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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, February 21, 2018

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

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

PRAYER AND PLEDGE DISPENSED WITH

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, we will dispense with the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance for today's Session.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

RECALL OF REGULAR SESSION

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

February 21, 2018

TO: President and All Members of the Senate

FROM: Senator JOE SCARNATI
President Pro Tempore

RE: Recall to Non-Voting Session
Wednesday, February 21, 10:30 a.m.

Consistent with the Weekly Recess Resolution, the Senate is recalled for a non-voting session on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 10:30 a.m., for the purpose of signing HB 631 and reading communications across the desk.

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 COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

February 12, 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, Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, to serve until July 1, 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Pullo, York, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

February 12, 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, Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Mary Louis Doyle, Chester, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF COSMETOLOGY

February 12, 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, Nathanael R. Bague (Public Member), 1465 Hillcrest Court, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Elaine Gowaty, Murrysville, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

February 12, 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 Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jeffrey Runge, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

February 12, 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, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, 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 Pamela Higgins, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

February 12, 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, Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John Keegan, Hazleton, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

February 12, 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 Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, 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 Richard Grimaldi, Connellsville, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

February 12, 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, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ronald Steele, Erie, deceased.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

February 12, 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 Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, to serve until July 20, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice K. Scott Baker, Pittsburgh, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

February 12, 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, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Fean, Milford, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

February 12, 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, Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Psy-

chology, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Karen Cahilly, Coudersport, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT COMMISSION

February 12, 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, Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Public Employee Retirement Commission, to serve until October 27, 2021, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Christ Zervanos, Harrisburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

February 12, 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. (Public Member), 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, 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 Rene Barczak, Philadelphia, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF WARREN STATE HOSPITAL

February 12, 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, Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Warren State Hospital, to serve until January 15, 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Burt Alexander, Warren, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 12, 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, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Beaver, Magisterial District 36-1-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Andrew M. Hladio, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 12, 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, Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Bucks, Magisterial District 07-1-11, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Michael J. Burns, deceased.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

February 13, 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, Gladys M. Brown, 2302 Rudy Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, to serve until April 1, 2023, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

February 20, 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, Ann Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Angeles Roca, removed from office.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

February 20, 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, Philadelphia Municipal Court, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Dawn A. Segal, removed from office.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

February 20, 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, Elise Claire Schell, 1506 Penn Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to serve for a term of six years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Frederic Wentz, Haverford, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
TO HOUSE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 631**.

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:

February 9, 2018

HB 699 -- Committee on Health and Human Services.

February 12, 2018

HB 253 -- Committee on State Government.
HB 348, 979, 1974 and **1979** -- Committee on Judiciary.

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:

February 9, 2018

Senators HAYWOOD and LEACH presented to the Chair **SB 1014**, entitled:

An Act providing for a Statewide comprehensive health care system; establishing the Pennsylvania Health Care Plan and providing for

eligibility, services, coverages, subrogation, participating and nonparticipating providers, cost containment, quality assurance and for transitional support and training; establishing the Pennsylvania Health Care Board, the Pennsylvania Health Care Agency, the Office of Health Care Ombudsman and the Pennsylvania Health Care Trust Fund; and imposing a payroll tax and an additional personal income tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 9, 2018.

Senators FARNESE, BLAKE, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 1033**, entitled:

An Act providing for disclosure requirements for broadband Internet access service providers, for prohibitions and for contracts, grants and tax credits; and imposing civil penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, February 9, 2018.

Senators GREENLEAF, LEACH, FONTANA, BARTOLOTTA, MENSCH, COSTA, RESCHENTHALER, HUGHES and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 1036**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for payment of court costs, restitution and fines, for fine and for failure to pay fine; in licensing of drivers, further providing for suspension of operating privilege for failure to respond to citation; and, in penalties and disposition of fines, further providing for inability to pay fine and costs.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 9, 2018.

Senators FOLMER, VULAKOVICH, EICHELBERGER, BARTOLOTTA, RESCHENTHALER, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, ARGALL, WILLIAMS, SCHWANK, LANGERHOLC, WARD, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, SCARNATI, DINNIMAN, BAKER, BOSCOLA, BLAKE, STEFANO, WHITE, KILLION, LEACH, LAUGHLIN, ALLOWAY, MARTIN, STREET, YAW and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 1037**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, consolidating the Civil Service Act; providing for civil service reform in the areas of merit-based hiring, civil service applications, certification, examinations and promotions; and making related repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 9, 2018.

Senator COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 1038**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, further providing for residual funds.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 9, 2018.

Senators DINNIMAN, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 1039**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in management of the condominium, further providing for powers of unit owners' association.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, February 9, 2018.

Senators BARTOLOTTA, SCARNATI, RESCHENTHALER, GORDNER, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, YUDICHAK, MENSCH, WARD, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, BAKER, WAGNER, REGAN, YAW, VULAKOVICH and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 1040**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rights and immunities, providing for military occupational streamlining.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 9, 2018.

Senators BARTOLOTTA, SCARNATI, GORDNER, COSTA, HUGHES, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, WARD, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, REGAN and VULAKOVICH presented to the Chair **SB 1041**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veteran-owned small businesses, providing for veteran-owned small business logotypes.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 9, 2018.

Senators BOSCOLA and RESCHENTHALER presented to the Chair **SB 1042**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in arson, criminal mischief and other property destruction, further providing for the offense of arson and related offenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 9, 2018.

Senators GREENLEAF, LEACH, EICHELBERGER, SCAVELLO, BARTOLOTTA, LANGERHOLC, FARNESE, HAYWOOD, WHITE, HUGHES and STREET presented to the Chair **SB 1043**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in criminal history record information, further providing for use of records for employment.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 9, 2018.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, HAYWOOD, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, COSTA, SCHWANK, FARNESE and STREET presented to the Chair **SB 1044**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 17, 1968 (P.L.11, No.5), known as The Minimum Wage Act of 1968, further providing for definitions and for minimum wages; providing for tipped employees; further providing for minimum wage advisory board and for enforcement and rules and regulations; providing for rules and regulations; and further providing for civil actions.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 9, 2018.

Senators HAYWOOD, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, COSTA and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 1045**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 17, 1968 (P.L.11, No.5), known as The Minimum Wage Act of 1968, further providing for definitions; providing for tipped employees; and further providing for pre-emption.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 9, 2018.

Senators LAUGHLIN, BREWSTER, RESCHENTHALER, REGAN, MENSCH, VULAKOVICH, WHITE and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1046**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for authorized license-issuing agents.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, February 9, 2018.

Senators SCAVELLO, RESCHENTHALER, BAKER, WARD and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 1048**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in election districts and polling places, further providing for public buildings to be used where possible and portable polling places.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 9, 2018.

February 14, 2018

Senators COSTA, FONTANA and VULAKOVICH presented to the Chair **SB 1047**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 12, 2004 (P.L.73, No.11), known as the Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority Act for Cities of the Second Class, in Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority for Cities of the Second Class, further providing for term of existence.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, February 14, 2018.

Senators SCHWANK, FONTANA, FARNESE, TARTAGLIONE, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, McGARRIGLE, COSTA, RAFFERTY, SABATINA, BROWNE and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 1051**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in departmental powers and duties as to supervision, providing for lead testing in children's institutions; and, in departmental powers and duties as to licensing, providing for lead testing in child day care centers and family child care homes.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, February 14, 2018.

Senators GREENLEAF, LEACH, SCHWANK, COSTA, YUDICHAK, HAYWOOD, BREWSTER, HUGHES and WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 1053**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in matters affecting government units, further providing for exceptions to sovereign immunity and providing for claims for wrongful conviction and imprisonment.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 14, 2018.

February 16, 2018

Senators STEFANO, SCARNATI, BROWNE, MENSCH, ARGALL, WARD, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE, BREWSTER, COSTA, FONTANA, KILLION, RAFFERTY, REGAN, RESCHENTHALER, SABATINA, TOMLINSON, VULAKOVICH, WAGNER, WHITE and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 1049**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), known as the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, in recycling and waste reduction, further providing for municipal implementation of recycling programs.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 16, 2018.

Senators BROOKS, RESCHENTHALER, RAFFERTY, STEFANO and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1054**, entitled:

An Act providing for licensure of buprenorphine office-based prescribers; limiting the use of buprenorphine; and establishing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, February 16, 2018.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

February 9, 2018

Senators SCHWANK, COSTA, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, LEACH, BREWSTER, TARTAGLIONE, SABATINA, RAFFERTY, BROWNE, YUDICHAK, HUGHES and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SR 255**, entitled:

A Resolution encouraging equitable and diverse gender representation on the boards and in senior management of companies in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, February 9, 2018.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

2017 HAZARDOUS SITES CLEANUP FUND ANNUAL REPORT

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
P.O. Box 2063
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

December 1, 2017

Ms. Megan Martin
Secretary-Parliamentarian of the Senate
Senate Post Office Box 203053
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

Dear Ms. Martin:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is pleased to present to you its Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund Annual Report. This report summarizes DEP's accomplishments under the Hazardous Sites

Cleanup Act, which provides DEP with the ability to immediately respond to spills of hazardous substances thereby eliminating threats to public health and the environment.

Due to the elimination of Pennsylvania's Capital Stock and Franchise Tax, which served as the primary funding source for this program, sufficient revenue will not be available to allow DEP to continue this important work in future years. I look forward to working with the General Assembly to address this need.

As provided in the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund Funding Act, DEP is distributing the report electronically and providing a link for accessing the report online. The report can be found on DEP's Website at www.dep.pa.gov. From that page, under "Businesses" choose the "Land" tab, then click on "Site Remediation" to get to the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Program to locate the report.

Thank you for your interest in this report and for continuing to partner with DEP to promote a clean environment and safe communities for all Pennsylvanians.

Respectfully,

PATRICK McDONNELL
Secretary

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

2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
P.O. Box 2063
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

February 14, 2018

Ms. Megan Martin
Secretary Parliamentarian of the Senate
Senate Post Office Box 203053
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

Dear Ms. Martin:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I have enclosed the 2016-2017 Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority (PEDA). This report is required by section 5 of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority and Emergency Powers Act, Act of December 14, 1982, P.L. 1213, No. 280, as amended, §§ 71 P.S. 720.1 *et seq.*

This annual report covers the operations of the PEDA that include project management of the 28 financial assistance awards that were made in October 2014. Sixteen projects have been completed and are operating. Three Projects while completed, are undergoing administrative closeout. Currently three projects continue to be managed as they are under construction. The report details the status of each of these projects including information on anticipated savings as well as benefits which have been reported to PEDA.

In the upcoming year, PEDA will continue to manage existing grants as well as identify new financial and technical assistance opportunities for projects in accordance with the PEDA Energy Development Plan.

If you should have any questions, please contact Sarah Clark, Director of Legislative Affairs, by e-mail at saraclark@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.783.8303.

Respectfully,

PATRICK McDONNELL
Secretary

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

REPORT ON ANNUAL FINANCING STRATEGY

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

February 18, 2018

To the General Assembly
 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: ANNUAL FINANCING STRATEGY REPORT

Enclosed herewith is the report as required by Act 12 of 2004 that sets forth in detail an Annual Financing Strategy Report for business financing and Economic Stimulus programs that are administered by the department for Fiscal Year 2018-19. This document includes the Department's goals, objectives and strategy for each of the programs outlined in Act 12.

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

**2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
 PENNSYLVANIA STATE CIVIL
 SERVICE COMMISSION**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
 State Civil Service Commission
 P.O. Box 569
 320 Market Street
 Harrisburg, PA 17108-0569

It is a sincere honor and great privilege to release the State Civil Service Commission's (Commission) Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 Annual Report. This report highlights the achievements of the Commission during the fiscal year, as well as, ongoing efforts to strengthen the delivery of merit employment services to client agencies at the state and local governmental levels, job seekers, state and local government employees, veterans and citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

At its fundamental core, the Commission's legislative mission is to promote, recruit and maintain a qualified professional workforce at the state and local governmental levels based solely upon the merits of job seekers' abilities and qualifications to perform the jobs. A merit employment system anchors on the key precept of "competition" and provides all qualified job seekers a fair, open and transparent opportunity to compete for state and local government job opportunities.

The Commission plays a major role in state government's overall human resource system. Of the nearly 73,000 state government employees in Pennsylvania, approximately 53,000 throughout 38 different state agencies are covered by the merit service. In addition, approximately 6,900 employees in more than 300 local government agencies are covered by the service.

Fiscal Year 2016-17 served as a period of significant change for the Commission. The Pennsylvania General Assembly passed and Governor Tom Wolf signed into law Acts 69 and 167 of 2016. These Acts authorized significant and other important changes to the Civil Service Act.

I am pleased to report significant progress with implementing the following statutory changes:

- Based upon operational needs and subject to approval, state and local government hiring authorities can change the "rule of three" selection requirement

- The period of time state and local government hiring authorities can retain merit service employment certification lists, prior to the return to the Commission for audit purposes, is now 90 workdays
- Increased promoting and highlighting of the Commonwealth veterans' preference employment benefits
- Continuing to work with the Governor's Office of Administration (OA), as well as, state and local hiring authorities to identify opportunities to alter the type of examinations administered

In addition to these changes, the Commission joined Governor Wolf and announced the removal of the "criminal history" question from the civil service employment application in accordance with the Governor's "Fair-Chance" hiring initiative. A technology system enhancement was implemented to permit job seekers to request and receive their examination results by email.

During the fiscal year, the Commission continued to work with the OA to plan for and transition to a new employment application system contracted by the OA and hosted by NEOGOV, Inc. This new system will host both civil service and non-civil service employment applications and serve as the single application portal for state and local government job opportunities.

Along with the State Civil Service Commissioners, I want to express my deepest and most sincere appreciation to the outstanding staff of the Commission. In spite of significant confronted challenges, you have never wavered in your enduring commitment to the principles of the Commonwealth's merit service and delivery of exceptional customer service. Your work efforts make things happen.

Finally, I want to acknowledge and welcome aboard the Commission's new Chairman - Bryan R. Lentz. Chairman Lentz was nominated by Governor Wolf and confirmed by the Pennsylvania State Senate to serve as Commissioner and Chairman on November 16, 2016. He serves as the Commission's statutory required veteran member and advocate. He is retired from the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY T. WALLACE
 Executive Director

CALENDAR OVER IN ORDER

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Langerholc.

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I move that all of the bills on today's Calendar go over in their order without prejudice as to day.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018

10:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - State Police/Homeland Security)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency/Fire Commissioner)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

10:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Labor & Industry)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of General Services)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Transportation)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018</u>		
10:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - State Related Universities)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Judiciary)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Pennsylvania College of Technology)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
4:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Inspector General)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018</u>		
10:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Military and Veterans Affairs)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Agriculture)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Conservation & Natural Resources)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018</u>		
10:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Corrections/Board of Probation & Parole)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Environmental Protection)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018</u>		
10:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Revenue/Lottery)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Community & Economic Development)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018</u>		
10:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Education)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Aging)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018</u>		
10:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Health) C A N C E L L E D	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Health & Human Services)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

<u>THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018</u>		
10:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Drug & Alcohol)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Budget Secretary/Governor's Executive Office)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018</u>		
9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS Subcommittee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice and JUDICIARY (joint public hearing to discuss criminal justice issues)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:30 A.M.	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (public hearing to consider the nominations and confirmations of Department of Human Services Acting Secretary Teresa Miller, Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs Acting Secretary Jennifer Smith, and Department of Health Acting Secretary Rachel Levine)	Room 8E-B East Wing
Off the Floor	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 357, 480, 501, 502, 652, 915, 916, 1070, 1071 and 1072; and House Bills No. 149 and 324)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 748, 761 and 1011; and House Bills No. 595 and 1952)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018</u>		
9:00 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing on redistricting legislation, including Senate Bills No. 22, 243, 464 and 767)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

BILL SIGNED

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

HB 631.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator LANGERHOLC.

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, March 19, 2018, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 1:16 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.