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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, March 21, 2018

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

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

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by the Hon. MEGAN MARTIN, the Secretary of the Senate:

Let us pray.

Today, I offer a beautiful reading to all of you, a reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians:

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, rejoice, the Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds.

Heavenly Father, we humbly come to You as we commence this Session day and ask You to send Your Holy Spirit to guide us in our work and in our deliberations. Bless abundantly all who are present and here today doing the people's work. Help us all to remember that the quality of our work this day and all days is a reflection of You to those around us. Grant us a mind to know You, a heart to seek You, wisdom to find You, and a spirit of collaboration and cooperation to please You. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator White, and legislative leaves for Senator Aument, Senator Folmer, Senator Greenleaf, Senator McIlhinney, and Senator Wagner.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Schwank, Senator Leach, Senator Williams, and Senator Haywood.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator White, and legislative leaves for Senator Aument, Senator Folmer, Senator Greenleaf, Senator McIlhinney, and Senator Wagner.

Senator Costa requests legislative leaves for Senator Schwank, Senator Leach, Senator Williams, and Senator Haywood.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Journal of the Session of January 22, 2018, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of January 22, 2018.

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-50

Alloway	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
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	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yaw
Corman	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak
Costa	Langerholc	Schwank	
Dinniman	Laughlin	Stefano	

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Journal is approved.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Dinniman and Senator Tartaglione.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Costa requests legislative leaves for Senator Dinniman and Senator Tartaglione. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

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 an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Finance to be held in the Rules room immediately.

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

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Wagner has returned, and his legislative leave is cancelled.

CALENDAR

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 449 (Pr. No. 1424) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for probable cause arrests in domestic violence cases.

On the question,
Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 449?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 449.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington, Senator Bartolotta.

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, Tierne's Law is named in memory of a wonderful woman who was brutally murdered after nearly a lifetime of victimization by her husband. This bill will focus on training and making sure that our justices, our magisterial district justices, and judges use a risk assessment tool that will determine not just a flight risk, but a lethality risk. This bill will go a long way in protecting victims of domestic violence and making sure that their abusers stay behind bars where they belong if they do pose a risk of re-offending, re-abusing, or even murdering their victims. It went to the House, and an amendment was put in that I am fully in support of. It adds strangulation to the list of offenses for which a police officer can arrest without a warrant. I think that will also go a very

long way in protecting our victims of domestic violence. So, I appreciate a "yes" vote on Tierne's Law and look forward to the day when the Governor signs it before her loving parents and her family.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YEA-50

Alloway	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Baker	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Vulakovich
Blake	Gordner	Rafferty	Wagner
Boscola	Greenleaf	Regan	Ward
Brewster	Haywood	Reschenthaler	White
Brooks	Hughes	Sabatina	Williams
Browne	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yaw
Corman	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak
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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 114 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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.

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-50

Alloway	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	McGarrigle	Tomlinson

Baker	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Vulakovich
Blake	Gordner	Rafferty	Wagner
Boscola	Greenleaf	Regan	Ward
Brewster	Haywood	Reschenthaler	White
Brooks	Hughes	Sabatina	Williams
Browne	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yaw
Corman	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak
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.

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

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, I thank everyone who was responsible for bringing this legislation to the Senate floor for a final vote, causing Senate Bill No. 500 to move to the House for a vote there and for the Governor to sign into law. As a former law enforcement officer of 27 years, this is an issue that never goes away. Domestic violence is one of the most dangerous things police officers deal with in their professional career. Protection From Abuse orders can literally be the difference between life and death for victims of domestic violence.

My piece of legislation, Senate Bill No. 500, is something I am very familiar with after all those years in law enforcement and the issuance of PFAs. My bill, Senate Bill No. 500, clarifies that a court order can direct a law enforcement officer to accompany a plaintiff on the issuance of a PFA if that person makes the request and feels their life or safety may be in danger. Unfortunately, I have been in situations where I had to perform that task, and it is not pretty at times. These people need our help, and we should be providing that help for them. The number one priority of government should be public safety. This bill enhances that goal. I know from practical experiences how dangerous these situations are, and that is what this legislation is all about. Sometimes, you take for granted how you do things in your own police department, and you never really take note and you wonder if it is a legislative procedure, part of a statute, or the way things are

done in your particular police department. Sometimes, people in these situations do not know where to go for help. The best way to do it is to take a law enforcement official with you to the home to serve that PFA. Certainly, there is a protection factor. If you have an officer going with you, they lay the groundwork for a peaceful transition. They will set the tone for future interactions between all parties. They will set the guidelines for adherence to the content of the PFA. The person is properly informed to what they are not allowed to do, and where they can go to seek help, and this is important. They want the transition to be as smooth as possible and not create any more problems for the family, especially the victim.

I can tell you from years of experience our officers always went along to serve PFAs, and we tried as best as we could to make it as smooth as possible. This legislation gives authority to the courts to direct the law enforcement officer to accompany a PFA victim for their protection before and/or during the service of the PFA. I will tell you from practical experience that I thought every police officer in every department was doing this before I realized it is not the case. Again, from practical experience, bringing a law enforcement officer with you to the home to serve a PFA is very important. It sets the tone for everything that happens with regard to the issuance of that PFA.

In conclusion, this is an important piece of legislation so we can bring uniformity across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I look forward to working with all of my colleagues in strengthening our PFA laws.

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-50

Alloway	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Baker	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel
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Blake	Gordner	Rafferty	Wagner
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Corman	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak
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.

SB 501 (Pr. No. 1551) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for persons not to possess,

use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms and providing for relinquishment of firearms and firearm licenses by convicted persons and for abandonment of firearms, weapons or ammunition; in criminal history record information, further providing for order for limited access; and, in protection from abuse, further providing for definitions, for commencement of proceedings, for hearings, for relief, for return of relinquished firearms, other weapons and ammunition and additional relief, for relinquishment for consignment sale, lawful transfer or safekeeping and for relinquishment to third party for safekeeping.

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-50

Alloway	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Baker	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Vulakovich
Blake	Gordner	Rafferty	Wagner
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Brewster	Haywood	Resenthaler	White
Brooks	Hughes	Sabatina	Williams
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Corman	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak
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.

SB 502 (Pr. No. 1552) -- 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.

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-50

Alloway	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Baker	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel

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Blake	Gordner	Rafferty	Wagner
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Browne	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yaw
Corman	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak
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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 595, SB 653, HB 653 and SB 748 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 919 (Pr. No. 1549) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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 Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Haywood, the prime sponsor of Senate Bill No. 919, I offer the following remarks and ask that they be admitted into 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 Allegheny, Senator COSTA, on behalf of the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator HAYWOOD:)

Mr. President, I thank the Senate Leadership for including Senate Bill No. 919 in the domestic violence package of legislation that advances today for the good of Pennsylvania. I am proud to join Senator Bartolotta, Senator Boscola, Senator Killion, Senator McGarrigle, Senator Resenthaler, Senator Vulakovich, and Senator Schwank to propose legislation that will help prevent and protect domestic violence victims.

No victim of domestic violence or sexual assault should have to live in fear of their abuser violating their rights again. No victim should have to worry about where they will live, or must separate from their family to avoid further danger of their abuser. Senate Bill No. 919 sup-

plements federal laws and establishes State rules to protect victims of domestic and sexual violence that live in public housing by relocating them from the apartment of abuse. Every county housing authority is given 5 days to approve a domestic violence related relocation request and thereafter relocate the victim and other members of the household by providing them with another apartment, a housing choice voucher, aid in finding other housing, or other measures. To be relocated, the victim must provide evidence of violence through an order of protection, police report, or medical records, court documents, a statement, or any other evidence they may have.

Finally, a special thank you to Liana Walters, my legislative director, and all Senate staff who worked with her along with the domestic violence advocates, county housing authorities, and housing advocates for working to get this legislation done. The process of passing legislation is demanding, and it should be since the lives of 12 million Pennsylvanians may be affected by our actions.

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-50

Alloway	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Baker	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Vulakovich
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Corman	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak
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.

SB 1011 (Pr. No. 1564) -- 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 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 Reschenthaler.

Senator RESCHENTHALER. Mr. President, I rise today in support of Senate Bill No. 1011, Marsy's Law. I truly believe an important measure of a society is how it treats its most vulnerable populations. I introduced Senate Bill No. 1011 to begin the

process of amending the Constitution to grant victims inherent rights here in Pennsylvania. The language of both the House and Senate bill is the product of a collaborative effort between the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, victims' rights groups, and the national Marsy's Law project.

Marsy's Law will insure that victims have the ability to be an integral part of the criminal justice system. The constitutional amendment requires that for both the criminal and juvenile justice systems, that there will be enumerated rights of victims, and that the rights of victims will be protected no less vigorously than those afforded to the accused. Further, Marsy's Law stipulates that crime victims will have the constitutional rights to receive notice of all proceedings involving the accused, be heard in any proceeding during which a victim is implicated, notice of any release or escape of an accused, full and timely restitution, and also the right to confer with prosecutors during the proceedings. Now, to date, Marsy's Law has passed in 6 States, including Ohio, and efforts are currently underway to pass Marsy's Law in 10 other States, obviously including Pennsylvania.

It is important to note that Marsy's Law will not infringe in any way upon the rights that currently exist for the accused and the current rights for the victim. The rights of the accused will continue to be protected under the Constitution, and victims will have the same rights they have always had. However, those rights will be stronger because they will be on the equal level of that with the accused being part of the Constitution. Pennsylvania already has a strong history of protecting victims of crime, but today we are starting the process of putting the rights of victims on a level playing field with those of the accused. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote to insure that crime victims in Pennsylvania are treated with dignity and respect.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I rise to support this bill and urge a "yes" vote. I offered amendments to try to improve a good bill, but despite the fact that those amendments failed, it is still a good bill. We wish to preserve the rights of victims, and a wise man once said, let not the perfect be the enemy of the good. While I think we could have moved this bill a little further in the right direction, this bill does move our Commonwealth toward protecting victims and toward a more just system. And so, I urge my colleagues to support the adoption of the constitutional amendment for Marsy's Law and insure that we make steps forward in protecting the rights of victims. Thank you.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, briefly, not only do I support the bill, but I want to inform the Members that this will be the last roll-call vote of the day. I thank all of the Members of the entire Senate for sticking it out today. I know that all of State government is closed, but we are here to address these very important issues dealing with domestic violence, and I am proud of the entire Senate for their commitment, and I ask them all to drive very safely to get home.

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-50

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Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Baker	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Vulakovich
Blake	Gordner	Rafferty	Wagner
Boscola	Greenleaf	Regan	Ward
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Corman	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak
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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1341, HB 1486, HB 1854, HB 1926 and HB 1952 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 26 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 99 (Pr. No. 424) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in contracts, 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 GORDNER, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 104, HB 126, HB 149, SB 239, HB 291, HB 324, SB 357, SB 384, SB 435, HB 444, SB 480, HB 566, SB 576, SB 652, SB 780, HB 783 and SB 816 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 866 (Pr. No. 972) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, in local taxes, further providing for definitions, for payroll tax, for payment of tax to other political subdivisions or states as credit or deduction and withholding tax, for limitation on assessment and for tax limitations; in consolidated collection of local income taxes, further providing for definitions, for declaration and payment of income taxes, for tax collection committees, for powers and duties of Department of Community and Economic Development, for powers and duties of tax officer and for withholding and remittance; and, in collection of delinquent taxes, further providing for penalties and for costs of collection of delinquent per capita, occupation, occupational privilege, emergency and municipal services, local services and income taxes.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 913 and HB 914 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 915 (Pr. No. 1534) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for victim and witness outreach; and, in post-trial matters, further providing for eligibility for relief and for jurisdiction and proceedings.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 915 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 916 (Pr. No. 1535) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in post-trial matters, further providing for postconviction DNA testing.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 916, SB 952, SB 961, SB 963, HB 1001 and SB 1003 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1005 (Pr. No. 1563) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, making extensive revisions relating to preliminary provisions; names and corporate powers, classification of counties; fixing and relocating lines and boundaries; county officers; county commissioners and chief clerks; controller; auditors; treasurer; county solicitor; engineer; sheriff and coroner; prothonotary, clerks of court, clerk of orphan's court, register of wills, recorder of deeds; district attorney, assistants and detectives; salaries of county officers; fees of salaried county officers, salary boards, payment of solicitors appointed by county officers; fiscal affairs; contracts and special powers and duties of counties; public health; aeronautics; grounds and buildings; eminent domain and injury to property; recreation places; bridges, viaducts and culverts and roads; providing for military and veterans affairs; 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 GORDNER, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1021, SB 1024, HB 1034, SB 1041, SB 1070, SB 1071, SB 1072, SB 1087, HB 1233, HB 1364, HB 1550 and HB 1869 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 390 (Pr. No. 390)

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in taxation and finance, further providing for exemptions and special provisions.

SB 765 (Pr. No. 1569) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in exclusions from tax, providing for a tax exclusion for emergency preparedness items.

HB 2017 (Pr. No. 2998)

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

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators BAKER, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, MARTIN, SABATINA, EICHELBERGER, BARTOLOTTA, SCHWANK, HUTCHINSON, COSTA, RESCHENTHALER, WHITE, BREWSTER, FOLMER, KILLION, VULAKOVICH, FARNESE, RAFFERTY, MENSCH, BROWNE, HUGHES, BOSCOLA, AUMENT and SCAVELLO, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 288**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of February 11 through 17, 2018, as "Cardiac Rehabilitation Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce two resolutions that are linked together raising awareness for two leading health issues in our State and nation, as well as to recognize the outstanding rehabilitation specialists who are serving patients suffering from these conditions.

The first resolution observes "National Cardiac Rehabilitation Week," which was February 11 through 17, with the theme "Making Positive Changes, One BEAT at a Time." Heart disease is the leading cause of death in our nation and State. There are many good goals for cardiac rehabilitation, but the primary focus is educating heart disease patients on lifestyle risks and how to avoid further damage to the heart.

The second resolution observes "National Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week," which was March 11 through 17, with the theme of "Improving Life, One Breath at a Time." Pulmonary disease is the third-leading cause of death in our nation and the fifth-leading cause of death in Pennsylvania. Pulmonary rehabilitation plays an integral role in improving the quality of life and overall well-being of individuals with chronic respiratory disease. We are fortunate to have many dedicated professionals who work with those who have these two diseases, and we all join them and thank them for their important work.

So, with that, Mr. President, I thank you and ask for unanimous adoption of the these resolutions.

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

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

Senators BAKER, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, MARTIN, SABATINA, EICHELBERGER, BARTOLOTTA, SCHWANK, COSTA, RESCHENTHALER, BREWSTER, FOLMER, VULAKOVICH, FARNESE, RAFFERTY, MENSCH, BROWNE, HUGHES, BOSCOLA, AUMENT and SCAVELLO, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 289**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 11 through 17, 2018, as "Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week" in Pennsylvania.

Which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote.

Senator VOGEL, on behalf of Senators VULAKOVICH, COSTA, ARGALL, BREWSTER, BROOKS, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SABATINA, SCAVELLO, STREET, VOGEL, WARD, FOLMER, KILLION, AUMENT, HUGHES and BOSCOLA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 290**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of African-American military pilots who served honorably during World War II.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver, Senator Vogel.

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, I will read the remarks that Senator Vulakovich has here. *(Reading:)*

Thank you, Mr. President. It is truly an honor to rise today to offer this resolution recognizing the 77th anniversary of the Tuskegee Airmen. There were many, many distinguished units that served our nation during World War II, but few, if any, had the long-ranging impact as the 1,000 African American pilots who trained at Moton Field air base in Tuskegee, Alabama, beginning on March 22, 1941.

These brave pilots flew more than 15,000 missions in Europe, earning 3 Distinguished Unit Citations, 8 Purple Hearts, 14 Bronze Stars, and 96 Distinguished Flying Crosses. The bombers they escorted were able to complete their missions with relatively low losses. In fact, at a time when jet aircraft was in the early experimental stages, the Tuskegee Airmen, in propeller-driven planes, destroyed three German jet fighters and damaged five additional jets without loss or losing any of the bombers they were escorting. On another mission, Tuskegee Airmen discovered and sank a German destroyer in the harbor at Trieste, Italy, by strafing it with .50-caliber machine guns. That was simply remarkable when you consider that a .50-caliber is not a cannon and these ships were not small. They were about 400 feet in length and had a beam of about 40 feet. Like I said earlier, these airmen amassed an amazing record under fire, but we must never forget that back in that era Tuskegee Airmen essentially fought two wars, one against a military force overseas and another against racism at home and abroad.

Mr. President, it is appropriate that we remember and honor these men for their combat record and for their leadership role in breaking through prejudice and serving as true role models for generations to come. Thank you.

I ask for an affirmative vote.

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 390, SB 765 and HB 2017.

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, MARCH 26, 2018

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.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, LAW AND JUSTICE and VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (joint public hearing on the Statewide Radio System)	Room 8E-B East Wing
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 263, 439, 521, 762, 776 and 880)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Bill No. 1088; and House Bill No. 544) C A N C E L L E D	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 1080 and 1091; and House Bills No. 215 and 1414)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018

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.
11:00 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider Senate Bill No. 257)	Room 461 Main Capitol
11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 859, 860, 884, 922, 1043 and 1090; and House Bills No. 56, 58, 61, 62, 63 and 289)	Room 8E-B East Wing
12:00 P.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing on the nomination of Gladys Brown to the Public Utility Commission; and committee meeting to consider House Bill No. 863)	Room 461 Main Capitol
2:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Health & Human Services)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
Off the Floor	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bill No. 1078; and House Bill No. 1793)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Bill No. 1088; and House Bill No. 544)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

Off the Floor FINANCE (to consider Senate Bill No. 1056) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018

1:00 P.M. APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Health and Human Services) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
CANCELLED

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I promise to be very brief. I want the record to reflect that today we passed a significant number of domestic violence measures here in the Senate, and I thank all of my colleagues for their unanimous support on each of these measures as they move forward through this process. They are extremely important bills to the people we represent, particularly those individuals who are suffering or dealing with instances of domestic violence. I also applaud the organizations that have been part of this dialogue and conversation as well. A number of my colleagues on the floor today have been participating in that process, starting with Senator Hughes a while back when we passed his bill that went over to the House, as well as Senator Vulakovich, Senator Bartolotta, Senator Haywood, Senator Boscola, Senator Killion, and Senator McGarrigle. I thank them for their outstanding work that they have done on moving these bills forward. I also commend the Majority Leader for his work with all of us working together, because it was a bipartisan package of measures that we all worked together on, our staffs and everyone, so I take a moment and let the record reflect that this is an important day here today.

Despite the inclement weather, we were able to stay here and get these measures done. Now, we call upon our colleagues in the House of Representatives to take up these measures in the same fashion that we did and get them to the Governor's desk for his signature very soon.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, the Majority Leader mentioned before about the truly bipartisan nature of this process, and I want to thank Senator Costa for calling out a number of the Senators who were involved. As always with this process there is the staff as well, and those staff spent literally several dozen hours, and I know even through this past weekend, bringing a number of the bills to a close. Again, with inclement weather today, some of our staff live a decent amount away, so the fact that they got in here to make sure that these bills ended up getting to the finish line today is a testament to the dedication of the staff on both the Democratic and Republican sides, and we would be remiss without mentioning them as well.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair also would like to join in saluting the Senate on its action on extraordinarily important domestic abuse legislation.

BILL SIGNED

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

SB 449.

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, March 26, 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 11:58 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.