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**SENATE**

WEDNESDAY, January 31, 2018

The Senate met at 11 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Rabbi DAVID WILENSKY, of Congregation Sons of Israel, Allentown, offered the following prayer:

Master of the world, thank You for blessing the people of the United States of America, the government of unsurpassed kindness, benevolence, and compassion. Thank You for blessing the American people in general, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in particular, the government that advances the cause of liberty, freedom, and justice, a government that believes the betterment of the lives of its citizens is its sole conviction and primary obligation.

Master of the world, please help those standing here today, the Pennsylvania State Senate, nobly serve its citizens with integrity, virtue, and decency, in the pursuit of promoting the general welfare and securing the blessings of liberty for the people of Pennsylvania. Help them strike the ever-delicate balance of being principled yet compassionate, and being realistic about the tasks before them, yet sanguine about their outcomes; of being humble before You, yet confident of the talents You have bestowed within each and every one of them. Help them focus on the details and complexities without allowing them to lose sight of the sublime, transcendent nature of their work. Master of the world, please bless the Members of the Pennsylvania State Senate with the requisite wisdom and understanding, compassion, determination, courage, and insights to help its constituents, the people of Pennsylvania, pursue a promise of peace, prosperity, safety, and religious liberty. Let us say, amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Rabbi Wilensky, who is the guest today of Senator Browne.

**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 PENNSYLVANIA  
GAME COMMISSION**

January 31, 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, Stephen A. Latanishen (District 3), 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17102 *[sic]*, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice David Putnam, Centre Hall, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

January 31, 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, Ashley Fehr, 115 Molleystown Road, Pine Grove 17963, Schuylkill County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Pittsburgh of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 5, 2018, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kevin Washo, Philadelphia, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

Senator HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on Finance, reported the following bills:

**SB 370 (Pr. No. 1455) (Amended)**

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions relating to retirement for school employees, further providing for definitions.

**SB 952 (Pr. No. 1333)**

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in sales and use tax, further providing for exclusions from tax.

**HB 291 (Pr. No. 285)**

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

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

**HB 26 (Pr. No. 2010)**

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for special registration plates.

**HB 783 (Pr. No. 858)**

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in certificate of title and security interests, further providing for transfer of ownership of vehicles used for human habitation.

**HB 1239 (Pr. No. 1466)**

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for classes of licenses.

**HB 1845 (Pr. No. 2584)**

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 2026 over the North Branch Blacklick Creek, Buffington Township, Indiana County, as First Lieutenant Theodore P. Pytash Bridge.

**HB 1854 (Pr. No. 2585)**

An Act designating a portion of U.S. Route 522 in Snyder County as the Staff Sgt. Stanley R. Saylor Memorial Highway.

**HB 1926 (Pr. No. 2793)**

An Act designating a portion of State Route 2022, also known as Fort Washington Avenue, in Montgomery County as the SPC5 George W. Charters, Jr., Memorial Highway.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Farnese, and legislative leaves for Senator Haywood and Senator Leach.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator Martin, and a legislative leave for Senator McIlhinney.

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

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of December 13, 2017, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of December 13, 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	Leach	Street
Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	McGarrigle	Vogel
Baker	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vulakovich
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Wagner
Blake	Gordner	Rafferty	Ward
Boscola	Greenleaf	Regan	White
Brewster	Haywood	Reschenthaler	Williams
Brooks	Hughes	Sabatina	Yaw
Browne	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yudichak
Corman	Killion	Scavello	
Costa	Langerholc	Schwank	
Dinniman	Laughlin	Stefano	

**NAY-0**

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR PATRICK M. BROWNE  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to thank our guest Chaplain for today, Rabbi David Wilensky. He is a rabbi for our Congregation Sons of Israel in Allentown. He has been serving in that capacity since 2009. Rabbi Wilensky is here today with his son, Moshe. I want to recognize him and ask the Senate to give him a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Browne, Rabbi Wilensky and his son, Moshe, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. Thank you for your prayers.

(Applause.)

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Williams. Looking over there, I can see it

is a very special order of business with the color of green and the flying wings that my friend and colleague from the great city of the future Super Bowl champions is wearing, Senator Williams.

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I thank you for that recognition on an extraordinary day. This wonderful weekend is going to bring a championship back to Pennsylvania, the Super Bowl champions. The Philadelphia Eagles are going to be here not too long from now. With that said, back to the business at hand.

I am honored today to have friends who have been serving my community and many others for a very, very long time. Today we are honoring the 100th anniversary of Mercy Philadelphia Hospital and congratulating Trinity Health staff and leadership on their continued service.

Mr. President, I offer the following resolution.

Senator WILLIAMS, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 267**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the 100th anniversary of the commencement of service by the Sisters of Mercy of Mercy Philadelphia Hospital and Trinity Health.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I got a little wound up with my energy for the Eagles today, but in all seriousness, this organization--the hospital's official opening was celebrated on July 2, 1918, with a Mass in the hospital chapel celebrated by the Philadelphia Auxiliary Bishop McCort as Misericordia Hospital. In 1933, the Sisters of Mercy were asked to administer a second hospital, Fitzgerald Mercy, located in nearby Darby. Misericordia was the largest Catholic hospital in Philadelphia by 1960. Continuing through the 21st century, Mercy Philadelphia Hospital has continued to provide high quality, safe, and compassionate care to the west Philadelphia community. Deeply ingrained in the densely populated local community, most patients come to the hospital from within a 5-mile radius, with community outreach and charity continuing to be an important aspect to the hospital's relationship with the west Philadelphia community.

Today the Senate of Pennsylvania honors the 100th anniversary of the service by the Sisters of Mercy of the Mercy Philadelphia Hospital and Trinity Health, recognizing the steadfast dedication of its staff and leadership to Philadelphia and the surrounding communities it serves, and congratulating them on their remarkable milestone.

GUESTS OF SENATOR ANTHONY H. WILLIAMS  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, we have longstanding friends from that health service who are with us today representing that organization. I ask that they rise and we rise collectively saluting them.

The PRESIDENT. Would our lovely ladies from Mercy Philadelphia Hospital, all that you do, we are so grateful to have you

here on the Senate floor, please rise so that we may welcome and salute you for all your great work. Thank you for being with us. Let us please offer our friends from Mercy Philadelphia Hospital our warmest Senate welcome.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Ladies, let us see if your presence here helps us pass the resolution.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Thank you so much for all you do for our State and for those who need healthcare the most.

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, if we could also ask them before Sunday to ask the Archbishop to give a prayer to not any particular football team, just one that happens to be in Philadelphia, not one that happens to be in the NFL, but happens to be in the Super Bowl. If he could just send up a prayer. I know God does not judge one team versus the other, but one has not had a Super Bowl ring ever, and one has had a lot of them. I think in fairness for his children on earth that He could show some compassion. If he could send out an appropriate prayer, we would be very grateful.

The PRESIDENT. I am sure that the ladies are all on a texting basis and will pass along that wish, and Senator Costa says he is in favor of that as well.

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, what he said was that that would be a lot of prayers. But, so you know, he is from the Steelers land, which is not in the Super Bowl, God bless them. Thank you very much.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you again, Sisters of Mercy of Mercy Philadelphia Hospital and Trinity Health for all you do. I always say this, it seems to work in every sentence, fly Eagles fly. Let's go Eagles. God bless you. Thank you for being with us.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, if I recall correctly, a few years back when the Steelers were in the Super Bowl, the Minority Leader of the Democratic Caucus made sure that we all had terrible towels on our desks before the game and caps and things like that. So, I assume that will be coming from the Senator from Philadelphia later today so we can properly root for the Eagles on Sunday.

The PRESIDENT. I will concur to say that there is probably no doubt that will happen, and I hope to also get whatever Senator Williams will be distributing for us on behalf of the Eagles.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I thank the gentleman for reminding our Members how generous the Minority Leader was as it relates to the Steelers. I also recall that when the Pittsburgh Penguins won two consecutive Stanley Cups the last 2 years, we also provided hats and pins to the Members as well. So we fully expect, if they are successful, to replicate what we did out of Pittsburgh.

Thank you, Mr. President.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. We have to go along with that and we expect nothing less. Thank you once again, Minority Leader, for your generosity and for the generosity of the Penguins and Steelers. Now Eagles, emulate.

### RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of off-the-floor meetings of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations followed by the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs in the Rules room at the rear of the Chamber.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of off-the-floor meetings of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations followed by the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

### AFTER RECESS

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

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

### CALENDAR

#### THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 21, SB 653, HB 653, SB 792 and SB 796** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

#### BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 799 (Pr. No. 1451)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in environmental stewardship and watershed protection, further providing for legislative findings, for the Environmental Stewardship Fund and for agencies; establishing the Pennsylvania Clean Water Procurement Program and the Watershed Innovation and Improvement Fund.

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 Franklin, Senator Alloway.

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I rise today to thank my colleagues for their support of this important piece of environmental legislation. I want to give a special thanks to the Growing Greener Coalition who have worked tirelessly with all of us to try and get the next Growing Greener package. Also, I want to thank all of my staff who did lots of great work on this issue.

I believe that when we look back, when history looks back 5 years, 10 years from now, they are going to see this as a seminal moment in environmental law in Pennsylvania, where we took major steps to use private businesses and technology to clean up our waterways and meet our Chesapeake Bay mandates. I think this is important for all of us - conservatives, liberals, moderates, wherever you find yourself on the spectrum. There is no replacement to have clean water to drink, to recreate in, to fish in, and I thank everyone for their "yes" vote today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator YUDICHAK. Mr. President, I thank my colleagues, the chair of the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, Senator Yaw, I want to thank Senator Alloway and Senator Killion for their bipartisan work on Senate Bill No. 799, and I urge an affirmative vote.

Senate Bill No. 799, while still an imperfect piece of legislation, represents the first tangible legislative progress on enacting a full and robust Growing Greener III package and it includes potential enhancements to Pennsylvania's Chesapeake Bay strategy. Throughout Pennsylvania, municipalities, conservation districts, and private sector partners are working to remediate environmental hazards and to create a better climate for economic growth and responsible environmental stewardship. Organizations like the Earth Conservancy in Luzerne County have effectively utilized Growing Greener resources to transform abandoned mine lands into economic opportunities, creating thousands of jobs and cleaning up thousands of acres of degraded landscapes.

In the next 24 months, companies like NorthPoint Development will invest over \$200 million in the creation of more than 5,000 new jobs in Luzerne County, all of it seeded by smart public investments made by the Growing Greener program to reclaim the abandoned mine lands of northeastern Pennsylvania. The Growing Greener framework included in Senate Bill No. 799 represents our commitment to stakeholders throughout Pennsylvania, including groups like the Growing Greener Coalition, that the legislature will continue to fight for the necessary funding to continue the tremendous legacy of the Growing Greener program. Again, I ask my Senate colleagues for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator KILLION. Mr. President, I will be brief. First, I want to thank my colleagues for voting affirmatively for my amendment, which was the language in Senate Bill No. 705 for the Growing Greener III program. We all know how successful

Growing Greener I and Growing Greener II were. They were established in 1999, which preserved over 80,000 acres of threatened open space, restored hundreds of miles of streams and waterways, protected more than 78,000 acres of farmland, restored more than 1,600 acres of abandoned mine lands, and helped reduce flooding and water pollution through 400 watershed protection projects, and more than 100 drinking and wastewater treatment facility improvements. I encourage a "yes" vote on this bill so we can move forward on Growing Greener III. Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

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

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-47

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

NAY-2

DiSanto	Hutchinson
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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.

**SB 898 (Pr. No. 1452)** -- 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 restrictions on use of highways and bridges.

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 955** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 1034 (Pr. No. 1441)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

POINT OF ORDER

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

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, I rise to seek a ruling from the Chair under Rule 20 as to whether I can vote on Senate Bill No. 1034. I am an announced candidate for United States Congress and I am seeking counsel from the Chair as to whether or not I am permitted to vote on this legislation, which pertains to the drawing of congressional district maps.

The PRESIDENT. I will consult with the Secretary and give you a ruling momentarily. If you would please hold one second, Senator.

First, Senator, I rule that there is no conflict of interest in accordance with Senate Rule 20(c)(2). In fact, under our rules, the Senator must vote on Senate Bill No. 1034, and it is for two reasons. First, the Chair finds that the gentleman is in a class of individuals who may or may not be affected by the actions on Senate Bill No. 1034. In its current form, Senate Bill No. 1034 has removed all congressional redistricting maps and has not

replaced the maps. This places the Senator in a class with thousands of Pennsylvanians who may or may not be affected, who could or could not run for Congress, once these maps are redrawn and approved.

Second, the Chair does not find that there are any votes that the gentleman may cast with regard to this piece of legislation which would be particularly personal to the Senator. Whether it affects him privately or professionally, it is not in any way specific in this piece of legislation. Therefore, Senator, you must vote.

Senator EICHELBERGER. Thank you, Mr. President.

POINT OF ORDER

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, thank you for your ruling on the individual Member's question. Mr. President, can we assume that the ruling you just rendered as it related to the individual Member, to other Members who are similarly situated as announced candidates for Congress, would it apply to them as well?

The PRESIDENT. Yes, Senator, it would if they fit into the specific category as raised by the Senator, a candidate for Congress would be in the same exact position.

Senator COSTA. Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, very briefly, I remind the Members that Senate Bill No. 1034 represents a repeal of the Congressional Redistricting Act of 2011. So, an affirmative vote today is a vote that says that those maps that were drawn back then are hereby repealed going forward, despite the fact that they have already been ruled and deemed to be unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, but is still an open question as to whether or not that will ultimately survive the process.

So, I want to let the Members know that an affirmative vote would repeal the lines, as it relates to Members on our side of the aisle who voted against those maps at that point in time, and I ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I too, ask for an affirmative vote. This is clearly an imperfect process. We are going down this road because of the orders from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court of last week. Normally, when you are trying to draw congressional districts, you have a much more public process. As you might recall in 2011, the then chairman of the Committee on State Government from Bucks County took the committee on the road and spent quite a bit of time holding hearings about possibilities of how to draw these congressional districts. As a matter of fact, those who were on the committee might remember he had his own personal RV and he was driving around the State holding hearings to get public input. I know our current chairman of the Committee on State Government would have liked to have had the same opportunity to bring in public input to this process.

Unfortunately, by the ruling of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, they gave us a very tight window that did not allow that to happen. In fact in their order, normally the Governor, by the Constitution, has 10 days to either sign or veto or allow a law to go into effect. Through, I guess, court fiat, they decided to shrink that and ignore the Constitution and brought it from 10 days to 6 days and are only giving Governor Wolf 6 days, I believe, once we pass this map next week, if we do, to finally respond to it, which is sort of interesting that they declared a map unconstitutional and then took an unconstitutional process to come into a new one.

So, anyway, having said all that, we are going to pass this vehicle out here today. We are going to send it to the House. Hopefully, the House will move the vehicle along, and then next week we will be in position to ultimately load a congressional map, if that is the willingness of the bodies, and get it to the Governor where he can have his constitutionally shortened amount of time to respond to that, and then maybe off to the court to be in place for the primary. This is a vehicle today. Again, it is an imperfect process, but this is the one that has been thrust upon us by the members of the majority of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. It is an unfortunate process, but one that we were forced into.

So, Mr. President, I do ask for an affirmative vote.

And the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

**HB 1653 (Pr. No. 2214)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

NAY-0

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

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

**SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 55, HB 99, HB 104, SB 114, SB 263 and SB 266** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

**SB 313 (Pr. No. 1321)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in protection from abuse, further providing for relief.

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

**SB 313 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 313, Printer's No. 1321, 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 384, SB 435 and HB 444** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

**SB 500 (Pr. No. 603)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in protection from abuse, further providing for commencement of proceedings.

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

**SB 500 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 500, Printer's No. 603, 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

**HB 566, HB 595, SB 597, SB 637, SB 729, SB 748, SB 761, SB 762, SB 771, SB 772, SB 773, SB 776, SB 780, HB 913, HB 914, HB 915, HB 916, SB 919, SB 938, SB 950, SB 961, SB 963, 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 AND REREFERRED

**SB 1011 (Pr. No. 1402)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for rights of victims of crime.

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 1024, SB 1031, HB 1034, HB 1341, HB 1364 and HB 1486** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**HB 631 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 631, Printer's No. 668, 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.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator VOGEL, from the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, reported the following bills:

**SB 816 (Pr. No. 1456) (Amended)**

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, in dangerous dogs, further providing for court proceedings, certificate of registration and disposition; and providing for muzzled dogs.

**HB 1550 (Pr. No. 2070)**

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L. 128, No.43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law, further providing for purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

**HB 1917 (Pr. No. 2815)**

An Act amending Title 22 (Detectives and Private Police) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in humane society police officers, further providing for appointment by nonprofit corporations, for qualifications for appointment, for suspension, revocation, limitation and restriction of appointment and restoration of appointment, for training program, for continuing education program, for Statewide registry and for Humane Society Police Officer Advisory Board.

**BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION**

Senator COSTA. 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 370, SB 816, SB 952, HB 26, HB 291, HB 783, HB 1239, HB 1550, HB 1845, HB 1854, HB 1917 and HB 1926.**

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018

10:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing to consider the nomination of Maureen Barden and Anthony Moscato to the Board of Probation and Parole and the nomination of Harris Gubernick to the Board of Pardons; a public hearing regarding House Bill No. 1952; and a meeting to consider House Bill No. 1952)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider House Bill No. 1952)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 354 and 894; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018

10:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider Senate Bills No. 735 and 962)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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Off the Floor	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Bill No. 800)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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**PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES**

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, this is an exciting time for certainly the southeastern section of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the greater Philadelphia area, but all of Pennsylvania. We have a team in the Super Bowl. The national spotlight is on Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia area, and it is well deserved. We have an exceptional team, one that has pulled together through adversity and has dominated in the National Football Conference. Special kudos to the ownership, to the management, to the head coach, Doug Pederson, to his coordinators, and to the players.

Mr. President, with particular emphasis I want to congratulate and commend Carson Wentz, who, as we know, went down on the sideline and is still very much involved in the team and the inspiration to excel, and to Nick Foles, who has done a remarkable job filling in for Carson Wentz and steering the ship in the right direction toward eventual victory in the Super Bowl. Both Carson Wentz and Nick Foles are men of great faith, and I believe in divine providence. I think with their attitude, their motivation, their outlook on life, and their deep commitment to the service of our Lord that the Eagles will prevail. Am I being religious? Yes, I am. I think the Eagles will prevail and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, particularly the greater Philadelphia area, will be celebratory on Sunday night, Monday, and probably into Tuesday and Wednesday as well.

I thank you, Mr. President, for this, and I want to close with, go Eagles.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for his very important remarks. To join in his enthusiasm, we had a rally for the Eagles in the Rotunda, and we also want to point out that members of the Eagles football team have been very socially conscious and involved in the community, including Chris Long, Malcolm Jenkins, and Torrey Smith, on criminal justice reform. So, it is a team that not only plays together on the field and sets a great example, but also is invested in society as a whole and its betterment, and we should all be proud of that. Regardless of whom we root for, we should all root for that. I, on my part, am going to be rooting for the Eagles, as you know, because I bleed green.

Thank you, Senator Rafferty.

**RECESS**

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, February 5, 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 12:10 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.