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SENATE

MONDAY, October 16, 2017

The Senate met at 1:12 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend SAMUEL KOFI ASHLEY, of Mt. Pocono United Methodist Church, Mt. Pocono, offered the following prayer:

Almighty One, You have asked that prayers and petitions be lifted up for those in places of authority. So we lift before You all who serve our State through this legislative body. We pray for the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Senators, their staff, law enforcement, and first responders. Guide them with the spirit of wisdom and understanding. Grant them the insight and foresight to make the right decisions on behalf of those who send them here. To those who make laws, give courage and grace to discharge their duties in fairness and justice for all. We pray that this Senate will be a strong force for good in every community, bringing relief to those who are suffering throughout this nation and the world. May our lawmakers make a positive contribution toward the well-being of the people they serve. We pray that they will be able to look beyond their differences so that their hard work and efforts can make a difference for all. We bring before You our world, our nation, our leaders, servicemen and women serving in harm's way. Please keep them safe. We offer all these prayers with thanksgiving in our hearts. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Kofi, who is the guest today of Senator Scavello.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

RECALL OF REGULAR SESSION

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

October 12, 2017

TO: President and All Members of the Senate

FROM: Senator JOE SCARNATI
President Pro Tempore

RE: Recall to Session
Monday, October 16, 2017, 1:00 p.m.

Consistent with the recess motion made on October 4, the Senate is recalled for session on Monday, October 16, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

**RECALL COMMUNICATIONS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

**MEMBER OF THE CONSTABLES'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD**

October 10, 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 Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Constables' Education and Training Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Harry Walsh, McKeesport, deceased.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE CONSTABLES'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD**

October 10, 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 4, 2017, of Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Constables' Education and Training Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice the Honorable Fortunato Contino, Folsom, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

SECRETARY OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS

October 12, 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 September 14, 2017, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Drug and Alcohol Programs, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice the Honorable Garold Tennis, Harrisburg, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

SECRETARY OF HEALTH

October 12, 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 September 27, 2017, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Health, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice the Honorable Karen Murphy, Clarks Summit, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

October 5, 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, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, to serve for a term of five years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Terence Farrell, West Chester, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
ERIE COUNTY

October 5, 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, Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 922 North Third Street, Apartment 311, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Erie County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Robert A. Sambroak, Jr., deceased.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

October 5, 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, Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 922 North Third Street, Apartment 311, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Paul P. Panepinto, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MASSAGE THERAPY

October 5, 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, Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as as *[sic]* member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2020, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Donna Ponessa, Lancaster, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CONSTABLES'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

October 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, Thomas Brletic, 112 Marshall Drive, McKeesport 15132, Allegheny County, Forty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Constables' Education and Training

Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Harry Walsh, McKeesport, deceased.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CONSTABLES'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

October 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, Francis C. Peitz, Jr., 218 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh 15238, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Constables' Education and Training Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Julie Sokoloff, Ardmore, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CONSTABLES'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

October 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, Craig Westover, 1320 Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin 16323, Venango County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Constables' Education and Training Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice [data missing] Fortunato Contino, Folsom, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

CORONER, PERRY COUNTY

October 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, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Coroner, Perry County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Michael Shalonis, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

SECRETARY OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS

October 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, Jennifer Smith, 129 Twin Creeks Drive, Jonestown 17038, Lebanon County, Forty-eighth District, for appointment as Secretary of Drug and Alcohol Programs, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice the Honorable Garold Tennis, Harrisburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

SECRETARY OF HEALTH

October 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, Rachel Levine, 118 Autumnwood Drive, Middletown 17057, Dauphin County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Health, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice the Honorable Karen Murphy, Clarks Summit, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES

October 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, Teresa Miller, 4394 Saint Andrews Way, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Human Services, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice the Honorable Ted Dallas, Philadelphia, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

October 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, Jessica Altman, 911 North Second Street, Apartment 3, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Insurance Commissioner, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice the Honorable Teresa Miller, Harrisburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

CORRECTION TO NOMINATION
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

CORONER, PERRY COUNTY

October 13, 2017

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

Please note that the letter dated October 12, 2017, for the nomination of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Coroner, Perry County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Michael Shalonis, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Coroner, Perry County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2018, vice the Honorable Michael Shalonis, resigned

TOM WOLF
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
TO HOUSE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 409**.

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS BY
AMENDING SAID AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate by amending said amendments to **HB 785**, in which concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bills for concurrence, which were referred to the committees indicated:

October 5, 2017

HB 401 and **1806** -- Committee on Judiciary.

HB 783, 1402, 1516, 1657 and **1778** -- Committee on Transportation.

HB 1597 -- Committee on Labor and Industry.

HB 1613 -- Committee on Health and Human Services.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

October 5, 2017

Senators YAW, RAFFERTY, LEACH, FONTANA, SCHWANK, McGARRIGLE, BAKER, BROWNE, AUMENT and BLAKE presented to the Chair **SB 623**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to health care, further providing for applicability, for definitions and for criminal penalties; in living wills, further providing for emergency medical services; in out-of-hospital nonresuscitation, further providing for definitions, for orders, bracelets and necklaces, for revocation, for absence of order, bracelet or necklace and for emergency medical services, repealing provisions relating to advisory committee and providing for discontinuance; providing for Pennsylvania orders for life-sustaining treatment; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, October 5, 2017.

Senators BROOKS, STREET, WHITE, BREWSTER, GREENLEAF, MENSCH, COSTA, HAYWOOD, BROWNE, VULAKOVICH, SCHWANK, MARTIN, BAKER, HUGHES, LEACH and VOGEL presented to the Chair **SB 912**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for a medical assistance presumptive eligibility program for home care and home health services.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, October 5, 2017.

Senators WARD, VULAKOVICH, BROWNE, YAW, STEFANO, KILLION and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 913**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in casualty insurance, providing for prescription drug coverage; and providing for Pennsylvania Health Care Payor Claims Database.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, October 5, 2017.

Senators AUMENT, VULAKOVICH, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, BAKER, MENSCH, REGAN, STEFANO and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 914**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for information technology; establishing the Office of Information Technology and the Information Technology Fund; providing for administrative and procurement procedures and for the Legislative Cybersecurity Oversight Committee; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, October 5, 2017.

Senators DINNIMAN, FONTANA, BROWNE, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, COSTA, HUGHES, FARNESE, MENSCH and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 918**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in health and accident insurance, providing for coverage for prostate-specific test.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, October 5, 2017.

Senators HAYWOOD, BARTOLOTTA, SCHWANK, SABATINA, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, HUGHES, FARNESE, YUDICHAK, McGARRIGLE, COSTA, KILLION, VULAKOVICH, TARTAGLIONE, BLAKE, STEFANO and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 919**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), referred to as the Housing Authorities Law, further providing for powers of an authority; and providing for relocation.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, October 5, 2017.

October 11, 2017

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 921**, entitled:

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to TCA Properties, L.P., certain lands and improvements situate in the City of Allentown and the City of Bethlehem, Lehigh County.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 11, 2017.

Senators LANGERHOLC, SCARNATI, RAFFERTY, WHITE, BREWSTER, COSTA, BARTOLOTTA, WARD, VULAKOVICH, MENSCH, YAW, GREENLEAF, BLAKE, YUDICHAK, MARTIN and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 922**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 35 (Health and Safety), 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Nonnarcotic Medication Substance Abuse Treatment Program; in organization and jurisdiction of courts of common pleas, providing for court assessments for substance abuse treatment; in other criminal provisions, further providing for supervisory relationship to offenders; and, in State parole agents, further providing for supervisory relationship to offenders.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, October 11, 2017.

Senators BROWNE, VULAKOVICH, HUTCHINSON, DiSANTO, FOLMER, McILHINNEY, MENSCH, WARD and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 926**, entitled:

An Act providing for direct primary care, medical service agreements and insurance, for medical service agreement requirements and for use of other health care practitioners.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, October 11, 2017.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

THE PHILADELPHIA PARKING AUTHORITY FISCAL YEAR 2017 AUDIT REPORT

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

THE PHILADELPHIA PARKING AUTHORITY
701 Market Street
Suite 540
Philadelphia, PA 19106

October 2, 2017

Megan Martin
Secretary and Parliamentarian
Senate of Pennsylvania
462 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

Re: The Philadelphia Parking Authority
Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Report

Dear Secretary Martin:

At the end of each fiscal year, the books, accounts and records of the Philadelphia Parking Authority must be audited by a certified public accountant. Enclosed please find the Philadelphia Parking Authority's Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Report, completed by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP.

I am pleased to report that the auditors have issued an unqualified opinion regarding the Authority's Fiscal Year 2017 Financial Statements.

I would also like to note that during Fiscal Year 2017 the Authority was able to return nearly \$37.5 million to the City of Philadelphia through our operation of the on-street parking program, the highest amount ever. In addition, the on-street parking program's contribution to the Philadelphia Public School District exceeded budget by 28% to reach \$10.3 million for FY 2017. Through this program the Authority's contribution to the School District has now reached \$94.3 million since 2004.

Authority operations have returned \$114 million to local, state and federal governments this year. We anticipate that these excellent returns will continue as we continue to reevaluate old procedures and implement processes to provide high quality parking management and regulatory services in the most efficient manner.

Over the past year the Authority has also turned its focus inward to support good governance. The Authority has purposefully advanced the fact that all employees have the right to work in a place free from discrimination and harassment, in no matter what form. We have updated our conflict of interest policy, centralized our records retention policy and imposed a clear anti-nepotism policy. We have completely revised our Employee Manual to address the concerns of a modern workforce.

We have also completed training or retraining of employees in the areas of sexual harassment, the Pennsylvania Ethics Act, and diversity/sensitivity issues. A program to include this vital training as a sustained and on-going part of the Authority's overall operations has also been put in place.

As the Authority continues through Fiscal Year 2018 these programs will continue and be enhanced. New objectives focused on transparency in hiring, promotions and third-party contracting will be finalized. The Authority's website will also be redesigned to make this information available to the public without need to submit a Right to Know Request.

We certainly recognize the challenges we have before us and we are determined to meet them in a transparent, ethical and efficient manner. I hope this letter brings you a better understanding of the Authority's operations this year. We have also attached a copy of our annual report for FY 2017. I certainly will make myself available to discuss any issues or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

CLARENA I.W. TOLSON
Executive Directive *[sic]*

The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the library.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION RULINGS

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
State Ethics Commission
P.O. Box 11470
Harrisburg, PA 17108

TO: Director or Administrator
FROM: Robert Caruso, Executive Director
State Ethics Commission
DATE: October 12, 2017
RE: Distribution of State Ethics Commission Rulings

On June 26, 1989, the revised Public Official and Employee Ethics Law was enacted which re-authorized the State Ethics Commission. The State Ethics Commission is responsible for issuing various types of rulings on matters within its mandated jurisdiction. Pursuant to the law, the Commission is mandated to forward, quarterly, a copy of every Opinion, Advice of Counsel, and Order issued to one law library in each county, one public library in each county, the State Library, the State Senate Library, each authority appointing a Commission member, the Pennsylvania Association of County Commissioners, the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners, the Pennsylvania State School Boards Association, and the Pennsylvania League of Cities. Your agency is either specifically identified in the above requirement or has been selected as a library to which this mailing will be made pursuant to the above authority. As such, enclosed please find decisions of the State Ethics Commission from July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017. Due to budgetary restraints, a CD containing said rulings will replace paper copies that were previously sent.

For your information, the Commission generally issues these types of decisions as follows:

Commission Opinions - Opinions are advisory rulings issued by the State Ethics Commission regarding the duties and responsibilities of public officials and employees under the Public Official and Employee Ethics Law. Opinions are catalogued by year of issuance followed by the sequential number of the opinion during that year. As such, opinions relating to 2017 will begin with the number 17-001 and proceed there from as decisions are rendered.

Advice of Counsel - The Commission's Chief Counsel is authorized to issue similar advisory letters. Such letters are issued generally when there is prior precedent for counsel to rely upon in issuing a decision or when the provisions of the State Ethics Act directly provide the answer to the question posed. Advice of Counsel letters are numbered with the year and a 500 series number that progresses in order therefrom as rulings are issued. If more than 100 such letters are issued, a 600 series number will then be used.

Orders - Commission orders are issued at the end of an investigation and are determinations as to whether or not there has been a violation of the State Ethics Act. Commission orders are categorized numerically from the date of the first order in 1979. That is, the first Order issued was Order No. 1. All orders proceed there from.

It is recommended that Opinions, Advices of Counsel and Orders be maintained separately (in numerical order) so as to afford better retrievability.

The enclosed items are being forwarded for retention, cataloging and for the purpose of being publicly available for review by citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who may have an interest therein. Additional mailings will be made on a quarterly basis henceforth. If you have any questions in relation to your receipt of these documents and future distribution, please contact me at 717-783-1610 or 800-932-0936. For your information, all Commission rulings are available on-line at www.ethics.pa.gov.

The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the Library.

2018-19 BUDGET REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Office of Consumer Advocate
555 Walnut Street, 5th Floor, Forum Place
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101-1923

October 13, 2017

Hon. Tom Wolf
Governor of Pennsylvania
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Room 225, Main Capitol Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Hon. Joseph B. Scarnati, III
President Pro Tempore
Senate of Pennsylvania
Room 292, Main Capitol Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Hon. Mike Turzai
Speaker
House of Representatives
Room 139, Main Capitol Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Gentlemen:

Enclosed with this letter is the Budget Request of the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

The present budget request is submitted pursuant to Act No. 25 of July 20, 1983. *The OCA budget is not derived from the General Fund*, but is funded through a direct assessment on the companies that are under the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC).

Please contact me if you have any questions about the OCA's Budget Request or about the Office of Consumer Advocate.

Sincerely,

TANYA J. McCLOSKEY
Acting Consumer Advocate

The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the Library.

BILL SIGNED

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

HB 409.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Hughes and Senator Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Browne, and a legislative leave for Senator McIlhinney.

Senator Costa requests legislative leaves for Senator Hughes and Senator Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

Senator CORMAN offered the following resolution, which was read as follows:

In the Senate, October 16, 2017

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, October 23, 2017, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, October 23, 2017, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

HB 16 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 16, Printer's No. 1056, 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.

HB 165 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE AND REREFERRED

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 165, Printer's No. 129, be taken from the table and rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.
The PRESIDENT. The bill will be rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

GUESTS OF SENATOR THOMAS H. KILLION AND SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator KILLION. Mr. President, it is my pleasure this afternoon, along with my colleague, Senator Dinniman, to introduce the Kennett and Unionville Little League Team, the 2017 United States Junior League World Series National Champions. The KAU Little League Team won the U.S. championship game on August 19, 2017, beating the Southeast Regional Team, Rutherford County, North Carolina Little League. The league is

for 13- and 14-year-olds and is played on a full-size Major League Baseball field utilizing Major League rules. The team had an outstanding record, and we are so proud of their representation of Chester County at the national and international level. The team is coached by Matt Paterson, Sean Burns, and Brian Regenye. Members of the team reside in the Kennett Consolidated School District and the Unionville-Chadds Ford School District in Chester County and include the following players: Cory Burns, Andrew Tucker, Dan Kane, Nick Patterson, Louis Sharp, Joey Wolfe, Jack Regenye, Levi Jones, Thomas Edmonds, Matt Haggarty, Scott Hansen, and Patrick Methlie. I am so pleased to recognize, along with Senator Dinniman, these young athletes and coaches who, through their outstanding achievements, bring great distinction to themselves, their community, and our great Commonwealth.

On behalf of our community, families, and friends of our two senatorial districts, I take this opportunity today to show our pride for the U.S. Junior League World Series Champions. You make us all so very proud. Mr. President, I ask that we extend our traditional warm welcome to our special guests who are seated behind us in the gallery.

Thank you, Mr. President.
The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Dinniman.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, it is my distinct pleasure to join my fine colleague, Senator Killion, to recognize this team that has members from both of our districts. I want the Members of the Senate to understand the tremendous accomplishment of this Pennsylvania team. Not only did they win this championship in terms of Pennsylvania and representing our State, they won the national championship and went on to the world championship. How often do we have a Pennsylvania team win nationally and then they are in the world series? This junior Little League team comes from the Kennett Square area. This is an astounding accomplishment. Each and every one of us in this Commonwealth should be very proud when young people achieve something great, when young people work together in this sense of teamwork, collaboration, and accomplishment, and when we are represented internationally by the young people of this Commonwealth.

So, Mr. President, it is a pleasure to join my buddy and friend, Senator Killion, in recognizing this fine group of young people and their coaches.

Thank you, Mr. President.
The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Killion and Senator Dinniman, our KAU Little League Champions from the Kennett Square area of Pennsylvania, please rise so that we may welcome and congratulate you.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MARIO M. SCAVELLO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, it is my honor to extend my sincere thanks to my constituent and good friend, Reverend Samuel Kofi Ashley, of Mt. Pocono United Methodist Church, who is serving as guest Chaplain today and offered the opening prayer for Session. Born and raised in Ghana, Reverend Ashley

attended the University of Ghana for his bachelor of arts in religion and history. He obtained a master of education in political science from East Stroudsburg University, and holds a Master of Divinity from Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, New Jersey.

Reverend Ashley and his wife, Sarah, are invaluable assets to the inner workings of the Mt. Pocono United Methodist Church, as well as the Mt. Pocono community as a whole. Reverend Ashley lives with his wife and his 3-year-old son, Sammy, in Mt. Pocono. Please join me in welcoming Reverend Ashley, his family, and all the guests traveling with him today who are seated in the gallery.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Scavello, who said a wonderful opening prayer, Reverend Kofi, please rise with your wife and your whole delegation. We are so blessed to have you with us today and receive our warm welcome.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR GENE YAW PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lycoming, Senator Yaw.

Senator YAW. Mr. President, it is a great privilege for me to rise today to introduce Will Gowin of Canton Township in Bradford County. Will is serving as a guest Page up front here today on the Senate floor. I met Will this summer when he and his mother, Shelly, as well as Shelly's parents, Jerry and Elsie Ross, visited the State Capitol. Will is very interested in government and politics, which is what prompted their visit. I invited him back to the State Capitol to see what really happens with government action. Will is currently in eighth grade at Canton Junior/Senior High School and is active in track and cross country. While his future plans have yet to be decided, he is considering many options, including one day working in this building. Will's parents, Brian and Shelly, are also here with us in the gallery. I ask that my Senate colleagues extend a warm welcome to Will, our guest Page, and his family who are in the gallery.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Yaw, our guest Page, Will Gowin, and his family please rise so we may welcome you. Good to have you as a Page. Great to have your family with us, too.

(Applause.)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators KILLION, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, BROOKS, BROWNE, COSTA, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, FOLMER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HAYWOOD, HUGHES, LAUGHLIN, LEACH, MARTIN, McGARRIGLE, McILHINNEY, MENSCH, RAF-FERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SABATINA, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, STREET, TARTAGLIONE, VOGEL, WAGNER, WARD, WHITE and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 215**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2017 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator KILLION. Mr. President, it is my pleasure this afternoon to offer this resolution designating the month of October 2017 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. I had the privilege and honor of serving for a number of years on the Delaware County Domestic Abuse Task Force, and I know firsthand the tragedies that occur with domestic violence. Domestic violence affects women and men of all racial, ethnic, religious, educational, social, and economic backgrounds. For over 40 years, the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence has worked to honor victims and survivors, celebrate advocates, and shine a light on intimate partner violence. Staff and volunteers at local domestic violence shelters, located in communities across the Commonwealth, provide shelter, legal assistance, counseling, and children's services to more than 90,000 victims per year, helping them to find safety, obtain justice, and build new lives free of abuse. This resolution encourages all Pennsylvanians to learn more about the causes, signs, prevention, and treatment for domestic violence.

GUESTS OF SENATOR THOMAS H. KILLION PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

Senator KILLION. Mr President, today I introduce this resolution on behalf of the many victims and their families, and I also take this opportunity to recognize the coalition for their ongoing commitment to these men and women. Some of the victims' families are seated in the gallery today. The family of Olivia Maria Gonzalez, from Mercer County, part of the 50th Senatorial District, Senator Brooks' area; and Gary Gregory, PCADV board member and brother of Ellen Robb of Wayne, part of the 19th Senatorial District, Senator Dinniman's district, and the PA foundation founded in honor of his sister is called Every Great Reason. Mr. President, I ask that we extend our traditional warm welcome to these very special guests. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Will the very special guests who are here to stand up against domestic abuse please rise so that we may welcome you and thank you for your service and encourage you to continue. God bless you all.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Folks, since you are here, we are going to vote on the resolution, and let us see if your presence helps us pass the resolution.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. See, folks, it worked.
(Applause.)

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, today we take a moment to show our collective support and love for Erin and

Joe Marsicano, two members of our Senate family, and their daughter, Sophia. Six-year-old Sophia has been battling brain cancer since this summer and is currently at Hershey Medical Center receiving care. Her family has demonstrated amazing love and, most of all, courage during this difficult time not only in caring for Sophia, but also in supporting efforts to help other children who are fighting cancer.

Sophia's personal hero is Wonder Woman, a super hero who draws her strength from empathy and love. How fitting, because Sophia and her entire family have shown tremendous strength and grace when confronted with the most difficult ordeal that any family can encounter. We have all been deeply touched by their courage. Today we want to do our part to support and honor Sophia, Erin, and Joe by declaring today, October 16, as "Wonder Woman Day" in the Senate of Pennsylvania. As Wonder Woman once said, "...only love can truly save the world. I fight, and I give - for the world I know can be. This is my mission now. Forever." Let us all send our prayers and love to this little Senate Wonder Woman and her loving family, and to all those fighting cancer.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. We are blessed to have such an inspiration as Sophia, and what an honor for us to have today as Wonder Woman Day. We thank Erin and Joe who are at the hospital today, and if anyone gets a chance to visit with them today, please let us do it. They are in our prayers. God bless them.

We are going to have a recess so we can all unite together with our Wonder Woman inspiration and take a photo together in honor of Wonder Woman Day and our hero, Sophia Marsicano.

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus to be held in the first floor caucus room immediately following the photo.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senate Democrats will also caucus after the photo.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

RECESS

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

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

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held in the Rules room, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 168, SB 251, HB 285, SB 503 and SB 504 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 552 (Pr. No. 589) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Department of Military Affairs, further providing for Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund; in State Veterans' Commission and Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans' Affairs, further providing for Veterans' Trust Fund; in Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Commission, repealing provisions relating to the Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund and to expiration; and, in registration of vehicles, further providing for Pennsylvania monument registration plate.

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-49

Alloway	DiSanto	Martin	Tartaglione
Argall	Eichelberger	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Aument	Farnese	McIlhinney	Vogel
Baker	Folmer	Mensch	Vulakovich
Bartolotta	Fontana	Rafferty	Wagner
Blake	Gordner	Regan	Ward
Boscola	Haywood	Reschenthaler	White
Brewster	Hughes	Sabatina	Williams
Brooks	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yaw

Browne	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak
Corman	Langerholc	Schwank	
Costa	Laughlin	Stefano	
Dinniman	Leach	Street	

NAY-0

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

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

BILL AMENDED

SB 663 (Pr. No. 781) -- 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 adoption and enforcement by municipalities, further providing for administration and enforcement.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator MARTIN offered the following amendment No. A2602:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 12 and 13, by striking out "and the section is amended by adding a subsection"

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 20 through 30; page 3, lines 1 through 8; by striking out all of said lines on said pages

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, this amendment removes section (b)(1), most notably the requirement that the municipality annually report the collected fees and operating costs to the Department of Labor and Industry, and removes language regarding the department's oversight over excessive fees. The maker of this bill, Senator Laughlin, and I both agree that the intent of the legislation to maintain an option for residents remains intact, and that competition between the three code officials or third-party agencies will address concerns related to excessive fees. This amendment should also remove the need for two employees to be hired at the Department of Labor and Industry, which was expected to cost the Commonwealth \$130,000, as noted in the Senate fiscal note. I appreciate Senator Laughlin's willingness to work together on this change, and I ask for an affirmative vote on the amendment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 728 and **SB 781** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

SB 888 (Pr. No. 1154) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator RAFFERTY offered the following amendment No. A3818:

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 25 through 29, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

(i) The department shall not be deemed to be an owner of a parking space and may not maintain stopping, standing or parking signs, access aisles or parking space markings. The department may permit a person or local authority to design, install and maintain stopping, standing or parking signs, access aisles or parking space markings. The department may promulgate regulations pertaining to the signing, marking and proper use of a parking space, curb ramp and access aisle on public or private property reserved for a person with a disability.

Amend Bill, page 4, line 25, by striking out "accorded to a person with a disability"

Amend Bill, page 4, line 30; page 5, lines 1 through 3; by striking out "and display a" in line 30 on page 4 and all of lines 1 through 3 on page 5 and inserting:

or use a plate or placard.

Amend Bill, page 5, line 5, by striking out "validate" and inserting: confirm

Amend Bill, page 5, line 6, by striking out "from" and inserting:

to

Amend Bill, page 5, line 8, by inserting after "suspects":

the plate or placard was fraudulently created or used in

Amend Bill, page 5, lines 9 through 11, by striking out "Failure to comply with the validation may result" in line 9 and all of lines 10 and 11 and inserting:

A police officer or parking enforcement specialist who determines a plate or placard was fraudulently created or used may seize the plate or placard. Each seized department-issued plate and placard shall be immediately returned to the department.

Amend Bill, page 5, line 24, by striking out the bracket before "\$50"

Amend Bill, page 5, line 24, by striking out "]" \$100"

Amend Bill, page 6, line 20, by striking out "1342(a), (b) or (c)" and inserting:

1342(a) or (b)

Amend Bill, page 6, line 22, by striking out "60" and inserting: 180

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I believe this is an agreed-to amendment.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1287 and **HB 1490** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 145 (Pr. No. 120) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in accidents and accident reports, further providing for duty to give information and render aid.

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 ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 203 (Pr. No. 2519) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in dispositions independent of letters, family exemption, probate of wills and grant of letters, further providing for payments to family and funeral directors; and, in powers of appointment, further providing for exercise of powers of appointment.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 297, HB 352, HB 407, SB 435, SB 472, SB 499, SB 542 and **HB 561** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 753 (Pr. No. 958) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions relating to accidents and accident reports, further providing for accident scene clearance.

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 826, SB 827, SB 837, SB 844, SB 854 and **SB 883** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 887 (Pr. No. 1151) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1139 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1288 (Pr. No. 1578) -- 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.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1420 and **HB 1421** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 53 (Pr. No. 946) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of January 25, 1966 (1965 P.L.1546, No.541), referred to as the Higher Education Scholarship Law, further providing for eligibility for State scholarship.

SB 676 (Pr. No. 1022) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in liability and compensation, further providing for injuries outside this Commonwealth; in procedure, further providing for the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund; and, in the Uninsured Employers Guaranty Fund, further providing for definitions, for fund, for claims, for claim petition, for department and for assessments and transfers and providing for uninsured employer obligations and for administrative penalties and stop-work orders.

HB 165 (Pr. No. 129) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in decorations, medals, badges and awards, further providing for authorized decorations, medals, badges and awards and for specifications.

HB 790 (Pr. No. 2081) (Rereported)

An Act Amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, regulating controlled plants and noxious weeds; establishing the Controlled Plant and Noxious Weed Committee; providing for powers and duties of the Controlled Plant and Noxious Weed Committee; imposing powers and duties on the Secretary of Agriculture and municipalities; prescribing penalties; establishing a category of controlled plants and providing for the permitting of controlled plants; abrogating regulations; and making related repeals.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators TARTAGLIONE, BREWSTER, MARTIN, EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, SABATINA, AUMENT, BAKER, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, VULAKOVICH, COSTA, BARTOLOTTA, RAFFERTY, STREET, WARD, KILLION, BROWNE, YUDICHAK and MENSCH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 217**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2017 as "National Disability Employment Awareness Month"; and designating the month of October 2017 as "Disability Employment Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" is a 71-year-old nationwide campaign to raise awareness about disability employment issues and honors the many contributions of workers with disabilities in the United States. It promotes positive employment outcomes for people with disabilities and hopes to assure youth with disabilities what they, too, can achieve when they receive encouragement and support for their ambitions.

More than 25 years after the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, great progress has been made in removing barriers to employment for those with disabilities, yet the opportunity for further progress exists. The theme of National Disability Employment Awareness Month this year, as selected by the United States Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy, is Inclusion Drives Innovation.

Mr. President, I invite you and all of my colleagues to join me in the Capitol Rotunda on Monday, October 23, from 12 o'clock until 4 o'clock to see firsthand and meet some very important organizations who can assist those of us with disabilities by assuring our inclusion, developing our drive, and, through their innovation, enabling us to be independent and productive members of society. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote on this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman and will take her up on the invitation and be there on October 23.

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

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

Senators MENSCH, GREENLEAF, MARTIN, SCAVELLO, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, FONTANA, BARTOLOTTA, SABATINA, LANGERHOLC, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, KILLION, BROWNE, ARGALL, AUMENT, RESCHENTHALER, COSTA, YAW, BAKER, BREWSTER, WAGNER and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 218**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of October 16 through 20, 2017, as "Community College Completion Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, today I rise to designate the week of October 16 through October 20 as "Community College Completion Week" in Pennsylvania. This week is intended to encourage all community college students to complete degrees, and to urge community college faculty and staff to facilitate completion of student credentials. I am proud to stand with my home county community college, Montgomery County, as well as other counties which I represent, Bucks and Berks Counties, along with the other 11 community colleges in the State of Pennsylvania, encouraging our folks on the importance of completing their studies.

More than 40 percent of community college students who transfer to a senior college will graduate with a bachelor's degree. One of the many benefits to earning a community college degree or certificate is that students tend to excel professionally. Students with a degree or certificate earned at least a quarter-million dollars more over a lifetime than someone with only a high school degree. In less than 5 years from now, 65 percent of all the jobs will require a post-secondary credential. So, it is important that we encourage our students to take advantage of the programs that are offered by our community colleges, and for this reason, I ask that you join with me, Mr. President, to designate this week as Community College Completion Week in Pennsylvania.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017

Off the Floor APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 53 and 676; and House Bills No. 165 and 790) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017

9:00 A.M. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (public hearing on Philadelphia beverage tax) Room 8E-A East Wing

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) CANCELLED	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:00 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider the nomination of Greg Fajt to the Board of Claims; and Senate Bills No. 99, 563, 817, 900 and 921)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
10:30 A.M.	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (to consider Senate Bills No. 179, 439 and 674)	Room 461 Main Capitol
11:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS Subcommittee on Infrastructure, Environment and Government Operation (public hearing on municipal coverage by State Police in PA)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
11:00 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Bill No. 798; Senate Resolution No. 5; and House Bill No. 1231)	Room 8E-A East Wing
Off the Floor	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (to consider Senate Bill No. 234) CANCELLED	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 384 and 892; and House Bill No. 1019)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Bill No. 799; and Senate Resolution No. 168)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	FINANCE (to consider House Bill No. 984)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 222, 260 and 741; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017

9:00 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (H) and AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (S) (joint informational meeting 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.
10:00 A.M.	FINANCE (public hearing on PSERS and SERS Fund Management Fees)	Room 8E-A East Wing
10:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider Senate Bills No. 851 and 919)	Room 461 Main Capitol

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.
10:00 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 595)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, earlier today during our legislative Session we adopted what I believe to be a very important resolution offered by our colleague from Delaware County, Senator Killion. It was a resolution designating the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. As our colleague stated, Mr. President, there was a ceremony earlier today in the Capitol Rotunda where we acknowledged and remembered the 102 individuals who lost their lives due to domestic violence from all across this Commonwealth. Let me first say, I applaud the gentleman for bringing the resolution forward because I think it is extremely important that we continue to raise awareness about domestic violence, and how tragic it is the many times that we find ourselves in a position where we lose loved ones, and even first responders in an instance this year, that unfortunately are directly related to a domestic violence incident.

Mr. President, just within the past couple of weeks in the city of Pittsburgh, a University of Pittsburgh student, Alina Sheykhet, lost her life to domestic violence. She had been a student at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg for 2 years, along with her boyfriend at the time. She came from the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg to the Oakland campus in Pittsburgh and began to experience some pretty significant harassment and predator-type encounters with her former boyfriend, which ultimately ended in the loss of her life, a very brutal slaying. During that period of time, Mr. President, Alina sought the help of a Protection From Abuse order through our Court of Common Pleas--and I applaud my friend, Judge David Spurgeon, for the fine work he did in making certain that a PFA was, in fact, ordered, because there was some question as to whether Alina actually thought that this individual would do any harm to her. I am sure so many other domestic violence victims and people who experience domestic violence believe that their partner, their loved one, the person with whom they are involved, whatever their relationship may be, that they would probably not inflict any physical harm to them, but, as we know, that is not the case.

Mr. President, there are some who believe that if legislation was in place maybe some of these instances would be averted, would be avoided. To that end, I know that my colleague, Senator Hughes, and I, and some others, have put forth legislation known as Senate Bill No. 196. Senate Bill No. 196 would provide for electronic monitoring of individuals who are found to have been issued a PFA order against them, to stay away from a victim of this type of occurrence. It is extremely important along those lines that we do something to prevent the subsequent interaction of these individuals as occurred here, at about 4 o'clock in the morning on Saturday evening. I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting moving that measure out of the Committee on Judiciary and onto the Senate floor for an opportunity to be

voted on by my colleagues here as another tool in the toolbox to assist those individuals who are dealing with a domestic violence situation, to have this in their toolbox to be able to try to alleviate these situations.

Mr. President, I would be remiss if I did not recognize the 60-some organizations across Pennsylvania that are part of the Pennsylvania Domestic Violence Network and the work that they do, working with these victims and their families, sometimes in very difficult circumstances after the families have lost a loved one. We should take steps to provide all these folks with the tools and the ability to be able to sort of calm these situations down when necessary and be able to do things to protect those individuals. We do not know whether or not an ankle bracelet, in this particular case, or some type of monitoring in this case of this young lady would have made a difference in whether or not the outcome would have been different, but what we do know, if we have the means to do it--and we do ankle monitoring bracelets with individuals who are far less serious violent offenders that do not have PFAs on them--I think it is something we should consider. I know a number of our counties certainly have the capability to do this, and some of them are ready, willing, and able to do it, but in some instances our courts are reluctant to go down that path, but I do think it would be important to have that legislative approval to be able to do that as well. So, I ask my colleagues to consider it along those lines.

There is another measure in the General Assembly here, and maybe a little more controversial, which is Senate Bill No. 501. It was introduced again by the maker of the resolution, Senator Killion, and deals with the removal of firearms from homes once a PFA has been issued. Now, I know that everybody wants to protect their guns along those lines, and that is something that is an issue that we need to deal with here in Harrisburg, but at the end of the day, again, this would be another way, another tool to allow folks the opportunity to do what needs to be done, to protect loved ones and their families and take steps along those lines.

Given that we have designated October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, given that we had 60-some organizations represented here today in the Capitol and up in the gallery, and given that we have these measures available to us in Senate Bills and legislation, I am calling on my colleagues to join me and join us in trying to advance these measures through the Senate so we will have an opportunity to get them in the hands of the people who want to be able to best use them, and those are the 60-some agencies and organizations that I referenced earlier, protecting the men, women, and children from all walks of life. As I mentioned, Mr. President, we lost 102 people in Pennsylvania. I have a book, the Domestic Violence Fatality Report 2016, but I wish we had a report that was one page long that said there were no fatalities. That is where we need to get. These types of things provide the tools to be able to assist us. I am asking my colleagues to join me in that conversation. Thank you.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at 1 p.m., Eastern

Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 4:20 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.