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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, October 18, 2017

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Mr. DIPESH M. PANDYA, of BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha, Fountainville, offered the following prayer:

(Translated from Hindi:)

The first prayer is for enlightenment:

O Lord, lead me from illusion to the truth, lead me from darkness to light, and lead me from death to eternal life.

The second prayer is for universal well-being:

May everyone in the world be happy, may everyone be healthy, may all experience what is good, and may there be no suffering.

The third prayer is for peace in the world:

O Lord, may the skies give us peace, may space bring peace, may the earth give us peace, may the water give us peace, may herbs and plants give us peace, may all of the beings of the earth bring us peace, may the deities bestow peace, may all of creation bring peace, and may peace prevail throughout the universe.

Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Mr. Pandya, who is the guest today of Senator McIlhinney.

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:

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Senators DiSANTO, SCARNATI, EICHELBERGER, ARGALL, ALLOWAY, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, FOLMER, MARTIN, RAFFERTY, REGAN, RESCHENTHALER, STEFANO, WAGNER, WARD and WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 2**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for education

savings account; and conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Education and the State Treasury.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, October 18, 2017.

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 59**.

SENATE BILLS RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 260** and **SB 741**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

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 542**, 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.

BILL SIGNED

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

HB 59.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator WHITE, from the Committee on Banking and Insurance, reported the following bills:

SB 877 (Pr. No. 1135)

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), known as The Insurance Department Act of 1921, in insurance producers, further providing for rebates prohibited and for inducements prohibited.

SB 878 (Pr. No. 1136)

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in general provisions relating to insurance companies, associations and exchanges, further providing for rebates and inducements prohibited.

HB 1388 (Pr. No. 2599)

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in comprehensive health care for uninsured children, further providing for children's health care and for expiration.

Senator McGARRIGLE, from the Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing, reported the following bills:

SB 851 (Pr. No. 1150)

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), known as the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, in short title and definitions, further providing for definitions; and, in sale of property, further providing for repurchase by owner and providing for limitation on trusteeship and for ownership interests and responsibilities of delinquent property owner.

SB 919 (Pr. No. 1270) (Amended)

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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Hutchinson and Senator Reschenthaler, and legislative leaves for Senator Alloway, Senator Wagner, Senator Ward, and Senator Yaw.

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 Leach and Senator Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Hutchinson and Senator Reschenthaler, and legislative leaves for Senator Alloway, Senator Wagner, Senator Ward, and Senator Yaw.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Blake, and legislative leaves for Senator Leach 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.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of July 10, 2017, and July 11, 2017, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of July 10, 2017, and July 11, 2017.

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

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

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

YEA-49

Alloway	DiSanto	Martin	Tartaglione
Argall	Eichelberger	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Aument	Farnese	McIlhinney	Vogel
Baker	Folmer	Mensch	Vulakovich
Bartolotta	Fontana	Rafferty	Wagner
Blake	Gordner	Regan	Ward
Boscola	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.

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

GUESTS OF SENATOR CHARLES McILHINNEY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator McIlhinney.

Senator McILHINNEY. Mr. President, I thank my constituent, Dipesh Pandya, for serving as guest Chaplain today and offering the opening prayer for Session. Accompanying him today is his lovely wife, Dipti. I congratulate them both for becoming American citizens this year. Established in 1907, the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha is a worldwide Hindu organization dedicated to the collective spiritual and social progress of society by promoting harmony between individuals within families and among diverse communities.

In addition to serving as our guest Chaplain today, Dipesh and his organization are hosting Diwali in Harrisburg. Diwali is a holiday celebrated this week by Hindus all over the world, including an estimated 2 million in the United States. The 5-day festival, which aligns with the Hindu New Year falling on Friday of this year, is generally viewed as marking triumph of light over darkness and good over evil. The event is being held today in the Capitol Rotunda from 12:30 to 2 p.m., and Members are welcome to stop by the event.

Please join me in wishing them and all of their volunteers who are seated in the gallery a happy Diwali.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator McIlhinney, Dipesh and Dipti Pandya, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. Thank you so much for being here. It is great to have your whole delegation with us in the gallery, and we look forward to seeing you later.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT TOMLINSON
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Tomlinson.

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, I am pleased to welcome a couple of friends and graduates of West Chester University with me today. With us we have Danny Hale, who is a graduate of West Chester and was the head football coach at Bloomsburg University for 28 years, and I cheered very strongly for Bloomsburg except when they played West Chester. As Senator Gordner reminded me, Bloomsburg beat West Chester this weekend in the final minutes of the game, a very tough game.

With Danny today is Ed Rush and his wife, Trudy. Ed was the youngest NBA official in 1966 and had a long and distinguished career as an NBA official. After he retired from the boards of the basketball court, he became the director of officiating for the NBA and retired in 2003. More importantly, he still to this day is coaching football at Bloomsburg. Danny recruited him many, many years ago and even though Ed was very busy with the NBA and working, he loved working with the kids at Bloomsburg. And, unfortunately, Ed was also coaching at West Chester this last weekend when Bloomsburg beat West Chester. So, it is with humility that I introduce Danny Hale, Ed Rush and his wife, Trudy, to the Senate today.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Tomlinson, always happy to see you suffering humility. Would the guests of Senator Tomlinson, Danny Hale, Ed and Trudy Rush, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. Thank you for being with us. We look forward to being with you personally in a little bit. Great to have you.

(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 Rules room in the rear of the Chamber.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a brief caucus as well.

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

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Hutchinson, Senator Blake, Senator Reschenthaler, Senator Wagner, and Senator Yaw have returned, and their respective leaves are cancelled.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

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

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

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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 165, SB 168, SB 251 and HB 285 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 472 (Pr. No. 1262) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in prescribing opioids to minors, providing for prescribing opioids to individuals and further providing for definitions, for prohibition and for procedure.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-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	Resenthaler	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.

SB 499 (Pr. No. 499) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in county correctional institutions, further providing for board meetings.

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	Resenthaler	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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 503, SB 504, SB 542 and SB 676 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 728 (Pr. No. 1261) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 27, 2014 (P.L.2911, No.191), known as the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act, further providing for requirements for prescribers.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-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	Resenthaler	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 OVER IN ORDER

SB 781 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 790 (Pr. No. 2597) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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; pro-

viding 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.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Alloway	DiSanto	Martin	Tartaglione
Argall	Eichelberger	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Aument	Farnese	McIlhinney	Vogel
Baker	Folmer	Mensch	Vulakovich
Bartolotta	Fontana	Rafferty	Wagner
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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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

HB 1287 (Pr. No. 1562) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and the Governor, to grant and convey to the Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Heritage Society certain lands situate in Delaware Township, Northumberland County.

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
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Costa	Laughlin	Stefano	
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NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 99, SB 179, SB 297, HB 352, SB 384, SB 435, SB 439 and HB 561 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 563 (Pr. No. 1248) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in uniform military and overseas voters, further providing for definitions, for duties and responsibilities of secretary and for registering to vote.

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 674 and SB 798 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 799 (Pr. No. 1258) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Clean Water Procurement Program; providing for powers and duties of the State Conservation Commission; and establishing the Watershed Improvement Fund.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 844 (Pr. No. 1133) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child custody, further providing for standing for any form of physical custody or legal custody.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 854, SB 883, SB 892, SB 900 and SB 921 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 984 (Pr. No. 2596) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for operational provisions.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1019 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1139 (Pr. No. 2520) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in offenses against the family, further providing for newborn protection; in child

protective services, further providing for taking child into protective custody; and, in newborn protection, further providing for definitions and for health care providers accepting newborns, providing for emergency services providers accepting newborns and for incubators for newborns and further providing for reporting acceptance of newborns, for immunity and for duties of department.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1231, HB 1420 and HB 1421 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senator TOMLINSON, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 224**, entitled:

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

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Tomlinson.

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, I rise to ask for unanimous support for this resolution designating the month of October 2017 as "Dysautonomia Awareness Month." Dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that result in malfunctions of the autonomic nervous system. This system is responsible for automatic body functions like respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, and temperature control. Dysautonomia can be a disabling condition affecting people of any age, gender, race, and background.

Mr. President, I was made aware of this disease by a constituent in my district named Bettemarie Bond from Levittown. Three years ago, Ms. Bond was significantly impacted by the condition. She lost the ability to do everyday activities and to stand and walk. Instead of letting these setbacks rule her life, Bettemarie has become a tireless advocate for increased awareness and education so that patients like her may be diagnosed and treated earlier, save lives, and foster support for individuals and families coping with dysautonomia. In supporting Bettemarie's efforts to increase awareness, Mr. President, I am asking for unanimous support for this resolution. 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.

Senator STREET, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 225**, entitled:

A Resolution encouraging Amazon to choose a location in Pennsylvania as the future home of HQ2.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, Pennsylvania is home to two of America's great large cities, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, both of which Moody's has recently announced it believes to be in the top five for Amazon to locate its headquarters. We are the only State in America to have two cities rated by Moody's as a top-five place for Amazon to locate its headquarters - Philadelphia being in a statistical tie for number one, and Pittsburgh ranked number five in the survey. This would bring 50,000 jobs to Pennsylvania. It would encourage a tech economy that is beginning to flourish in both Philadelphia and Pittsburgh in the southeast and southwest; it would support the job creation, growth, and innovation that universities such as the University of Pennsylvania, Drexel, Duquesne, University of Pittsburgh, Temple, Villanova, all are encouraging their students to participate in; and moreover, it would encourage students who are educated in Pennsylvania to stay here and let us benefit from the positive economic impact they can have. This resolution points out many of the positive impacts that locating Amazon's headquarters here can have for Pennsylvanians, and many of the positive opportunities Pennsylvania presents for Amazon. Without drawing distinctions between the two, the great possibilities that Amazon would come to Pennsylvania, it encourages Amazon to locate its headquarters in Pennsylvania so we can help to continue to make America smile and Pennsylvanians can enjoy the economic benefits of having Amazon as a corporate citizen of the State.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman and concurs. Amazon should locate in Pennsylvania.

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

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

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 851, SB 877, SB 878, SB 919 and HB 1388.

And said bills having been considered for the first time,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for second consideration.

BILL REREFERRED

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

HB 1388.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017

9:30 A.M. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (H) and LOCAL GOVERNMENT (S) (joint public hearing on Municipal pension reform) Room 140 Main Capitol
C A N C E L L E D

Off the Floor APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 113, 625, 775 and 822; and House Bills No. 46, 203, 674 and 1388) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

Off the Floor GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bill No. 935) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

Off the Floor LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bills No. 537, 538 and 936; and House Bill No. 1469) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

Off the Floor RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 222, 242, 260 and 741; House Bill No. 785; and certain Executive Nominations) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

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. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 800 and updates to the Covered Device Recycling Act (Act 108 of 2010)) Room 8E-A East Wing

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

12:00 P.M. CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Resolution No. 227) Room 461 Main Capitol

Off the Floor COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (to consider Senate Bill No. 234) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017

9:00 A.M. COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (public hearing on Pennsylvania Executive Order E0 2016-6 and Senate Bill No. 914) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

10:00 A.M. FINANCE (to consider the nomination of Peter Barsz and Daniel Guydish to the State Tax Equalization Board) Room 8E-B East Wing

1:30 P.M. AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, APPROPRIATIONS and EDUCATION (joint public hearing on the impact of the failure to fund the state-related institutions of higher education, the agricultural research and extension programs and the veterinary medicine school) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017

11:00 A.M. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing on lead exposure and mitigation) John P. Cosgrove Center Pittston

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, if you allow me to just grab some quick notes here. As a famous elected official once said, I will be brief, no matter how long it takes. I think you are familiar with that quotation. His son now resides in this body.

I think, Mr. President, what this body clearly needs to reflect upon, as all 50 of us have the responsibility of taking care of the lives and the well-being of the 12 million residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is a series of actions over the last several months which culminated in a decision late Friday evening to really be a destroyer, if you will, of the healthcare system for millions of American citizens and millions of Pennsylvania citizens. President Trump recently, late last week, made a decision to eliminate the cost-sharing payments for individuals across this State and across this nation, which is another nail in the coffin, if you will, of the healthcare system that this nation has available to itself.

Let us look at the history, Mr. President. Over the last several months, we have seen an elimination of the CHIP program at the Federal level. But what does that mean, Mr. President, and why is it important for this body to speak to that issue? Well, Mr. President, you are an appreciator of this institution, as am I. Back in 1993, this institution, when we had majority control of the Senate, we being the Democrats, we passed the first CHIP in the nation. It was driven out of this body, it was driven out of this Chamber, and it became law of the land. It was a model for other States in the country.

We have seen, Mr. President, the President of the United States of America begin the operation to destroy CHIP. We have seen him roll back reproductive healthcare services and reproductive healthcare coverage. We have seen him reduce the signup periods for the Affordable Care Act from 3 months now down to about 6 weeks. We have seen, Mr. President, the shutdown, and this may be the most incredible of them all, not necessarily in its extended impact but in its specific impact or just the thinking, the shutdown of the Web site that allows people to sign up and enroll in the Affordable Care Act, the ACA. We have seen it shut down on Sundays. It is available for all of the rest of the week, but on Sundays it has been shut down. So, why Sundays? Well, it just so happens, Mr. President, that Sundays are the days when people have the most time available to them to

spend the time going through the process of enrollment. So, the day that is most available for the people of this nation to secure their basic right, which is their health, is a day that the President and his administration have chosen to shut off access to affordable healthcare.

We have seen, Mr. President, the elimination, as I said, of the cost-sharing reduction payments and the tax credits. We have seen, Mr. President, just within a 6-hour period, how the Alexander-Murray compromise came together quickly. In a 6-hour period we have seen the President renege on his support of that compromise. In the morning, he was for it; in the evening, he was against it. In the morning, he was for the compromise; and in the evening, he was against it.

Mr. President, time and time again, over and over again, we see the gentleman residing at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, when he chooses to, work hard and work aggressively to undermine the healthcare of the people of this Commonwealth and the people of this nation. Mr. President, healthcare is a right, it is not a privilege only available to those who can afford it. Healthcare is a right, Mr. President, not a privilege only to those individuals who can afford it. Over and over again, he has taken his own power, which he may be exceeding through the executive orders, and chipped away at not just the aspects of the Affordable Care Act, but chipped away at the aspects and the provisions in the Affordable Care Act, and it winds up hurting all of us who have healthcare, who have health insurance. What we know is this, Mr. President, that the decision made by the President of the United States of America to eliminate the cost-sharing reduction payments and the tax credits that go along with it forced a premium insurance rate increase here in Pennsylvania which was supposed to be 7 percent to well over 30 percent. These series of actions, culminating in the last act, at least as of this point, the elimination of the cost-sharing reduction payments, has taken insurance rate increases from 7 percent to 30 percent. Again, Mr. President, we need to be reminded, healthcare is a right, not a privilege.

So, this Caucus is working with our Insurance Commissioner and the health insurance companies of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to try to make sure that we ease the burden and pain on Pennsylvania citizens and that we protect their health and we protect their pocketbooks as this President, residing at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, chooses to do so, works aggressively to eliminate healthcare coverage for the 12 million citizens of Pennsylvania and the 300 million citizens of this nation. Mr. President, healthcare is a right, it is not a privilege. This Caucus has fought hard and long for decades to secure that right. From the creation of CHIP to the adultBasic program, to fighting hard on this floor, as you will remember, Mr. President, because you were in the battle, Mr. President, to win a fight, to win a legislative victory on moving and advancing the implementation of Medicaid expansion here in Pennsylvania. We have a long history of that. We spent time focusing on that. This is important for this Caucus, for this body, and for the 12 million people in Pennsylvania because I say, once again, Mr. President, healthcare is a right, it is not a privilege only available to those who can afford it.

What we know, Mr. President, is for those individuals, and the irony here, Mr. President, is that those individuals who wound up by counting, just looking at the returns, those individuals who supported the President of the United States of America

in the 2016 election, those individuals will probably be hurt the most based on these series of decisions culminating in last Friday's decision. The voters who supported the President of the United States will be hurt the most by his actions. If your family is making about \$95,000 to \$100,000 a year collectively, and you work in the private sector and you own your own business, a barbershop or autoshop, whatever it might be, Mr. President, and you and your wife collectively are working together making about \$100,000 a year, you will be hurt the worst as a result of his decisions. As we look across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, we see that. We see that based on the numbers and based on the economy, that those individuals will be suffering the most. That, Mr. President, is the terrible irony of all of this.

Again, Mr. President, we should all be reminded that healthcare is a right, it is not a privilege available to only those who can afford it. One of the other ironies about all of this, Mr. President, is that while the gentleman residing at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, when he chooses to do so, has his health insurance paid for by the taxpayers. The Members of Congress have their health insurance paid for by the taxpayers. They enjoy some of the best health insurance and the best healthcare coverage by anyone in the nation. Their insurance is paid for by the taxpayers. The question then arises, why cannot the American people have the same kind of high-quality coverage as the President of the United States of America? Why? That is the question that is raised as a result of these series of actions that have occurred over the last several months culminating in the decision this past Friday.

Mr. President, I urge everyone to take a hard look at what is happening around this very important issue, this fundamental issue, this issue that this country took scores of years, over a century ago, to try to turn it into a reality, and, finally, under the leadership and direction of President Obama, we made that happen. No other President was successful in making that happen, President Obama was. I urge the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and I urge the Members to look exactly at what is happening, especially on this particular issue, what the impact will be for all of us, not just the individuals who are participants in the Affordable Care Act. I urge folks to understand the series of actions that have occurred, who has driven them, who benefits from them, and who is hurt by them. I urge folks to understand and to remember that healthcare is a right and not a privilege.

I urge folks to join in with our Attorney General and the other Attorneys General from across the nation who have filed suit against these actions to make sure that the health of the people of this nation is protected. I urge everyone to be mindful of why they signed up to take on this responsibility, why they put their left hand on their Bible, or their Quran, whatever book they put their left hand on and put their right hand in the air and took that oath of office. It was to protect the people of this State and to protect the people of this nation, to be mindful once again, Mr. President, that healthcare is a right, it is not a privilege only available to those who can afford it. We can do better, Mr. President. We must do better. Thank you very much.

BILL SIGNED

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

HB 1288.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, October 23, 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 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.