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SENATE

MONDAY, January 29, 2018

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend DAVID E. WOOLVERTON, Pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Elizabethtown, offered the following prayer:

Thank you for the honor. Would you bow your heads with me in prayer.

God of grace, thank You for the reminder that with each new sunrise and each new sunset, and every moment in between, we hold the preciousness of life, ours and others, in the powerful embrace of our words, decisions, and behavior. Remind us, Lord, that every seat we occupy we do so but for a moment in time, but that our words, decisions, and behavior, and all of their ramifications, last a lifetime, ours or someone else's. Holy Lord, by Your grace grant all in this Senate Chamber the requisite wisdom to lead boldly for the best interests of our common good; to lead humbly as servants of that greater good, lest power cloud perspective; to lead willingly, for we cannot lead others to where we ourselves cannot or will not go; to lead wisely, appealing to both Your divine counsel as well as the counsel of sage legacy, especially for the times in which we live, prone as we are to defend our own dysfunctions, when the cost of true freedom pushes against our socially imposed cultural limitations.

Lord, as this Session begins, let Your presence be evidenced by the fruit that is borne and the lives that are touched, and by the testimonies that will be shared one day within the archives of history, and by Your presence, debates, and struggles all forthcoming reflecting both passion and determination. Let decisions made here today make a transformative difference for humanity within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, our nation, and our world community. We look to You, Lord, we trust You, we thank You, we love You. Amen.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 26, 2018

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 State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jay Badams, Erie, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
BUCKS COUNTY**

January 26, 2018

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, Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Bucks County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice addition to complement.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
BUCKS COUNTY**

January 26, 2018

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, Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth

Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Bucks County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice addition to complement.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
DELAWARE COUNTY

January 26, 2018

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, Marisa G.Z. Lehr, Esquire, 8 Nicholson Court, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Delaware County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice addition to complement.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
MONROE COUNTY

January 26, 2018

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, Erin J. Osevala, Esquire, 22 Shirk Drive, Fredericksburg 17026, Lebanon County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Monroe County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice addition to complement.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

January 26, 2018

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, Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Montgomery County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice addition to complement.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
WASHINGTON COUNTY

January 26, 2018

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, Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Montgomery [sic] County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice addition to complement.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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:

January 26, 2018

Senators COSTA, FONTANA, WILLIAMS, STREET, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE, LEACH, HAYWOOD and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 15**, entitled:

An Act providing for cost-effective reductions of greenhouse gas emissions and for the powers and duties of the Environmental Quality Board and the Department of Environmental Protection.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, January 26, 2018.

Senators RAFFERTY, McGARRIGLE, DINNIMAN, FOLMER, AUMENT, MENSCH, HUGHES, COSTA, KILLION, SCHWANK and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 1027**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 22, 2011 (P.L.586, No.127), known as the Gas and Hazardous Liquids Pipelines Act, making an editorial change and providing for duties of the Department of Environmental Protection and of pipeline operators.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, January 26, 2018.

Senators RAFFERTY, McGARRIGLE, DINNIMAN, MENSCH, KILLION, SCHWANK and AUMENT presented to the Chair **SB 1028**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 22, 2011 (P.L.586, No.127), known as the Gas and Hazardous Liquids Pipelines Act, further providing for title of act and providing for powers of the Department of Environmental Protection and for duties of a pipeline operator.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, January 26, 2018.

Senators BROWNE, McGARRIGLE, KILLION, RAFFERTY, COSTA, HUGHES, BLAKE, FONTANA, WILLIAMS, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK and LEACH presented to the Chair **SB 1030**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inchoate crimes, further providing for prohibited offensive weapons.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, January 26, 2018.

Senators LAUGHLIN and WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 1031**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), known as The Insurance Department Act of 1921, in examinations,

further providing for purpose and providing for scheduling conference, for budget estimate and revisions, for billing invoices and for annual examination and analysis report.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, January 26, 2018.

Senators DINNIMAN, FOLMER, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, BAKER, MENSCH, WAGNER, STEFANO, WARD and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 1032**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, further providing for Keystone Exams; and, in State Board of Education, further providing for powers and duties of the board.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, January 26, 2018.

January 29, 2018

Senators SCARNATI and CORMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1034**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 22, 2011 (P.L.598, No.131), known as the Congressional Redistricting Act of 2011, in establishment of congressional districts, repealing provisions relating to congressional districts.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, January 29, 2018.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

January 26, 2018

Senators WILLIAMS, FOLMER, COSTA, HUGHES, STREET and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SR 258**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to amend the Controlled Substances Act to remove marijuana as a Schedule I controlled substance and to recognize the proven medical purposes of marijuana.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, January 26, 2018.

January 29, 2018

Senators VULAKOVICH, COSTA, SCARNATI, BAKER, BLAKE, BROOKS, BROWNE, FONTANA, HUTCHINSON, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, SABATINA, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, WARD, WHITE, YUDICHAK, FOLMER and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SR 260**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution extending the due date for a report of a special bipartisan, bicameral legislative commission on improving the delivery of emergency services.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, January 29, 2018.

HOUSE MESSAGES

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:

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HB 825 and 1884 -- Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 1252, 1414, 1773, 1811 and 1926 -- Committee on Transportation.

HB 1917 -- Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

HB 1951 -- Committee on Judiciary.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

REPORT ON TAX-EXEMPT BOND ALLOCATION FOR 2017

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Community and Economic Development
Harrisburg, PA 17120

January 23, 2018

Megan Martin
Secretary of the Senate
Office of Secretary of Senate
462 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Ms. Martin:

As required by the Job Enhancement Act of 1996, (P.L. 434, No 67), Act 113, Section 2706, as amended, I am providing a report on tax-exempt bond allocation for the year-end of 2017.

This report includes:

1. a summary of volume cap allocation usage for small issue, exempt facility, housing, and education bonds; and
2. a list of small issue and exempt facility allocations including the issuing authority, project name, allocation amount, and estimated jobs for each project.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

DENNIS M. DAVIN
Secretary

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

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

Mr. Coll Dininny as a member of the Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Board.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the Minority leader has made the following appointment:

Mr. James Bloom as a member of the Public Pension Management and Asset Investment Review Commission.

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 Reschenthaler.

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 Reschenthaler.

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 KILLION, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of December 11, 2017, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of December 11, 2017.

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

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

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

**GUEST OF SENATOR RYAN AUMENT
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce my guest for the day, Pastor David Woolverton of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. He received his bachelor's degree from Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania, and his Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. After being ordained in 1990, David went on to work in various churches throughout Lancaster County, serving in positions such as youth pastor, clergy mentor, children's ministry coordinator, leadership coach, associate pastor, and senior pastor. He was also the founder and president of the board of directors for Crossroads Counseling Center, a nonprofit Christian counseling agency. In his spare time, David and his wife, Kristine, enjoy reading, hiking, traveling, and playing keyboard in their church worship band.

Please join me in welcoming Pastor David Woolverton to the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Aument, Pastor David Woolverton, our guest Chaplain for today, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. Thank you for your prayer.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHELE BROOKS
AND SENATOR SCOTT E. HUTCHINSON
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I introduce one of the world's most acclaimed archery champions, and I am proud to say he hails from the 50th Senatorial District. Calvin Smock is a resident of Fredonia, Mercer County. He has won a host of archery awards at the State, national, and international levels, including an impressive first-place finish in France at the Team World Archery 3D Championships in September. He is joined today by his wife, Janet, as well as two other archers who competed with him in a tournament this past weekend in Lancaster. These archers are also topnotch competitors.

The first archer with Calvin is Allison Smartsport. At the age of 17, Allison is already an amazing young archer. She is co-captain of the Junior Olympic Archery Development team. She also placed ninth in the Indoor States competition in 2016, and fourth in 2017. She placed first in the Eastern Outdoors Competition, and 18th in nationals in 2017. Allison is a junior at Hickory High School in Hermitage and plays basketball, soccer, and the saxophone. Adding to that remarkable list, Allison is also a volunteer firefighter and EMT. Yet with all of these extracurricular activities and service hours, she still earns a spot on the academic honor roll.

Allison and Calvin are joined by Bill Whitman from Rouseville, Venango County, in Senator Hutchinson's district. Bill started shooting bows when he was 11 years old and now holds several State titles and records. He was the 2013 IBO World Champion, the 2015 IBO National Triple Crown Champion, and the 2017 IBO Shooter of the Year. To further Bill's passion for competing with a traditional bow, he now competes in the Archery Shooters Association and the National Field Archery Association.

As these archers compete for even more awards, I wanted to note all the awards Calvin already has under his belt. Calvin has won seven international bowhunting organization world titles, eight IBO National Triple Crown titles, five NFAA Indoor National Titles, and four USA Indoor National Titles. He has also consistently been the man to beat in his longbow class. Calvin has developed quite a worldwide following on his personal Facebook page, especially after our team win in France. Calvin, Bill, and Allison know that archery demands consistent practice, an even hand, extraordinary balance, and so many other mental and motor skills. Olympic coaches say that the very best archers in the world have total control of their mind and body. Their mastery of the sport, allowing them to proudly represent the United States to become world champions, is something we can all be very proud of.

Mr. President, could we please welcome to the Senate these champions. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Brooks, our archery champions, Calvin Smock, Allison, Bill, and the others who are with you, please rise so that we may give you a warm Senate welcome.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Venango, Senator Hutchinson.

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I also want to congratulate our champions and welcome them here to the Senate with a particular shoutout to a constituent of mine, Mr. Bill Whitman from Rouseville. Bill is visiting, as was said earlier, with fellow archery competitors from northwestern Pennsylvania. He is an acclaimed shooter the world over and has been named the 2017 Shooter of the Year by the International Bowhunting Organization, the 2015 National Triple Crown Champion, and the 2013 World Champion. Bill has also competed with the Pennsylvania State Archery Association, and he holds several State titles and unbroken records.

Interestingly, and for the benefit of the Members, much of the archery equipment that Bill uses to compete internationally is also manufactured in western Pennsylvania, including bow risers machined in Meadville and bow strings from Cowansville.

Please join me again in welcoming Bill Whitman to the Pennsylvania State Senate.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Hutchinson, one more time, Bill Whitman, we are so happy to have you here as well.

(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 purposes of a couple off-the-floor committee meetings to begin in the Rules room in the rear of the Chamber, starting with the Committee on State Government, followed by the Committee on Education, then followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the committee meetings, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for caucus.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on State Government, followed by the Committee on Education, both to be held in the Rules room, followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator John C. Rafferty, Jr.) in the Chair.

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

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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 meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held in the Rules room in the rear of the Chamber.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Aument and Senator Martin.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Aument and Senator Martin. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 52 (Pr. No. 1425) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today in support of Senate Bill No. 52. First, let me congratulate Senator Greenleaf for his hard work in getting this legislation to this point. He has introduced legislation for several legislative Sessions that would establish a National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

Started in 1993, the National Guard Youth Challenge Program has educated over 140,000 high school dropouts in 29 States, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. The program provides a structured quasi-military education for at-risk youths ages 16 to 18. It is a free voluntary dropout recovery program that helps at-risk youths earn their diploma or GED. Its mission is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of 16- to 18-year-old high school dropouts, producing program graduates with the values, life skills, education, and self-discipline necessary to succeed as productive citizens and to discover their true potential. This award-winning program has been recognized as one of the nation's most effective and cost-efficient programs for targeting youth who are at the greatest risk for substance abuse, teen pregnancy, delinquency, and criminal activity.

Some statistics to consider: 59 percent of 2012's Challenge graduates received their high school diploma or GED, 45 percent joined the workforce, 41 percent continued their education, and 7 percent joined the military. According to the RAND Corporation, every dollar expended on this program yields \$2.66 in benefits. In 2015-16, Pennsylvania had 13,506 7th- through 12th-grade dropouts. I have toured the Maryland Freestate Challenge program, and I know that we can replicate this type of program in Pennsylvania, most likely at a location such as Fort Indiantown Gap. The PA National Guard Association supports this as one of their top legislative priorities. They believe that by establishing a program in Pennsylvania, the Keystone State Challenge Academy, it would help our youth in ways that the traditional education system has not been able to do. It is important to note that if we would allocate \$1 million for this program, the Federal dollars would be threefold. But, most importantly, we can put a significant dent in our current number of high school dropout numbers.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote, and once again, I thank Senator Greenleaf for his tenacity on this for so many years and promoting this program.

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, I rise and thank the Senator for all of his effort. He is the chairman of this committee, and without his involvement and advocacy, this bill would not be passed. The children who have dropped out during their educa-

tional process, we are bringing them back to get an education and putting them in the right direction. Thank you, Senator, for your involvement, your advocacy, and your great support for this legislation to care about and try to rescue the young people who have left school and now want to return. Thank you very much, Senator.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Alloway	DiSanto	Martin	Tartaglione
Argall	Eichelberger	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Aument	Farnese	McIlhinney	Vogel
Baker	Folmer	Mensch	Vulakovich
Bartolotta	Fontana	Rafferty	Wagner
Blake	Gordner	Regan	Ward
Boscola	Greenleaf	Resenthaler	White
Brewster	Haywood	Sabatina	Williams
Brooks	Hughes	Scarnati	Yaw
Browne	Hutchinson	Scavello	Yudichak
Corman	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 653 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 775 (Pr. No. 1282) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for museum preservation and for grant program; imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; establishing the Pennsylvania Museum Preservation Fund; and making an appropriation.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I rise to support this measure. The bill before us would establish a Museum Preservation Act. It would insure that we have a structure within our current

process to provide grants to museums and communities, insure we are meeting standards of excellence, insure--given the number of museums who may apply--there are parameters as to how much each museum can receive, and provide for a competitive process for the distribution of potential dollars out of this program to museums. It would require the General Assembly to appropriate dollars to this structure for that to happen. I think this has some tremendous value, because within every single one of our communities we have cultural assets, historical assets, educational assets that are really part of the foundation of our communities and express the things we are proud about and really express, to not only our local citizens but to the world, who we are. We are always proud of our history and our cultural assets in this Commonwealth, and we should support because it is something that is ingrained in almost every single community that we represent.

This would present a tremendous opportunity for us to do that, and it is a process that is very different than what some of us have experienced in the past. About 10 or so years ago, there was a process in place along with the distribution of dollars to our State-related universities that designated only certain institutions in certain communities. They had the vote of a super-majority of the Assembly through the nonpreferred appropriations process for special treatment as it related to Commonwealth support. Some very important institutions, some of our keynote institutions, but to allow all institutions - educational, cultural, historical - in the State to be able to, potentially, receive support on a competitive basis, I believe, is a lot better process.

So, for those reasons I ask for the Members to support this bill. Thank you very much.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, very briefly, I commend the gentleman for advancing Senate Bill No. 775 and his advocacy along these lines. This has been a measure that has been discussed and that he has been working on for a number years, and I thank him for the work that is being done.

Mr. President, I had the pleasure and distinct honor of serving with the previous speaker as one of the co-chairs of the arts and cultural caucus, and this is one of the initiatives that has been discussed as part of the caucus as well. It is a caucus that discusses some of the important issues around the areas of arts, culture, and humanities in this Commonwealth, and one of the things we want to make certain of is that we raise awareness of some of the activities and the economic benefit, and the many other benefits of having a strong Commonwealth that makes significant investments in the arts, culture, and humanities, as I mentioned.

That being said, Mr. President, I want to take a moment to remind everyone that if they have not done so already, that the good Senator would like all of us to join the arts and cultural caucus and be part of our conversation. We have a meeting coming up, I think this Wednesday, and we ask everyone to come by and participate, because I think there is a good exchange of ideas and policies as it relates to how we deal with the arts in this Commonwealth. But, also we have opportunities to meet many of the entities and organizations that he spoke about moments ago, how important it is that we hear and see some of the things that they are doing around this Commonwealth, whether it be arts in education, whether it be some of the other physical arts or

theater arts. We have a wonderful Commonwealth that participates in so many ways, and I join him in asking for an affirmative vote on this measure.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I, too, rise to thank Senator Browne and urge support of this bill. As a member of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, this was reviewed and the commission is very favorable toward its passage. I, too, Senator Browne, remember those days when it was a matter of who had power, who got what money, and if you remember one time the Senate revolted against that, because it was going to the same museums again and again. That must have been about 10 years ago, and it takes us a little time, but we now have a solution which I think is fair and equitable. Every person and every entity will have the ability to apply and to be treated fairly, and that is a step in the right direction. Arthur Miller once said, the value of the arts is that the arts force us to confront that which we would refuse to confront. Considering all the problems in the Commonwealth, the more we confront and understand these problems through the arts, the better we will all be.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

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

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 792 (Pr. No. 1004) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, repealing provisions relating to fertilizer; providing for fertilizer; in soil and plant amendment, further providing for disposition of funds; and, in seed, further providing for disposition of funds.

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

SB 792 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 792, Printer's No. 1004, 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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 796 and **SB 799** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 1597 (Pr. No. 2106) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in determination of compensation, appeals, reviews and procedure, further providing for determination of compensation appeals and for decision of referee and further appeals and reviews.

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 55, HB 99, SB 263, SB 266, SB 313, SB 384, HB 444, SB 500, HB 595 and **SB 597** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 623 (Pr. No. 1229) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

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 637, SB 729, SB 761 and **SB 762** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 801 (Pr. No. 1012) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) and 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in contracts, further providing for regulation of contracts; and, in contracts, further providing for contracts or purchases not requiring advertising or bidding.

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.

SB 802 (Pr. No. 1013) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, in contracts, further providing for general regulations concerning contracts.

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.

SB 803 (Pr. No. 1014) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in contracts, further providing for letting contracts.

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.

SB 804 (Pr. No. 1015) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 27, 1953 (P.L.244, No.34), entitled "An act relating to and regulating the contracts of incorporated towns and providing penalties," further providing for regulation of contracts.

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.

SB 880 (Pr. No. 1431) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for operation of certain combinations on interstate and certain other highways, repealing provisions relating to operation of motor homes on interstate and certain other highways and further providing for width of vehicles and for length of vehicles; and, in administration and enforcement, further providing for specific powers of department and local authorities.

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 919 and **SB 938** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 947 (Pr. No. 1330) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) and 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in corporate powers, further providing for personal property; and, in corporate powers, further providing for city property and affairs.

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.

SB 948 (Pr. No. 1331) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, further providing for suits and property.

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.

SB 949 (Pr. No. 1332) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 27, 1953 (P.L.244, No.34), entitled "An act relating to and regulating the contracts of incorporated towns and providing penalties," further providing for power to convey.

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 950, SB 961, SB 963, SB 973, SB 974, SB 979, HB 1001, SB 1002 and **SB 1003** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1015 (Pr. No. 1408) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for the definitions of "emergency service responder" and "emergency vehicle"; and, in other required equipment, further providing for visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1024 and **HB 1034** -- 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

HB 1294 (Pr. No. 2647) -- 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 special plates for recipients of Purple Heart and providing for special plates for recipients of Legion of Merit; and, in lighting equipment, further providing for use and display of illuminated signs.

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.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 237, ADOPTED

Senator CORMAN, without objection, called up from page 8 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 237**, entitled:

A Resolution urging counties of this Commonwealth and local law enforcement, public safety and emergency services to work with the Pennsylvania State Police and the Office of Public Safety Radio to explore and execute shared services arrangements in relation to the new P25 PA-STARNet rollout.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

Senator FOLMER, from the Committee on State Government, reported the following bills:

SB 748 (Pr. No. 1009)

An Act providing for public safety facilities.

SB 1034 (Pr. No. 1441)

An Act amending the act of December 22, 2011 (P.L.598, No.131), known as the Congressional Redistricting Act of 2011, in establishment of congressional districts, repealing provisions relating to congressional districts.

Senator EICHELBERGER, from the Committee on Education, reported the following bills:

SB 776 (Pr. No. 1442) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in Dyslexia and Early Literacy Intervention Pilot Program, further providing for definitions and for establishment of program.

HB 1305 (Pr. No. 1612)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in high schools, providing for professional development related to secondary transition services.

HB 1653 (Pr. No. 2214)

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.

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

SB 21 (Pr. No. 1323) (Rereported)

An Act providing for competitive integrated employment in State and county agencies and any entity providing publicly funded education, training, employment and related services and long-term services and supports for working-age Pennsylvanians with a disability; establishing Employment First, the Governor's Cabinet for People with Disabilities and the Employment First Oversight Commission and providing for their powers and duties; and conferring powers and imposing duties on the Governor and the Office of the Governor.

SB 234 (Pr. No. 1443) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, authorizing assessments for energy improvements in districts designated by municipalities.

SB 611 (Pr. No. 1432) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 8, 1978 (P.L.752, No.140), known as the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act, further providing for definitions, for disqualification and forfeiture of benefits and for restitution for monetary loss; and repealing a retroactivity provision.

SB 898 (Pr. No. 1200) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for restrictions on use of highways and bridges.

HB 359 (Pr. No. 2922) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for powers and duties of enforcement officers and for suspension of privileges pending payment of penalties; in hunting and furtaking, further providing for killing game or wildlife by mistake; and, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for period of revocation.

HB 653 (Pr. No. 692) (Rereported)

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

**RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM
COMMITTEE**

Senator FOLMER, from the Committee on State Government, reported the following resolutions:

SR 253 (Pr. No. 1419)

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to amend the Gun Control Act of 1968 to protect the constitutional rights of medical cannabis users.

SR 258 (Pr. No. 1439)

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to amend the Controlled Substances Act to remove marijuana as a Schedule I controlled substance and to recognize the proven medical purposes of marijuana.

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

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senator COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 261**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing January 30, 2018, as "CTE Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator COSTA Mr. President, I rise today to recognize January 30, 2018, as "CTE Awareness Day" in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mr. President, I do so on behalf of many men and women, especially athletes and those who have served in our military, who have suffered from CTE. CTE is referred to as chronic traumatic encephalopathy. It is a brain disease, it is degenerative, and it is tragic. Fortunately, Mr. President, today we

know more about CTE, and each day we learn more and more. Many of us know family members, loved ones, or friends who are dealing with the grip of CTE or those who have died from this disease.

Mr. President, today I acknowledge and recognize this disease to try to illustrate its impact on individuals and families. Through that, Mr. President, I will talk about a young man whom I had the great pleasure of knowing for a great number of years, Patrick Risha, and say a few words about Patrick and also about the foundation that was established by his mother, his sister, brother-in-law, and brother, and the foundation that is designed to begin a fight to end this disease. Mr. President, Patrick Risha was a young man who was taken from us way too early in age. He was an exceptional athlete, student, and football star at Elizabeth Forward High School, and then later at Dartmouth College. He was 32 years old and tragically committed suicide. His autopsy, Mr. President, revealed that he had suffered from CTE.

For a period of time, Patrick interned in my district office, and he was an outstanding, high-quality person. As I mentioned, he was very intelligent. He was smart, level-headed, and took on tasks large and small with enthusiasm and determination. I know the Pat Risha family well. His father, Pat, Sr., was a legendary football coach and educator in the Mon Valley who wore his heart and emotions on his sleeve. His words of wisdom on the football field charged his students that you will succeed if you have heart. That message still rings true today.

Patrick loved football, loved his family, and had a strong foundation, but yet could not escape CTE. Mr. President, many of us have played sports, and we know coaches who would say that a blow to the head and thus the confusion that resulted was simply getting your bell rung or seeing the stars after a big hit. Mr. President, CTE is more than seeing stars and having headaches. CTE has been known since 1928, and its most recent applicability to professional football players was highlighted by a landmark study by Dr. Bennet Omalu and his research at the University of Pittsburgh, and the Allegheny County Coroner's Office under the direction of Dr. Cyril Wecht. There they detailed the impact of recurring and repeated violent hits to the head. Patrick Risha is an example of the pervasiveness of CTE, not at the NFL level, not at the military level where head injuries are sometimes sustained, but in places familiar to all of us - our local playing fields. That is why it is important to learn more about CTE.

What the Patrick Risha CTE Awareness Foundation is about is preventing CTE and providing a resource for knowing about the disease. The foundation's goal is to provide parents and families with information so they can make informed decisions. CTE is a progressive disease that destroys the brain, and there are many symptoms. For younger persons these include irrational behavior, suicidal tendencies, sleep disorders, irritability, and depression. Let us all learn more about CTE and its impact. Let us keep in mind those like Patrick Risha who suffered from this disease and reach out to help as many folks as we can. That, Mr. President, is why it is important to recognize CTE Awareness Day in Pennsylvania so that we may all gain a better understanding of CTE and its impact on our daily lives.

Mr. President, I ask all of the Members to join me in this resolution marking January 30 as CTE Awareness Day in Pennsylvania and thanking the Risha family for the establishment of this important foundation, and let us all remember Patrick Risha.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. We remember Patrick Risha and the Risha family for all of their good works.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, BROWNE, FONTANA, FARNESE, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, LEACH, TARTAGLIONE, SABATINA, YUDICHAK, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, HUTCHINSON, KILLION, MARTIN, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SCAVELLO, WHITE, VULAKOVICH and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 262**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of January 2018 as "National Blood Donor Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, this resolution designates January 2018 as "National Blood Donor Month." I find that January is a fitting time to address this issue because these are the slowest weeks of the year for blood donations. Mr. President, we need to insure that there is a proper supply of blood here in Pennsylvania and across the entire nation. Every 3 seconds, there is a patient in need, and just one unit of blood can save several lives. Victims of trauma, surgery patients, and organ transplant recipients all need blood to stay alive.

Despite achievements in research and technology, there is no medical substitute or replacement for human blood. Over 50 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to volunteer for blood donations, but only 5 percent actually do. Fifty percent eligible, but only 5 percent actually do. Finally, I note that concerns about supply hit especially close to home this year. The Miller-Keystone Blood Center of Bethlehem, which serves 22 Lehigh Valley area hospitals, is still recovering from a flood due to frozen pipes. About 400 units were lost during their closure, but they are hopeful for a continued rebound in activity. This incident is a true testament to the importance of preparation and readiness. As we look to the rest of the winter months and beyond, we must be raising awareness through public education and outreach. It is key to the long-term success for blood banks and statewide centers and for giving back to our communities so that we can help each other.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators DINNIMAN, BARTOLOTTA, BROWNE, MARTIN, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, RESCHENTHALER, HUGHES, SABATINA, WARD, HUTCHINSON, KILLION,

BREWSTER, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, SCAVELLO, BAKER, YUDICHAK, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, SCARNATI, COSTA, FOLMER, YAW, VULAKOVICH and WAGNER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 263**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of February 2018 as "Career and Technical Education Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, sometimes we think everyone should go to college. Well, that is foolishness. Some can do as well and be even more successful by going into the trades, by taking advantage of the opportunities for career and technical education in this Commonwealth. Some of us can do remarkable things with our hands, some of us have the skills to build and to create, and we, as a Commonwealth, need to recognize the continued importance, and not only continued importance, probably more important today than ever before, of a career in technical education.

In fact, the truth of the matter is, there are many people with college degrees, with master's and even doctorate degrees, who cannot find a job. But if you have the skills to be a good plumber, to be a good carpenter, and you have the skills in terms of the technology that is involved in computer maintenance and operation, you will get a job, and you will get it mighty quickly here in the Commonwealth. There is a great shortage for people who have technical skills, skills that come through our career and technical high schools and colleges. One of the more exciting aspects today is many of our community colleges are working hand-in-hand with our career and technical schools. For example, in my county, you could go to technical high school and at the same time take courses at Delaware Community College, and thus do two things all at once so that when you graduate from high school you have part of a degree, and they are tied together.

So, the point of rising here today, Mr. President, is to express the importance of career and technical education. It is to thank those faculty and administrators who run our numerous career and technical high schools, to urge parents and students to think about the value and the potential rewarding career that comes about through technical and career education. Finally, Mr. President, it is time for we here in the Senate and the House, or the legislature, to do all that we can to provide adequate training for those who have an interest in those types of jobs that will lead to a good salary and a rewarding career, those types of jobs that are provided through training in career and technical education.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I rise to join with my friend and colleague from Chester County, Senator Dinniman. I had the opportunity to serve for a period of time as secretary of the North Montco Vocational-Technical School, and Senator Dinniman is absolutely correct, it is fabulous, hands-on training from experts in the field that these young men and women receive at technical school training. There was a time where the emphasis was on college and obtaining your degree in college.

Now, I believe the pendulum is starting to swing back where people realize the golden opportunities that are available to those who are highly skilled in the technical fields and the income that they can receive from performing those jobs.

So, I join with, again, Senator Dinniman on this. I think it is very important that we take the opportunity to highlight the technical schools and to congratulate them and commend them for the service they are providing this great Commonwealth and the students.

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.

Senator CORMAN, on behalf of Senator TOMLINSON, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 264**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of January 28 through February 3, 2018, as "Physician Anesthesiologist Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Tomlinson, I submit the following remarks for the record.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Centre, Senator CORMAN, on behalf of the gentleman from Bucks, Senator TOMLINSON:)

Mr. President, I ask for unanimous support for this resolution designating the week of January 28 through February 3, 2018, as "Physician Anesthesiologist Week" in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania is home to over 1,400 anesthesiologists who are dedicated to their patients and their practice.

We would like to take this week to honor their accomplishments both in Pennsylvania and nationally.

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 STREET. 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 748, SB 776, SB 1034, HB 1305 and HB 1653.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018

9:30 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Resolutions No. 104 and 226; and House Bills No. 1341 and 1486)	Room 8E-B East Wing
10:00 A.M.	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (public hearing to receive testimony on Senate Bill No. 721 (Resenthaler and Farnese), amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in economic development programs, providing for tourism promotion, establishing the Tourism Promotion Fund and imposing duties on the Department of Community and Economic Development)	Room 8E-A East Wing
10:00 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing to discuss the recently released report issued by the Joint State Government Commission on "Voting Technology in Pennsylvania," written in response to SR 394 of 2015)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:30 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 780 and 1031)	Room 461 Main Capitol
11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 357, 480, 897, 922 and 1011; and House Bill No. 1952)	Room 8E-B East Wing
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 955 and 1034; and House Bills No. 1653 and 1952)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 418, 920 and 1004)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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Off the Floor	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider House Bill No. 566)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 114, 771, 772 and 773; and House Bills No. 104, 913, 914, 915, 916 and 1364)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
	<u>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2018</u>	
10:00 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 370 and 952; and House Bill No. 291)	Room 8E-A East Wing
Off the Floor	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider Senate Bill No. 816; and House Bills No. 1550 and 1917)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I appreciate the Majority Leader working with me on this. Mr. President, briefly, this week we celebrate the birthday of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. I am of the opposite political party, but I want to take a moment. We often focus on World War II and what the United States did. The United States, with their resources, won World War II. One of the greatest attributes of his presidency, I think, was the fact that he let his generals and admirals lead, and he was very successful. He defeated totalitarian states and brought democracy to the world, and it eventually led to even the defeat of the Soviet Union in the Cold War. I want to take this time to highlight the fact that an American President of that stature, one who commanded his forces as Commander in Chief, his birthday passes this week.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I want to thank the future chair of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for his comments.

The PRESIDENT. I was chair of that one time, Senator.

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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, January 30, 2018, at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 4:18 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.