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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, June 6, 2018

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend JOHN GEYER, Pastor of Clear Creek Brethren in Christ Church, Everett, offered the following prayer:

Thank you so much for inviting me. I feel very humbled to be here in your presence. I apologize, I have a suit and tie, a dress shoe on one foot, and a designer doctor's shoe on the other, but it goes with the candles on the birthday cake sometimes.

Let us bow our heads in prayer.

Father God, You are awesome. You spoke this world into existence, You splashed the stars across the space, the universe, and all is sustained by Your righteousness and Your power. We humbly come before You with the privilege of saying Father, because of Jesus Christ and what He has done. We ask that You would consider us. We are but specks in this universe, but yet Your love upon us is so great that You sent Jesus to die for us that we might have everlasting life. We pray that You would look upon our failures, our misgivings, the many things that we do that are not pleasing You and You would look at them and through the obedience of Jesus Christ and what he did.

Father, to You belong righteousness, honor, mercy, and power. To us belong confusion of faces, for we have not done all that You would want us to do and we have failed so often, but we beseech You that You would just present Yourself in a special way here today, that You would grant unto this body, unto this people grace, wisdom, and clarity of thought. We pray that Your presence would permeate this hallowed hall, and, Lord, that Your name would be glorified in the discussion and all that is done, and, Lord, that You would help each of us not only physically with good health, and mentally with right thinking, but spiritually, Lord, with the right perspective of You. Help us to keep You in the right place, the right position in our lives, in our governing, for we are Your ministers that You have called us for this purpose. May we do Your will. May it be honorable and pleasing to You what happens here. We ask these things not that we are worthy, but in the precious name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Geyer, who is the guest today of Senator Langerholc.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

June 6, 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, David Feldman, 528 Valley View Road, Merion Station 19066, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Allen McIntosh, Warren, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**CORRECTION TO NOMINATION
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

TREASURER, FOREST COUNTY

June 6, 2018

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Please note that the letter dated April 26, 2018, for the nomination of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Treasurer, Forest County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Pamela Millen, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Treasurer, Forest County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Pamela Millin, resigned.

APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

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

Senator Patrick M. Browne as a member of the Committee on Local Government.

Senator John Gordner as a member of the Committee on Appropriations.

Senator Don White as a member of the Committee on Labor and Industry.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator TOMLINSON, from the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported the following bills:

SB 668 (Pr. No. 1830) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 6, 1980 (P.L.197, No.57), known as the Optometric Practice and Licensure Act, further providing for definitions; repealing provisions related to approval of drugs; providing for imaging test; and further providing for exemptions and exceptions.

HB 1343 (Pr. No. 1662)

An Act amending the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L.345, No.48), entitled "An act empowering the General Counsel or his designee to issue subpoenas for certain licensing board activities; providing for hearing examiners in the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs; providing additional powers to the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs; and further providing for civil penalties and license suspension," further providing for civil penalties.

HB 1782 (Pr. No. 3324)

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rates and distribution systems, providing for alternative ratemaking for utilities.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator Reschenthaler.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests legislative leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator Reschenthaler.

Senator Costa requests legislative leaves for Senator Leach and Senator Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of March 26, 2018, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of March 26, 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-49

Alloway	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	McGarrigue	Tomlinson
Baker	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Vulakovich
Blake	Gordner	Rafferty	Ward
Boscola	Greenleaf	Regan	White
Brewster	Haywood	Reschenthaler	Williams
Brooks	Hughes	Sabatina	Yaw
Browne	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yudichak
Corman	Killion	Scavello	
Costa	Langerholz	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 ELISABETH J. BAKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, a common thread running through our legislative debate and action is the role of technology in education. We hear from employers expressing concern over the difficulties finding employees possessing the requisite technical skills. We read reports that not enough students are pursuing and mastering STEM courses. So this morning there is a ray of sunshine breaking through the clouds outside. Two seniors from Wallenpaupack Area High School have done something remarkable, and today we are here to honor and acknowledge Andrew Stuart and Evan Sennefelder. They were victorious in the National Automotive Technology Competition in New York City.

For the sake of simplicity, this competition involves a whole lot of technological know-how into solving vehicle problems. This is particularly impressive to those of us who when we turn the key in our vehicle and nothing happens, we are completely in trouble, and I think these young men know how to fix it. These students, and students from this program, also won the competition in 2015. They deserve credit for their skill, intensity, and competitive spirit. The school has earned kudos as well. At Wallenpaupack, they pride student initiative, and that is supplemented by considerable commitment and dedication on the part of their teachers and administrators.

With the students today are their proud parents, Shannon and Keith Sennefelder, and Sharon Stuart is here, her husband, Brian, was unable to make it, but also here are special friends Amy Gonzalez, Taylor Coutts, and credit to Dr. Mark Watson, the automotive technology instructor who has done remarkable work, along with Kerri-Ann Horan, who is the business manager at Wallenpaupack.

Both of these young men plan to use the scholarships. By winning this competition, they have earned a full ride to study automotive and diesel technology. Evan will study at the Universal Technical Institute, and Andrew will study at Lincoln Technical Institute. So today I am very proud to spotlight the story of education working as we hope it will and to present two very promising individuals who should receive affirmation for this impressive accomplishment.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming our two students and their guests, who are here on the Senate floor, our national champions.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Baker, Evan and Andrew, from the great automotive program at Wallenpaupack and their whole delegation, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. I have a couple of things to talk to you about with my own car.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ELISABETH J. BAKER
AND SENATOR JOHN T. YUDICHAK
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I rise today with Senator Yudichak to introduce another group of students from northeastern Pennsylvania. These students are part of Northeast Sight Services visiting the Capitol today and part of the transition-assistance program through Northeast Sight Services and Community Services for Sight, both agencies in the northeast. This program helps prepare high school students who are blind and visually impaired for entering into college and careers after high school. They meet each month throughout the year, focus on building their skills, self advocacy, student independent living, and college and career preparation.

With us today are Sarah Peperno, who is the president and CEO of Northeast Sight Services, and her students Brandon McPhillips, Kayla McDonough, Justin Battle, Christian Martin, along with chaperones Erin McAndrew and Jillian Martin. So please join me and Senator Yudichak in welcoming our students and Sarah Peperno to the Pennsylvania Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Baker and Senator Yudichak from the Northeast Sight Services please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. Great to have you.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR WAYNE LANGERHOLC
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, it is my honor to introduce Pastor John Geyer, who served as guest Chaplain and offered the opening prayer here today. Pastor Geyer is from Clear Creek Brethren in Christ Church in Everett. He is joined by his wife, Susan. I ask for our traditional warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Langerholc, today's Chaplain of the Senate, Reverend Geyer, and your wife, Susan, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. Thank you for your prayer.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR THOMAS MCGARRIGLE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator MCGARRIGLE. Mr. President, I rise this morning to welcome Makenna Linsky of Scenic Hills Elementary School in Springfield to the State Senate. Makenna is the winner of the fourth- and fifth-grade Pennsylvania essay contest. The contest was open to all fourth- and fifth-grade students in the 26th Senatorial District. The essay topic was who is your favorite person born in Pennsylvania, and why? As everyone in this Chamber knows, Pennsylvania has produced a wide array of accomplished citizens, government leaders, entrepreneurs, philanthropists, voices of the people, and more. This was not an easy assignment.

Makenna chose Milton Hershey, the founder of the world-famous Hershey's Chocolate and the Hershey Industrial School, now Milton Hershey School, whose achievements gave rise to the town of Hershey, Pennsylvania. As her essay states, "I recently learned that my grandfather himself was invited to go to Hershey Industrial School when his parents died. What Hershey did was for the good of Pennsylvania, not only himself. This is why Milton Hershey is not only important to me, but to his State." Well said, Makenna, and congratulations on a thoughtful, well-written essay. She is joined this morning in the gallery by her parents, Richard and Deanna Linsky, and her younger sister, Danica. I ask my colleagues to give Makenna and her family a warm Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator McGarrigle, the promising and exciting young Makenna Linsky, please rise. Congratulations on your great essay. Richard, Deanna, and Danica also please rise. It takes a family.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ARTHUR L. HAYWOOD
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize, and ask the Senate do as well, the champions of the PIAA Women's High School Basketball League, the Jenkintown High School Girls' Basketball Team. The Lady Drakes' victory this year showed what hard work, perseverance, and dedication can do. Last year, this team was ranked number five, but they overcame the challenges and the defeats and this year rose to be number one. I provide special congratulations to their coach, Jim Romano, for leading these young women and supporting them throughout the season. I congratulate as well some certain seniors - Ashley, Amelia, and Jennifer - for the qualities they have honed on and off the court. Also, you may or may not realize that Jennifer Kremp, with her quick-thinking and athleticism, in overtime launched a three-pointer, followed up with free throws, and led to the victory over the Juniata Valley team 51-64. I also congratulate this team for being recognized as the *Philadelphia Inquirer's* Southeastern Pennsylvania Girls' Basketball Team of the Year.

I thank them for joining us here today in the Capitol. They have been in the House, and I ask you all now to provide a warm Senate welcome to the Lady Drakes of Jenkintown.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Haywood, the Lady Drakes, Jenkintown Girls' Championship Basketball Team and coaches and staff and parental support, please rise so that we may give you a rousing Pennsylvania Senate welcome.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR SHARIF T. STREET PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to introduce a group of guests who have come to us to celebrate an important time for them. They are here as a part of a celebration that grows out of the freedom of expression guaranteed to us by the First Amendment of the Constitution. It is important to note that the First Amendment was adopted first because the right to express one's self and the right to freely associate with one another is incredibly embedded in what it means to be American. With that, my guests have come here as a part of celebrating Philadelphia's Pride Parade and Festival. Philadelphia's first official Pride Parade was organized in an impromptu fashion at the end of the 1980s and was intended to coincide with a rally planned by the Lesbian Gay Task Force at Love Park. It was so successful that members met and started Philly Pride Presents, whose goal was to introduce a parade and festival each year to continue the community outreach and visibility that was achieved with the original rally. A large part of why this celebration is successful today is due to Franny Price and her 30 years as executive director of Philly Pride Presents. Through her leadership, thousands of Philadelphians apart from the LGBT community have still had the opportunity to celebrate with the community.

Today we are joined by representatives of Philly Pride. Mr. John Brady, who is an organizer with the Philadelphia Pride and Philadelphia LGBT and the Philadelphia Democratic Party, where is John? Stand up, John. Mr. Aidan Williams of Philadelphia is a board member of the Pennsylvania Youth Congress, the first and only youth-led LGBT organization. Dejalynn Alvarez is a trans activist and advocate. She is on the board of directors for the William Way Community Center and is on the Commission of LGBT Affairs for the city of Philadelphia. Amanda Arbour is the executive director of the LGBT Center of Central Pennsylvania. They have joined us today and will be moving around, talking to Members of the House and Senate, encouraging us in the Senate to, like the House does at some point, pass a resolution acknowledging Pride Month and the contributions that LGBT citizens make to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and, indeed, the United States of America.

So with that, I ask the Senate to give a warm welcome to my guests.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Street, Amanda, Dejalynn, Aidan, and John, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. Thank you for all you do.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, today I have a number of sixth-graders from the Marsh Creek Sixth Grade Center in the Downingtown School District, whose parents and families are my constituents or Senator Rafferty's constituents. They are here today for a very special reason. All the sixth-graders were involved in a service project. They built the curriculum around the service projects that they did. It was a beautiful example of the school that had a culture of service, that built its curriculum around that culture, and that brought all of the subject areas together. As you have often heard me say on this Senate floor, one of the problems with our testing program is that it has taken away from civics and history, but this service project was a way to restate our commitment to civics education and our commitment to each other.

I would like to introduce these people to you, but I want to tell you one other thing. If you go through the Rotunda, you will see their artwork, which the students who are with me today--this involved, by the way the whole school, which was way over a 1,000 students--but with the artwork is a tape that you can listen to which explains the art and how it relates to the project. The art was an art class project and the tape was a social studies project. It really integrates the curriculum, which is needed in our public schools if we have something that we can all unite on, teacher and student. This school was such a marvelous example of that when I went to congratulate the students.

Mr. President, let me read the names of the students: Claire Beardsley, Heena Bherwal, Mallory Blank, Nivriti Chaudhuri, David Densmore, Peyton Downie, Sophia Feeney, Sophia Fontecchio, Benjamin Gustin, Ella Haeberle, James Howe, Suhaana Jadia, Julia Judkins, Josephine Junger, Sophia LaLonde, Delaney Larkin, Grace McNamara, Lauren Mohan, Mia Pace, Reya Petrick, Cate Phalen, Jazmine Reigel, Devin Silva, and Rajanaishadha Vytla. The art teachers are Ms. Marsden, Ms. Roth, Mr. Sidorick, and the project coordinators in the Sixth Grade Center are Dr. Singleton, Ms. Leister, Ms. Smith, and, of course, the principal, Tom Mulvey.

I ask that we give them a warm welcome not only because of the service they have done, but this is an example of what we can do in every school in this Commonwealth if we come together, create a culture of learning in which the teacher and students and all of us unite. I hope we can replicate this, and I want to work with every Senator here so that service, commitment, and civics becomes part of our curriculum. They will stay with the student and are more valuable than these tests anyway. So, Mr. President, I ask that we extend a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Great idea. I am with you, as everyone else is. Let us recognize the sixth-grade class of Marsh Creek, parents, and teachers. Great to have you and great to spend time with you. Please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR SCOTT E. HUTCHINSON AND SENATOR JOHN P. BLAKE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, as chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, I am pleased to join Senator Blake in introducing an outstanding group of college students who are serving this summer as interns at the Pennsylvania Treasury. A number of them are interning in the Bureau of Unclaimed Property, and let me run through those names: Eyram Arnelle Amegashie, Andrew Bogdanovich, Dante Bressi, Matthew Canis, Thomas Creighton, Nana Darko, Codi Davis, Kayla Holl, Peter Landis, Elysse Mellott, John Munley, and Kayla Young. We also have serving in the Bureau of Cash Management, Anirudh Narayanan; in the Bureau of Fiscal Operations, Manthan Patel; in the Bureau of Fiscal Review, Randy Nguyen and Hoang Nguyen. Nick Brock is an intern with the Bureau of Information Technology. Evan Martin is serving his internship with our friend, Kelly Phenicie, in the Legislative Affairs office. Last, but not least, Ashlyn Bloor and Sydney Brouger are both interning in the Tuition Account Programs Bureau.

Please join me in welcoming this bright class of Pennsylvania Treasury interns to the Pennsylvania Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Hutchinson, very bright, young Pennsylvania Treasury interns, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. Have an awesome summer and learn a lot, because we need you. (Applause.)

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of off-the-floor meetings of the Committee on Appropriations, to be followed by a meeting of the Committee on Finance, both to be held in the Rules room.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of off-the-floor meetings of the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Finance, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator White, and a legislative leave for Senator Yaw.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator White, and a legislative leave for Senator Yaw. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 99, HB 126, HB 149, HB 236, HB 280 and HB 285 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 352 (Pr. No. 364) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time, providing for ten year limitation, for mesne profits and for reimbursement and further providing for twenty-one year limitation.

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	Tomlinson
Baker	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Vulakovich
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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 357 and SB 521 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 653 (Pr. No. 3613) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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-47

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

NAY-2

Hughes	Leach
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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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 655, SB 859, SB 860 and SB 884 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1003 (Pr. No. 1783) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in quality health care accountability and protection, further providing for emergency services.

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, I will be very brief. With respect to Senate Bill No. 1003, we were contacted by the Department of Human Services and they have expressed concern about what they believe to be, and there very well may be, ambiguity in section 2116(c), and at the end of the day, it may be interpreted by others to cost the Commonwealth in excess of \$50 million. Our Members will be supporting this measure, but we wanted to make certain that as we go forward in the conversation, as the bill leaves the Senate and goes over to the House, that not only the department has the opportunity to work with our Members in the House, but also our Senate colleagues so in the event this bill comes back, we will have greater clarity with respect to specifically section 2116(c). So, we will be supporting the measure, but want to put on the record the concern about a possible interpretation that could cost the Commonwealth in excess of \$50 million. Our hope is that we will be able to address that as we go forward.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1034, SB 1047 and SB 1063 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1127 (Pr. No. 1827) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in wiretapping and

electronic surveillance, further providing for order authorizing interception of wire, electronic or oral communications; in trade and commerce, further providing for buying or exchanging Federal food order coupons, stamps, authorization cards or access devices and for fraudulent traffic in food orders; and, in source selection and contract formation, further providing for debarment or suspension.

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 gentlewoman from Berks, Senator Schwank.

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I particularly thank Senator Aument. We worked together on this particular piece of legislation. It just so happens we both represent third-class cities. He represents Lancaster, I represent Reading, and the issue that is addressed in this bill is very, very important to us, and I would like our colleagues to vote for this bill. We talk a lot about welfare fraud, and this bill gives us the chance to actually do something about it. Specifically, this bill targets SNAP trafficking, when SNAP benefits, which we used to know as food stamps, are illegally exchanged for cash, services, or anything other than food. My district has a close relationship with the Pennsylvania Office of Inspector General. In fact, last month the Reading Police Department signed a memorandum of understanding regarding cooperative investigation and prosecution of SNAP trafficking cases, especially focused on vendor fraud, which we see as the biggest problem right now.

Senate Bill No. 1127 will give police departments around the Commonwealth and the Office of Inspector General a meaningful way to combat SNAP trafficking. It gives them a grading, a second-degree felony, that accurately and properly reflects the seriousness of the crime and distinguishes the merchant trafficker from the recipient. It helps insure that the benefits are going to those who need them the most. When used correctly, SNAP is a lifeline to our families, and particularly their children. We need to protect those dollars and ensure these programs are used for what was intended, and that is helping the most needed.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.
The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Aument.

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I thank Senator Schwank and her staff for their work on this legislation. It has been a pleasure to work with them once again on this effort to enhance and empower of the Office of Inspector General. I certainly thank our Inspector General Bruce Beemer and his staff for bringing this important issue to our attention. Once again, this Chamber has worked in a bipartisan way to advance meaningful legislation to enhance the power of the Office of Inspector General to identify and eradicate waste, fraud, and abuse in State agencies in State government. In so doing, it is important to note we are insuring that the most vulnerable, those who are in need of these programs, specifically the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, are able to get the help that they need. I appreciate my colleagues for their work on this important issue, and I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Alloway	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Baker	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Vulakovich
Blake	Gordner	Rafferty	Ward
Boscola	Greenleaf	Regan	White
Brewster	Haywood	Resenthaler	Williams
Brooks	Hughes	Sabatina	Yaw
Browne	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yudichak
Corman	Killion	Scavello	
Costa	Langerholz	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 1132 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1142 (Pr. No. 1828) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing the Safe2Say Program; and providing methods of anonymous reporting concerning unsafe activities in schools.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I ask the Members of the Senate to consider voting for Senate Bill No. 1142. Today I rise to talk about empowerment, empowering our schools and their communities to take on the potential threats within their walls, which we must collectively work on to eliminate. Unfortunately, it is becoming all too common that we turn on a television or open a newspaper and learn about a tragic event at one of our schools. Following these catastrophic events, we are often left wondering how did this happen? Were there warning signs? Did we as a State miss those warning signs? Most of these incidents come without a warning and for the average Pennsylvania family

are very difficult to comprehend. However, due to the very personal, interactive nature of the education environment, it is likely that students will bear witness to activities, attitudes, or statements by fellow students which do not conform to normal safe behavior, which indicate that something out of the ordinary is happening that may clearly show signs ahead of these tragic events.

For many students, though, having the confidence and being comfortable bringing the actions, mannerisms, statements, or unusual behavior of their fellow classmates to the attention of a teacher or the authorities is not an easy thing to do, especially if they must identify themselves in the process. This is why I am pleased to be part of a bipartisan effort to create a new school-threat monitoring system in an effort to help reduce school violence. Senate Bill No. 1142 will provide students with a confidential, anonymous way to report any suspicious behavior or activity they have witnessed or that has been brought to their attention. This new system will be administered by the Attorney General's Office to insure that the information provided remains confidential and is sent to the appropriate law enforcement agency and school officials for further investigation.

I take a moment to thank Attorney General Shapiro for taking on the significant task of overseeing this important initiative aimed at saving lives. This legislation was modeled after a similar program created in Colorado, the Safe2Tell program, following the tragic school shootings at Columbine High School in 1999. Since its inception, Colorado authorities have received more than 30,000 reports of potentially dangerous situations. This system is not meant to replace 911 services, or to be used as a disciplinary tool for school employees, or to be used as a law enforcement tool. There is a provision in the bill for persons knowingly or intentionally making false reports. To insure its effectiveness, the measure requires the establishment of guidelines for the use of the information by school entities, and the coordination of activities by schools, law enforcement, and youth service organizations. Having an outlet for students who report suspicious activity and behavior can and will save lives and prevent potentially dangerous situations before they unfold.

All of the Members of this Chamber know that the most effective means on which to insure the safety of our citizens is through an empowered citizenry. Accordingly, the more our school communities are empowered to listen, identify, and communicate those conditions or circumstances which may pose a threat to the well-being of the community, the safer they will be. This legislation will provide a tool for such empowerment and will be an important component of a much more secure educational system for the benefit of all Pennsylvania citizens.

I thank the Members for their consideration of Senate Bill No. 1142. I also take an opportunity to thank members of our staff who have worked so hard to pull this together on a bipartisan basis. They are Vicki Wilken from my office, Mike Deery from Senator Hughes' office, Cynthia Urban from Senator Martin's office, and Mike Vereb and Adrienne Muller from the Office of Attorney General. Their work makes it possible for us to advance a new tool to make our schools safer in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I, too, rise to speak in favor of Senate Bill No. 1142. This has been a bipartisan effort in con-

junction with the leadership support and work effort from Attorney General Shapiro. This has been the effort that has been put together in the context of a reality that it seems that all of us together are finally, hopefully, getting grips on. The fact that since Columbine, 217,000 students have been subjected to school shootings. This effort, Safe2Say, is a first step in what I hope will be a comprehensive package of action, efforts and, in fact, funding to address the issue of school violence and community violence that our young people, especially, should not be subjected to. I repeat, since Columbine, 217,000 students have been subjected to school shootings. Safe2Say, which is embodied in Senate Bill No. 1142, hopefully will be a significant step forward in trying to provide a resource so that no more students, and especially no more students here in Pennsylvania, have to suffer from this needless tragedy that occurred.

Working with Senator Browne, Senator Martin, and Attorney General Shapiro has been a pleasure to advance this effort and, hopefully, before we get out of here, Mr. President, hopefully by June 30, this measure will get all the way home so that another resource will be available. We spent quality time talking to the folks in Colorado, who developed back in 2004 the Safe2Tell program, and they believe unquestionably that there has been positive impact and, in fact, lives have been saved by the implementation of Safe2Tell.

Mr. President, I hope that we can send a strong message over to our House colleagues and to the community at large that Safe2Say needs to become law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and needs to be a tool available, a resource available to the students and family members across Pennsylvania that our young people do not have to be, should not have to be subjected to any more school shootings and should have a resource available to them to quiet down and have available to them to make sure that they can call someone when they see a potential situation developing and, hopefully, we can shut down that situation and respond appropriately to concerns expressed with a Safe2Say phone call.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, the program was laid out very well through the leadership of Senator Browne and Senator Hughes, and, again, thank you very much for your leadership and the cooperation of our staff, and also Attorney General Shapiro, who obviously will be housing this program.

Just to add, because it was laid out very well what this program actually does, first and foremost, all too often, we see tragically after these events occur, a lot of why did we miss this? Social media images, we knew this person was exhibiting some sort of awkward behaviors or talking about wanting to harm themselves or other people, and this program will give a way for folks, when they have those moments, to be able to share that information to the Safe2Say program. In addition, another important component is the accountability piece. For the Commonwealth to have a centralized point, you are not going to see what we had, for instance, in Parkland where after that tragedy, many different agencies were basically pointing fingers at each other. This agency knew about this, or this was reported to a certain tip line, and nobody followed up on the information. We are going to have a place now where when that information is actually

received, it will be assigned to the appropriate entity that needs to look at it, and that is great from an accountability standpoint.

Finally, I will say, Mr. President, and it is very important with any kind of reporting or tip system--I believe this bill is going to get to the Governor's desk. It is that important. It only works if people truly know about it. So, the promotion of a program like this in our schools and other institutions to our families and our communities that they know it is actually there will help to make sure that it is truly utilized. So with that, Mr. President, I ask my colleagues for their support. Thank you to all, and working together will make our communities and our schools safe. Thank you.

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
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Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Vulakovich
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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1156, HB 1917 and HB 2067 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 2, HB 17, HB 26, HB 61, HB 83, HB 159, SB 249, HB 479, HB 480, HB 481, HB 544 and SB 576 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 780 (Pr. No. 1709) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act relating to telemedicine; authorizing the practice of telemedicine by health care providers; and providing for insurance coverage of telemedicine.

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

SB 780 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 780, Printer's No. 1709, 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 816, SB 819, SB 835 and HB 864 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 913 (Pr. No. 1944) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adding provisions related to incorporated towns, and providing for storm water management plans and facilities.

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

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9, the bill was laid on the table.

HB 914 (Pr. No. 1945) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in storm sewers and watercourses, further providing for authority of boroughs and for manner of financing work.

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

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9, the bill was laid on the table.

HB 915 (Pr. No. 1946) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, providing for storm water management plans and facilities.

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

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9, the bill was laid on the table.

HB 916 (Pr. No. 1947) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in watercourses, flood protection projects and storm water systems, further providing for establishing and changing watercourses, flood protection projects and storm water systems and for assessment of benefits and liens.

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

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9, the bill was laid on the table.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 930 and **SB 931** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 934 (Pr. No. 1826) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry, its departmental administrative and advisory boards and departmental administrative officers, further providing for fees and for Industrial Board and establishing the Elevator Safety Board.

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 962 and **SB 963** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 983 (Pr. No. 2743) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in alimony and support, further providing for alimony pendente lite, counsel fees and expenses.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1021, SB 1032, SB 1036 and **SB 1043** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1058 (Pr. No. 1513) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in disposition of abandoned and unclaimed property, further providing for property held by business associations.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1080 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1129 (Pr. No. 1822) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in adoption, further providing for definitions, for hearing, for alternative procedure for relinquishment, for grounds for involuntary termination and for petition for involuntary termination, providing for notice if identity or whereabouts of birth parent or putative father unknown, further providing for consents necessary to adoption and repealing provisions relating to consents not naming adopting parents.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1134 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1157 (Pr. No. 1819) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in Department of the Auditor General, providing for audits of Pennsylvania Statewide Radio Network.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

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

SB 1172 (Pr. No. 1820) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 31, 2006 (P.L.1210, No.133), known as the Price Gouging Act, further providing for definitions, for price gouging prohibited and for investigation.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

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

SB 1175 (Pr. No. 1792) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in wiretapping and electronic surveillance, further providing for administrative subpoena; and, in juvenile matters, further providing for powers and duties of probation officers and for detention of child.

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

HB 1216 and **HB 1346** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1641 (Pr. No. 2734) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1644 (Pr. No. 2199) -- 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 collaborative law process.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1646 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1738 (Pr. No. 3609) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in commencement of proceedings, further providing for definitions and providing for nonmunicipal police extraterritorial jurisdiction for purposes of municipal police jurisdiction.

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1918 (Pr. No. 2709) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in forgery and fraudulent practices, providing for the offense of possession and use of unlawful devices.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1964 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 104, TABLED

Senator CORMAN, without objection, called up from page 12 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 104**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Governor to end the moratorium on new nonsurface disturbance natural gas drilling leases involving Commonwealth State forest land.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 104 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that **Senate Resolution No. 104** be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.
The PRESIDENT. The resolution will be placed on the Calendar.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 22 (Pr. No. 1780) (Rereported)

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for the Legislative Reapportionment Commission for the purpose of reapportioning and redistricting the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

SB 299 (Pr. No. 1636) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in nomination of candidates, further providing for number of signers required for nomination petitions of candidates at primaries.

HB 824 (Pr. No. 902) (Rereported)

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

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

HB 1460 (Pr. No. 3626) (Amended)

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes as follows: In Title 24: for retirement for school employees, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in membership, contributions and benefits, providing for nonparticipatory employer withdraw liability and further providing for actuarial cost method; in School Employees' Defined Contribution Plan, further providing for vesting; and, in administration and miscellaneous provisions, further providing for administrative duties of board, for payments to school entities by Commonwealth commencing with the 2019-2020 school year and providing for delinquent payments. In Title 71: for retirement for State employees and officers, in membership, credited service, classes of service and eligibility for benefits regarding administration of the State Employees' Retirement Fund, further providing for election to become a Class A-6 member or solely a participant in the plan and for eligibility for death benefits; in benefits, further providing for maximum single life annuity; and, in administration of funds, accounts and general provisions, further providing for administrative duties of the board.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators VULAKOVICH, COSTA, AUMENT, BAKER, BROOKS, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, FARNESE, FOLMER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, KILLION, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SABATINA, SCHWANK, STREET, WARD, SCAVELLO, YUDICHAK and BLAKE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 380**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of June 10 through 16, 2018, as "State Veterans' Homes Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to offer this resolution designating June 10 through June 16 as "State Veterans' Homes Week" in Pennsylvania. When it comes to the servicemen and women who served and fought for our nation, we cannot say thank you enough. We have a number of great pro-

grams for our veterans, but the backbone of support for our veterans are our six veterans homes, the Delaware Valley Veterans' Home, the Gino J. Merli Veterans' Center, the Hollidaysburg Veterans' Home, the Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, the Southeastern Veterans' Center, and the Southwest Veterans' Center. These veterans homes provide the utmost and care of support for our veterans.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators AUMENT, DINNIMAN, SABATINA, GREENLEAF, BREWSTER, FONTANA, BARTOLOTTA, KILLION, MARTIN, BROWNE, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, COSTA, BLAKE, HUGHES, RESCHENTHALER, VOGEL, VULAKOVICH, FARNESE, SCAVELLO and BAKER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 381**, entitled:

A Resolution designating June 6, 2018, as "Computer Science Education Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I apologize for my delay, I was expecting to hear our daily comments from my colleague from Montgomery County.

It is a pleasure for me today to offer this resolution designating today, June 6, 2018, as "Computer Science Education Day" in Pennsylvania. This morning, students from around the State traveled to the Capitol to participate in computer coding modules with myself and other legislators in an effort to bring awareness to the importance of computer science education. I appreciate the patience that many of these students demonstrated while trying to teach me to code and ultimately fly a drone.

Computer science education provides students with critical computing skills that have become increasingly essential to succeed in virtually every occupation in today's world. However, the gap between the amount of available computer science jobs, 17,787, and the amount of suitable candidates to fill those jobs is widening. While 58 percent of all new STEM jobs are in the computer science field, only 8 percent of STEM majors graduate with a degree in computer science. We know that students are six times more likely to major in computer science if they are exposed to it before college. Many of our schools are offering computer science and coding courses, but still today only 23 percent of all Pennsylvania middle schools and high schools offer a computer science course. It is critical that we do all that we can to promote this valuable skill. As such, I hope that you will join me in passing this resolution to recognize the integral role of computer science education.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator BLAKE. 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 668, HB 1343, HB 1460 and HB 1782.

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, JUNE 11, 2018

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 735, 891, 1087, 1098, 1126 and 1171; and House Bills No. 152 and 1641)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018

9:30 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Bills No. 917, 1027 and 1189; Senate Resolutions No. 326, 373 and 375; and House Bills No. 927 and 2154)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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10:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 1181 and 1198; and House Bill No. 2124)	Room 8E-A East Wing
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Off the Floor	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bill No. 820; and House Bills No. 44, 128, 594, 1539, 1885 and 1886)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018

10:00 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (public hearing on PA Milk Marketing Board nominees: Robert Barley (Millersville) and Carol A. Hardbarger (Newport))	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
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10:00 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Bill No. 1019; and House Bill No. 247)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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10:30 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider House Bills No. 1499 and 2049)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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Off the Floor	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider Senate Resolution No. 382)	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, it is a great honor to stand today with my friend and colleague, Senator Blake, as we

normally do this time of the year. Today is June 6, a very important and significant anniversary in world affairs. On this date in 1944, D-Day began. Mr. President, D-Day ranks as the boldest and most successful large-scale invasion in military history. The Allies came not as conquerors, but as liberators. On this day democracy stood together to lift the veil of the curtain of Nazism that had fallen all over Europe. Operation Overlord, June 6, 1944, went forward with roughly 160,000 Allied troops crossing the English Channel, supported by 7,000 ships and boats, and landed on the coast of Normandy. In 27 days beginning June 6, the Allies poured massive amounts of men and material into Normandy, and as of July 2, a million troops, representing 25 divisions - 13 American, 11 British and 1 Canadian - had come ashore. Staggering numbers, Mr. President, but necessary numbers to free Europe from the grip of totalitarianism.

Mr. President, the brave men who went ashore that day and the brave women who were there to nurse them of their wounds and to comfort them when their time was coming to an end, those who participated in the D-Day invasion and those who followed on the subsequent days of the D-Day invasion are true heroes to the American public. They gave of themselves unselfishly. They put their lives on hold so that all of us at home could continue with our lives. They put their lives on hold to fight for our brothers and sisters in Europe to insure democracy would be restored and the liberties and freedoms that we enjoy in this country were shared by those throughout Europe.

Mr. President, this remains one of the classic examples of effective strategic deception. The Americans and the British did their best to throw off the Nazi regime to where they were actually going to land in June. The Nazis eventually thought they were going to land at the port of Calais; instead, they landed on the beaches of Omaha and Utah. They were so effective with phony radio reports that if anybody has ever seen the movie *Patton*, they know that they had America's famous tank commander posing in Britain with a phony army just to throw off the Germans to think he was going to be leading the force that invaded Normandy on June 6, 1944.

Mr. President, names such as Eisenhower, Bradley, Patton, and even Montgomery became household American names because of their leadership, bravery, and skills of the men under their command in Europe on June 6, 1944. They are the names we know, but there are so many names of equal rank, and I say rank, Mr. President, knowing that they were four-star and five-star generals, but of equal rank because they were the heroes whose blood was spilled on those beaches. Most of us have seen *Saving Private Ryan*, that realistic approach of when they stormed the Normandy beach. They were our neighbors, our relatives, our friends who put their lives on the line for us. Mr. President, by their action that day we are free. Our nation shares in many of the same freedoms and liberties that we provided our brothers and sisters in Europe in June. As General Omar Bradley later said, "Every man who set foot on Omaha Beach that day was a hero."

We as a nation, we as a country can never let it be forgotten the sacrifices that were made that day, the action that was taken that day. It was Senator Blake and Senator Vulakovich who have talked about the importance and significance of this day in American history. Yesterday, we passed the civics bill so students better understand the operations of government. It is important to know our history as well and to know what this nation

stands for and what this nation has done to insure the freedoms of this world. Mr. President, I salute those who served in the military on June 6, 1944, and certainly we are not here to glorify battle but we are here to talk about their bravery and to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice who are today buried on foreign lands or asleep in the abyss of the ocean, the actions that were taken that day to free the world and to make it a place that we all know and live in today.

Mr. President, thank you for this opportunity. I will yield the floor to my friend and colleague, Senator Blake. God bless this Commonwealth, God bless the United States of America.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Blake.

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity and honor to join my friend and colleague, Senator Rafferty, in acknowledging this 74th anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1944. A mighty armada crossed the narrow strip of sea from England to Normandy, France, and cracked the Nazi grip on Western Europe. In what is still the largest military operation in history, over 150,000 Allied troops and over 30,000 vehicles landed along a 50-mile stretch of a heavily fortified French coastline. More than 5,000 ships and 11,000 aircraft supported the D-Day invasion, and by day's end on June 6, the Allies had gained a foothold in France. In addition, six parachute regiments, over 13,000 men were dropped behind enemy lines by more than 800 planes flying out of nine British airfields. More than 300 planes dropped 13,000 bombs over the coast of Normandy in advance of the invasion, and while the cost of that foothold was very high, more than 9,000 Allied soldiers were killed or wounded and there were another 4,000 to 9,000 German casualties, it began the march of Allied soldiers across Europe to defeat Hitler.

Mr. President, my father-in-law, the late Joseph Kubilis, was actually U.S. Army Airborne and one of those 13,000 men who went behind enemy lines with a clicker, and he came home and served nobly as a Pennsylvania State Trooper. Senator Vulakovich mentioned earlier the veterans homes, and the one that we have in Scranton is named after Gino Merli, a U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. Gino Merli was a remarkable individual. He actually landed on Omaha Beach. He was a native of Blakely in Lackawanna County in my senatorial district. I had the pleasure of serving as the executive director for the Lackawanna County Redevelopment Authority for over a decade, and for 8 of those years, Gino Merli, the U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, was the chairman of my board, so I had a lot of time to be with Mr. Merli. The one thing that he always reminded me is this, Mr. President: Never forget. Never forget. Never forget our soldiers, our army, our airmen, our naval forces, all of our veterans. Never forget. As Senator Rafferty said, the liberties and the freedoms we enjoy today are the result of the bravery and the unbelievable dedication of those who came before us. So a very special anniversary today, and again I would just echo the sentiment of Mr. Merli: Never forget.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, I have remarks regarding two subjects, the first being the low minimum wage that we

have in Pennsylvania. It has been more than 10 years since we have raised the minimum wage, and there is significant research to demonstrate that raising the minimum wage is good for everyone in the Commonwealth. The Keystone Research Center has shown that raising the minimum wage is largely supported by businesses, not just by individuals trying to make it on a day-to-day basis. There is a poll by Small Business Majority that says 60 percent of small businesses are in support of raising the minimum wage. Today, at a hearing of the Committee on Finance, we heard from three of such businesses from Pittsburgh. One was Highmark, who said they are committed to raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. The other one was the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. They said they are committed to raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. The other one was Tri-State. All businesses, all committed to raising the minimum wage not because it is important for families to know that when they work every day that they should be rewarded with decent pay, but also because it is overall good for the economy.

I want to share one other thing. Individuals who are making the minimum wage and having a family of two or particularly three, these individuals are in poverty. The minimum wage level is below the poverty line for a family of three. We here in the State Senate and the legislature should not be forcing individuals into poverty by having such a low minimum wage. As you may know, it is much lower than the States that surround us - New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Delaware. All the States around us have higher minimum wages, and there is no evidence of significant or any job loss in those States. So our fears that the minimum wage will hurt our economy and will hurt our businesses are unfounded. All we have to do is look at the States that surround us.

My wife and I tried to live on minimum wage without any success, only for really a few days before we ran out of money and would have been evicted, and of course many folks who are earning at our low minimum wage do face eviction. They do face food insecurity. They do face healthcare challenges. So, I urge my colleagues here in the State Senate to look at the significant economic stimulus and the response to the humanity of everyday people that would be achieved by raising the minimum wage here in Pennsylvania.

Mr. President, I do have remarks on my Gun Violence Awareness Day resolution. Is this the appropriate time to make my remarks?

The PRESIDENT. Of course, feel free.

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, this year, as I have in 2015, 2016, and 2017, I have proposed a resolution to recognize June 2 as Gun Violence Awareness Day. It is not gun violence prevention day, but Gun Violence Awareness Day. This is a national day where we look at what gun violence is doing across the nation and across this State. I want to share some reasons why I hope my colleagues will join me in cosponsoring this resolution for greater gun violence awareness. Every single day in America we lose 96 people to gun violence. A large percentage of the gun violence victims are from suicide, as well as accidental shooting. This past March, a 15-year-old boy living in Duquesne, the son of a town fire chief, was playing with his father's gun and killed himself. Domestic violence is also a common place, unfortunately, where we see gun violence. Women are 16 times more likely than others to be killed by a gun. So I

ask my colleagues to please join me and cosponsor this resolution to recognize gun violence as an urgent issue in our Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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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, June 11, 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 1:07 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.