trying to do this for a number of years, so I am proud that we are now in an alliance, in coalition together to make it clear that excessive testing, even with the so-called reforms or less testing, is not the answer to quality education, and it is not the answer to the type of education that will allow our students to have success in this new global economy.

The second issue I wish to talk about, Mr. President, is the gas lines and how they have impacted the citizens of my district and other citizens throughout our county. Because the PUC granted eminent domain to the Mariner 2 and 3 Pipeline, what has occurred is that the original pipeline is about 80 years old, that is when they got public utility status, now they said the next two will have the same status. The difficulty, Mr. President, is natural gas is not what is going through these pipelines. It is the byproducts of natural gas, butane and propane, which are extremely

dangerous and for which there are no evacuation plans or thorough prevention plans to prevent a catastrophe from happening. We know that in this operation there have already been over 95 leaks that have occurred in the construction of this, a number within my own district. We know that a spring and potentially an aquifer in my district was damaged through what is called HDD, a type of deep underground crosscut drilling.

I can tell you that thousands of citizens in my district have come together to protest what is going on, who are demanding that the Governor and that DEP stand up for the health and safety of our residents. They feel enough is enough. These are not some radical environmentalists. These are moms and dads, teachers, and the people who care about young people because these gas lines, based on eminent domain, go directly adjacent to our public schools, our religious schools, preschools, nursing homes, and other facilities where it will be very difficult to get people out in a timely manner. In fact, there are no clear instructions on what to do if one of the lines should explode. It is not just an explosion but a simple spark can create a firewall that could occur.

We understand the economic value that comes from gas. We do not oppose the notion of having gas lines taking care and helping us prosper as a Commonwealth, but what we demand and what my constituents are saying is clearly make sure that the public health and safety, that the environment is protected when you go about creating the lines to bring about what we hope will be an economic reward from the byproducts of natural gas. When 95 spills, as of last week, have occurred just simply in the construction of these lines, when they go adjacent to these facilities, how are you going to get--if you had 20 infants in a facility and 3 workers, how are you going to get them all out of that facility in a timely manner? How are you going to evacuate those schools with Kindergartners and first graders? In fact, in one school in our district, a parochial school that is adjacent to the lines, 20 families have already withdrawn their students from that school in fear of what could occur. Economic prosperity is one thing, but the most fundamental purpose and role of government is to protect the public safety of its citizens. I call, as a representative from Chester County, upon the Governor, upon DEP to assure the citizens that their safety is being protected.

Finally, Mr. President, let me tell you a story that shows you how weak these regulations have been. In the fall of 2016, DEP told Sunoco that it rejected its water plan. Every county had to have a plan approved by DEP. DEP said that they rejected a plan because it did not take care of private wells. So DEP writes to Sunoco and suggested they resubmit the plan and that they use, as a basis to protect those wells, a listing of private wells, which is kept within DCNR. Mr. President, what they suggested was a list that does not do the job whatsoever. It is a voluntary list. It does not have complete information. In fact, in the 350 miles of gas lines in the Mariner as it crosses Pennsylvania, in the area of easement and 150 feet on either side, believe it or not, this list only identified 22 wells. That is impossible. In my county it only identified three, but we have already had dozens of wells knocked out, bone dry, and other problems as a result of the drilling that is going on.

Sunoco, to its credit, writes back to DEP and says, your list is not a good list, so we are going to come up with a list of names too, lists that we have when we go to speak to the various homeowners which we will continue to develop. So I thought that is fine. That is good. That is a good step in the right direction.

When they had to do the 72 hours, which is required under Federal law, to tell someone that we are going to drill near your house and you could be potentially impacted, there was no definition of 72 hours. So, the company could have told you 2 months ago or a year ago, but worse than that, there were many people who had wells within the area of the easements and 150 feet on either side who were never informed.

So I wrote to the Secretary of DEP and I said, send me a list of the names that Sunoco gave you, so now that you are saying that you are really going to enforce it as a result of what occurred in the hearing with the Environmental Hearing Board and the decisions made, we can verify it, because I will know what list you are using, and if there is anyone who is not notified, we can tell you and get it corrected. Do you know, Mr. President, believe it or not, DEP would not give me the list, claiming that it was a private list given to it by a corporation? The information about who has wells and who does not have wells is certainly not private. It is in real estate announcements that might be in the paper, public water, public sewer, it would say it, and it is certainly not private in the sense that you can go into the assessment office of the county and it will note what kind of water and sewage it has. So this is a phony excuse.

Mr. President, I had to do a Right to Know request, even though I am a Member of the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, even though I sit here as a State Senator, in order to protect my citizens, my constituents, and so that we know who is being appropriately informed, I had to do a Right to Know request, of which they, of course, asked for a 30-day extension, but meanwhile, the drilling continues to go on. Finally, let me say, we need to find out who exactly approved and said it was okay to say to Sunoco, we will approve your grant as long as you use this list. Because how could they suggest the list that is a government list without knowing that it only contained 22 wells? We need to find that out if we are going to have protection.

So, Mr. President, I stand up on education to say the struggle will continue and we will get an education policy that is good for our students, and I plan to reintroduce the bill for college boards for our schools, minus teacher evaluations. Forty-seven Members signed on. The concern as to why some dropped off, though we still have 30 people, was because of teacher evaluation. We will get rid of that part. We will amend it out, Senator Eichelberger and I, and we will ask the Committee on Appropriations on the floor to pass the bill which 47 people signed onto initially without teacher evaluation and just focus on substituting the Keystones with the college board exams, Mr. President.

On the second issue, we have a petition now that has over 3,000 names, we have thousands of letters, and what will occur on the 17th of this month is that the good citizens of my county, the moms and dads who care about their kids in the schools, the citizens who care about their parents in the nursing homes and other facilities, will be here in Harrisburg. There will be a news conference and they will then go forward to present their concerns in petition form to both DEP and our Governor, who I really hope will act to protect us in Chester County. I call upon him in the name of my constituents to do so. Also on the weekend, I believe either November 4 or 5, there will be a rally in Chester County where I believe thousands of our citizens will stand up and make it clear that they do not oppose the line, but that there is no way that the government and the regulatory agency of this

Commonwealth should allow the public health and safety of our residents to be compromised. I can tell you as a State Senator, and I am joined by Senator Rafferty in a bipartisan effort in this regard, that we together, and hopefully with the support of others, will protect the health and safety of every resident of this county.

Thank you, Mr. President, for indulging me and allowing me this time. I deeply appreciate it.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, very briefly, I will mention before we leave, although he is no longer here, that today is the last Session day for the Chief Counsel of the Senate, Rikardo Hull. Rik has not been here all that long, quite frankly, a little over a year, I think. Rik came to us from the PUC, and when Commissioner Powelson took the job down at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Rik decided to join him. It is a great opportunity, a very exciting opportunity to go down to Washington, D.C., and be part of the work of that commission, which is in his background. So I say thank you to Rik for his service to us, again, which was short, but it was effective. It was well earned and well thought of. So, I take a moment to recognize the last Session day here of someone with whom we all worked for a period of time.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. We appreciate the service and the great work of Rik Hull and wish him all of the best in Washington, D.C., working with Commissioner Powelson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider House Bill No. 599)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider House Bill No. 1547)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider House Bill No. 271; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017

11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 499 and 844; Senate Resolution No. 169; and House Bills No. 203, 352 and 1139)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017

10:00 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH and HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (joint public hearing on providing an update on the Lyme Disease Task Force Report)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017

9:30 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (H) and AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (S) (joint public hearing to discuss the Spotted Lanternfly, a non-native species with the potential to greatly impact the grape, tree fruit, plant nursery, hops and logging industries; quarantines have been established in Berks, Bucks, Chester, Lehigh, Montgomery and Northampton Counties and there is growing concern regarding its spread)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017

9:00 A.M.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (S), VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (S) and VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (H) (joint public hearing on FirstNet, the nationwide broadband network for public safety)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017

9:30 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH and HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (joint public hearing providing an update on the Lyme Disease Task Force report)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
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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, October 2, 2017, at 2:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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