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**SENATE**

WEDNESDAY, September 26, 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 KEN KREMER, Assistant Pastor of Bible Baptist Church, Uniontown, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Father, we thank You for this day that we have before us, the wonderful day You have given us, and the blessings You have poured upon us already. Lord, we pray for a good day today. We pray for each and every person in this Chamber, and the work that needs to be done today. Lord, we need You. Lord, we pray that You help us to be humble in our decisions and our work, and, Lord, we pray that You give us wisdom and guide us in the decisions that need to be made. Give us understanding so that the best work can be done for the people of this great Commonwealth. Lord, we thank You for all that You do for us, and we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Kremer, who is the guest today of Senator Stefano.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAJORITY LEADER**

The PRESIDENT. The Majority Leader has made the following appointments:

Mr. James Felmler as a member of the Climate Change Advisory Committee.

Mr. Patrick Henderson as a member of the Climate Change Advisory Committee.

Mr. Gary Merritt as a member of the Climate Change Advisory Committee.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

Senator BAKER, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reported the following bills:

**SB 912 (Pr. No. 2038)** (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for medical

assistance deemed eligibility program for home care, home health and older adult daily living center services.

**SB 1220 (Pr. No. 2039)** (Amended)

An Act establishing the Advisory Council on PANDAS and PANS; and providing for the duties of the Advisory Council on PANDAS and PANS.

**SB 1237 (Pr. No. 2040)** (Amended)

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Rural Health Redesign Center Authority and the Pennsylvania Rural Health Redesign Center Fund.

**HB 122 (Pr. No. 4104)** (Amended)

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.221, No.63), known as the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act, establishing the Project Lazarus Commission.

**HB 1532 (Pr. No. 4105)** (Amended)

An Act amending the act of October 27, 2014 (P.L.2911, No.191), known as the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act, further providing for access to prescription information.

**HB 1829 (Pr. No. 4106)** (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for medical assistance deemed eligibility program for home care, home health and older adult daily living center services.

**HB 1884 (Pr. No. 4107)** (Amended)

An Act providing for notification of patient test results to be sent directly to a patient or the patient's designee; and providing for duties of the Department of Health.

Senator MARTIN, from the Committee on Local Government, reported the following bills:

**SB 1069 (Pr. No. 1537)**

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, providing for the voluntary dissolution of the existing form of governance of a municipal corporation located in a county of the second class and the creation of unincorporated districts of counties of the second class; authorizing the county to assume responsibility for the governance of the municipal corporation and delivery of public services to the citizens residing in the municipal corporation through the administration of an unincorporated district; and authorizing unincorporated district advisory committees.

**HB 1887 (Pr. No. 2642)**

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

**HB 1888 (Pr. No. 2643)**

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

**HB 1889 (Pr. No. 2644)**

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

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

**SB 16 (Pr. No. 2041) (Amended)**

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, providing for automatic suspension and additional penalties.

**SB 110 (Pr. No. 84)**

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for issuance and content of driver's license.

**SB 1084 (Pr. No. 1542)**

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fees, providing for reduced fee for veterans.

**SB 1232 (Pr. No. 1961)**

An Act designating a portion of U.S. Route 30 in Hempfield Township, Southwest Greensburg Borough, the City of Greensburg, and South Greensburg Borough, Westmoreland County, as the J. Edward "Hutch" Hutchinson Memorial Bypass.

**HB 1811 (Pr. No. 4108) (Amended)**

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in penalties and disposition of fines, further providing for surcharge; providing for automated license plate reader systems; imposing penalties; and establishing the ALPR Equipment Fund.

**HB 1936 (Pr. No. 2753)**

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, further providing for operation by persons under age sixteen and for mufflers and sound controls.

**HB 2066 (Pr. No. 2999)**

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in scenic highways, further providing for designation of certain State routes as scenic byways.

**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 Bartolotta.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Bartolotta.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Hughes, and legislative leaves for Senator Leach and Senator Tartaglione.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**JOURNALS APPROVED**

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of May 22, 2018, and May 23, 2018, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of May 22, 2018, and May 23, 2018.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that further reading of the Journals be dispensed with and that the Journals 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-48**

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

**NAY-0**

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

**GUEST OF THE PRESIDENT  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. We have a special guest on the Senate floor to address the Senate. I ask the Senate to please give your

focus and attention to our guest. It is our pleasure to have our good friend, the Mexican Consul, Alicia Kerber Palma.

(Applause.)

Consul PALMA. Thank you so much, Lieutenant Governor Stack, President pro tempore Scarnati, Leader Corman, Leader Costa, honorable Members of the Pennsylvania Senate. First of all, thank you very much for receiving me in this important and beautiful building. Talking about Mexico and U.S. relations in 2 minutes is going to be complicated, but I will try to do so.

Mexico is a country with 3,000 years of history. We are the 50th-largest economy in the world and the 7th-most visited country in the world. We export more manufactured goods than all Latin American countries combined, more than Brazil, Argentina, and Chile. Now, what does Mexico mean for the United States? Regarding the North America Free Trade Agreement, it is important to realize that the volume of the two-way trade since the agreement entered into force in 1994 has reached \$584 billion in 2015. This economic relation turned Mexico into the second-largest market for U.S. exports, larger than U.S. exports to China, Japan, and Germany combined. I am sure that with the associations for the organization of NAFTA, which recently reached an agreement, both countries will see their potential political and economic relations strengthen. This is crucial for Pennsylvania because when talking about Mexico/Pennsylvania bilateral trade, it is important to highlight that this is about \$8.3 billion, for Mexico has become the second-largest market for Pennsylvania's exports, just behind Canada, and over 200,000 jobs in the State depend on trade with Mexico. The economic relation between Pennsylvania and Mexico is so important that companies such as Bimbo Bakeries, Mission Foods, as well as other Mexican industries, have their headquarters here currently employing around 900 people.

Another interesting fact of how linked our economies are is that Mexico became the number one market of visitors in 2016, sending almost 20 million visitors who spent close to \$20 billion. This means that the United States welcomes more visitors from Mexico than they did from the United Kingdom, Japan, Brazil, China, Germany, and France all together. Moreover, I am sure that tourism will continue to increase to this region due to the nonstop, direct flight that American Airlines inaugurated last July, which will also serve to increase the commercial, scientific, and academic relations with Pennsylvania.

But allow me to reflect on something that I think important. When talking about immigration, it is necessary to reduce the tendency of adversarial discussion. We need to begin a new narrative based not on perception and prejudice, but on evidence. That is what the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration does. This document is the first-ever United Nations global agreement approved by 192 countries with a common approach to international immigration in all its dimensions. The global compact is not legally binding. It is grounded in values of State sovereignty, responsibility of sharing, human rights, and recognizes that a comparative approach is needed to optimize the overall benefits of migration while addressing its challenges for individuals and communities in countries of origin, transit, and destination.

Now, what about security between Mexico and the United States? Mexico has worked and is willing to continue working with the United States to keep it safe. Mexico and the United States are close allies, and both countries have been working

very closely on safety and security over the last two decades. It is well known that no terrorist attacks on United States soil has originated from someone crossing the Mexican border because, fortunately, Mexico has your back, because that is what friends are for. And because September is the month of our independence celebration, allow me to say Viva Mexico and invite you to visit my country, a country that will go beyond your expectations.

Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Consul, and we look forward to seeing you at the Mexican Independence Day celebration. I advise Senators that it is a great event. It is on the steps of the interior Rotunda. There will be fun, music, and a great time to celebrate our cultural togetherness. Thank you once again.

### GUESTS OF SENATOR SCOTT F. MARTIN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce the Lampeter-Strasburg High School Girls' Softball Team to the Pennsylvania Senate and congratulate them on winning the PIAA Class AAAAA Title over West Allegheny. This was not the first appearance for the Pioneers Girls' Softball Team in a PIAA title game, but it was their first victory, and it certainly will not be their last.

The Pioneers wrapped up their 23-5 season and achieved their 6-2 victory with an impressive effort on both sides of the plate. Their offense was solid, including a solo homerun from Gabby Drumm, stolen bases, and Hannah Garber beating out a play at the plate to bring the team up by two runs. Of course, one major reason as to why these ladies won was due to the strong defensive efforts including an inning-ending double play from Chloe Blantz to Camryn Byler at first base, and a rundown along the third base line between Kylie Weaver and Hannah Garber.

Mr. President, I am so impressed by the hard work and determination of these young women, and I know their coaches, Gene Charles and Lisa Boone, are incredibly proud of them as well. I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming and congratulating these young women on their first PIAA State Championship title.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Martin, the Lampeter-Strasburg Girls' Softball Championship Team, coaches and players, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

### GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT B. MENSCH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, today it is my pleasure to introduce a group of high school students from the Palisades Area High School, along with their mentors and their academics teachers. I want to talk about the Cybersonics Technology Team 103. It is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization striving to inspire young people, their schools, and their communities to appreciate science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics - STEAM. I am very pleased, Mr. President, that they put the

STEAM in STEM. They allow students to realize how each of these five areas can enrich their lives. The team began in 1997 with two committed teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Beck, and a small but dedicated group of students and mentors. Palisades High School team found a way to fund its inaugural first season through a generous donation. Successfully preparing a robot for a competition and completing an animation entry were both a part of that initial year, as well as attending regional competitions. Thus, the first bug had bitten the upper Bucks County, Pennsylvania, school district.

FIRST is an acronym of the worldwide organization which means For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. The founder is Mr. Dean Kamen, who is an engineer, inventor, and futurist. Now, since its inception, Cybersonics has built and sustained lasting business and personal relationships with all of its valued community members. This includes mentors and students, corporate sponsors, local contributors, parents, and alumni. Through these strong relationships, the team is able to foster a full-circle experience, where former students gain internships and eventually jobs through businesses who have either developed connections or previously sponsored the team. Those students then return to mentor the current team. This creates an enormous network of STEAM-driven companies, students, and mentors who help catapult Cybersonics and the community into the future.

Each year the team raises over \$50,000 to support their involvement in regional and national competitions. This is a very heavy lift for a team in a rural community. The level of commitment and dedication of the students, their parents, and their sponsors is unparalleled. The current Cybersonics team has 32 team members and five parent mentors who support the team during the year with various activities such as fundraisers and events. These mentors also help to run the business side of the team and construct and program the robot during the competition season.

Over the past 20 years, the Cybersonics Technology Team 103 has achieved a number of awards and received a myriad of recognitions. The team is the proud recipient of the Chairman's Award in 2004, given by Mr. Dean Kamen. This is the highest honor given to a team by the FIRST organization and is essentially a hall of fame award. Most recently, the team received the Gracious Professionalism Award, and during the FIRST World Competition in Detroit, the team received the Entrepreneurship Award.

Mr. President, fellow Members, please join me in congratulating and welcoming the Cybersonics Technology Team 103 from Palisades High School.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Mensch, the Cybersonics Technology Team 103 who won the Entrepreneurship Award, please rise so that we may welcome you. Wow, it is a big team. Great to have you, and nice pageant wave.

(Applause.)

#### GUEST OF SENATOR PATRICK J. STEFANO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Stefano.

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, today I rise to introduce Ken Kremer, assistant pastor at the Bible Baptist Church in Uniontown. He was born and raised in western Pennsylvania. He

is married to his wife, Jazmin, with their three children, and he is a graduate of Westmoreland County Community College with a degree in architectural drafting and design along with getting his B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh. He also received his master's degree from The Ohio State University in architecture.

He has been a big part of the staff at the Bible Baptist Church in Uniontown for 10 years. In addition to being the pastor's assistant, he serves as the administrator of their Christian school and as their bookkeeper. When he has time, he also works as a consultant providing architectural services to local architects, engineers, and builders. In fact, Ken used to be my neighbor in Bullskin Township, Fayette County, where my children used to stand in his yard waiting for the school bus. So I ask my colleagues to give Ken Kremer a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Stefano, our guest Chaplain, Pastor Ken Kremer, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. We thank you for your very beautiful and appreciative prayers.

(Applause.)

### CALENDAR

#### FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR

##### BILL OVER IN ORDER

**HB 864** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

#### THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

##### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 44, HB 83, HB 104, HB 149, HB 285, HB 353, SB 623, HB 644, SB 689, SB 701, SB 884, SB 899, HB 983, SB 1006 and HB 1034** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

##### BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 1066 (Pr. No. 2028)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the establishment of first-time home buyer savings accounts for first-time home buyers in this Commonwealth.

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 Montgomery, Senator Mensch.

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, since the 2009 financial crisis, the number of first-time home buyers has decreased significantly. According to the National Association of Realtors, the share of first-time home buyers in the national home sale market has fallen from 45 percent to 32 percent. In response, several

States have recently passed legislation to allow first-time home buyers to deposit money into a savings account where it goes for the exclusive purpose of purchasing a first home and the money can be deducted from their State income tax.

Senate Bill No. 1066 will create first-time home buyer savings accounts in Pennsylvania. Senate Bill No. 1066 helps individuals overcome the number one obstacle to homeownership, and that is the ability to save enough money for a down payment. Homeownership can help to strengthen communities and provide stability for growing families. A first-time home buyer saving account will be an important tool in helping people overcome the financial obstacles to homeownership. It is estimated the savings account program in Pennsylvania could result in an annual increase of up to 4,000 homes purchased within the State. The result would be an overall positive impact on Pennsylvania's economy spurring additional economic activity, job creation, and earnings for households.

I especially thank Senator Fontana, who worked with me in guiding this bill through the legislature. I thank the rest of my colleagues for their past support of Senate Bill No. 1066, and I ask for their continued support today with an "aye" 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-48

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

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 1073** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 1096 (Pr. No. 2029)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 74 (Transportation) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Aviation Advisory Commit-

tee, further providing for Aviation Advisory Committee; in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in rules of the road in general, providing for platooning; and providing for highly automated vehicles.

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-48

Alloway	Dinniman	Langerholc	Scavello
Argall	DiSanto	Laughlin	Schwank
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Baker	Farnese	Martin	Street
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Blake	Fontana	McIlhinney	Vogel
Boscola	Gordner	Mensch	Vulakovich
Brewster	Greenleaf	Rafferty	Ward
Brooks	Haywood	Regan	White
Browne	Hughes	Reschenthaler	Williams
Corman	Hutchinson	Sabatina	Yaw
Costa	Killion	Scarnati	Yudichak

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 1098 (Pr. No. 2030)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, providing for automated enforcement of failure to stop for school bus with flashing red lights and establishing the School Bus Safety Grant Program Fund.

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

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

Alloway	Dinniman	Langerholc	Scavello
Argall	DiSanto	Laughlin	Schwank
Aument	Eichelberger	Leach	Stefano
Baker	Farnese	Martin	Street
Bartolotta	Folmer	McGarrigle	Tartaglione
Blake	Fontana	McIlhinney	Vogel
Boscola	Gordner	Mensch	Vulakovich
Brewster	Greenleaf	Rafferty	Ward
Brooks	Haywood	Regan	White

Browne	Hughes	Reschenthaler	Williams
Corman	Hutchinson	Sabatina	Yaw
Costa	Killion	Scarnati	Yudichak

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 1134 (Pr. No. 1649)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sexual offenses, providing for the offense of sexual extortion.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Berks, Senator Schwank.

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, this legislation will criminalize the coercion of sexual conduct commonly referred to as sexual extortion or sextortion. At least four other States have recognized it as a form of sexual assault that threatens and injures victims by criminalizing it, and similar bills are pending in other States and in Congress. Today, I am hopeful Pennsylvania begins on the road to also outlaw this type of behavior. Sexual extortion is extortion in which sexual acts or images are demanded instead of money or other things with financial value. While it has a long history, shamefully long history, its use has grown in both intensity and frequency in the digital age, outpacing our current laws and mechanisms and leaving victims with inadequate recourse and perpetrators unaccountable. Unfortunately, once this type of relationship is established, it only continues incurring more shame and destruction. Victims are confronted today in such daily interactions such as employment, conditions of employment, legal issues, medical and other professional services, access to housing, educational and business opportunities, and even in obtaining justice in the courts. It is time to acknowledge the peculiar nature and harm of these acts and deal with them appropriately.

This bill will establish sextortion as a specific criminal offense with consequences comparable to other sexual offenses. I thank the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape which brought this legislation forward and for their support. I know that they met with many Senators to discuss this. It is not an easy topic to discuss, but, unfortunately, it is a practice that goes on, and we must end it, and I ask my colleagues to join me in doing that.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 1134, legislation that I worked on with Senator Schwank. We also, as she so graciously mentioned, thank the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape for bringing this to our attention and helping us to piece together this legislation. I thank

Senator Schwank for her leadership in addressing the offense of sexual extortion, or otherwise known as sextortion, which is when one intentionally coerces another to engage in sexual conduct or to produce an image containing nudity. We have seen this inexcusable and exploitive behavior too often. Victims are often unable to recover from the stigma and its psychological repercussions. Ultimately, this legislation will create stronger punishments to help deter this cruel behavior. Mr. President, I ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Bartolotta has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

And the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

Alloway	Dinniman	Langerholc	Scavello
Argall	DiSanto	Laughlin	Schwank
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Baker	Farnese	Martin	Street
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Browne	Hughes	Reschenthaler	Williams
Corman	Hutchinson	Sabatina	Yaw
Costa	Killion	Scarnati	Yudichak

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 1157** and **SB 1176** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 1181 (Pr. No. 2031)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, providing for early intervention depression screening.

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-48

Alloway	Dinniman	Langerholc	Scavello
Argall	DiSanto	Laughlin	Schwank
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Corman	Hutchinson	Sabatina	Yaw
Costa	Killion	Scarnati	Yudichak

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 1209 (Pr. No. 1886)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 29, 2006 (P.L.1471, No.165), known as the Sexual Assault Testing and Evidence Collection Act, further providing for sexual assault evidence collection program; and requiring the Pennsylvania State Police to complete and submit a report.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I rise today to ask for support for Senate Bill No. 1209. Senate Bill No. 1209 will address the continuing problem of untested rape kits in Pennsylvania. While this body is aware that Act 27 of 2015 amended the Sexual Assault Testing and Evidence Collection Act, there is still much work to do, as is most evidenced in the hearings of the Committee on Appropriations in February where our own Auditor General indicated there are roughly 1,000 to 1,200 untested kits still remaining in Pennsylvania. My legislation will instruct the Department of Health to dedicate a phone line for direct calls from healthcare facilities who have notified law enforcement when submitted evidence has not been tested within 72 hours. It will also make other changes to put more proverbial feet to the fire with respect to putting a 12-hour timeframe on when a healthcare facility must notify local law enforcement when a report of assault has occurred in their jurisdiction. Current law indicates there is no timeframe, but as soon as practicable. This 12-hour timeframe would be beneficial. Further, it requires a sitting district attorney to work with law enforcement to insure that any evidence is submitted within 15 days of consent of a victim. Again, current law says only timely.

Finally, Mr. President, this legislation will establish a biennial report to be submitted by the State Police in consultation with

various groups and agencies, and that report will include the volume of evidence submitted for testing, the volume of evidence awaiting testing, and the rate of submission and speed of testing, so we can keep an eye to insure that this backlog never occurs again. I also thank the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape and the Pennsylvania Bar Association for their diligent, timely, and methodical work in getting this bill to the floor of the Senate. I ask my colleagues to support Senate Bill No. 1209.

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-48

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

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 1216, HB 1239, HB 1294, HB 1305, HB 1414, HB 1499, HB 1527, HB 1539, HB 1550, HB 1613, HB 1800, HB 1885, HB 1886, HB 2049 and HB 2133** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**HB 2297 (Pr. No. 4054)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 15, 2018 (P.L.22, No.9), entitled "An act designating a portion of State Route 2005 in Saxonburg Borough, Butler County, as the Chief Gregory B. Adams Way; designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 271 over US Route 22, Jackson Township, Cambria County, as the Trooper Gary Fisher Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 53 over US Route 22, Cresson Township, Cambria County, as the Corporal Robert J. Sherwood, Jr., Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on Segment 80 of State Route 2015, along Overbridge Street and over Railroad Street, Lilly Borough, Cambria County, as the Paul E. Sweeney Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of Avenue A over the Allegheny River, Coudersport Borough, Potter County, as the Commander Philip F. "Jet" Palmatier, Jr., Memo-

rial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of Sunnyside Road over the Oswayo Creek, Shinglehouse Borough, Potter County, as the PVT Malon Stanley Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of State Route 1001 in Greene Township, Franklin County, as the Lance Corporal Michael L. Freeman, Jr., Memorial Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 533 over Muddy Run, Southampton Township, Franklin County, as the Private First Class Dana Edward Diehl Memorial Bridge; and designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1004 over the Conococheague Creek, Greene Township, Franklin County, as the Private Charles W. "Bill" Roher Memorial Bridge," further providing for Lance Corporal Michael L. Freeman, Jr., Memorial Highway; and providing for Cpl. Carl F. Hynek III Memorial Highway.

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-48

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

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 with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 2321** and **HB 2324** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 2** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

**HB 26 (Pr. No. 2010)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

HB 26 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 26, Printer's No. 2010, 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 255, HB 296** and **HB 298** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**HB 504 (Pr. No. 3297)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), known as The Insurance Department Act of 1921, in insurance producers, further providing for definitions and providing for self-service storage insurance.

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 544, SB 575** and **HB 582** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL OVER IN ORDER TEMPORARILY

**HB 783** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order temporarily at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 820, SB 917, SB 930** and **SB 931** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

**HB 939 (Pr. No. 2955)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:



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

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

#### BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 963** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**HB 1013 (Pr. No. 4069)** -- 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 and providing for quality eye care for insured Pennsylvanians.

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 1152, SB 1153, HB 1153, SB 1199, HB 1228, SB 1253** and **SB 1254** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

#### BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

**SB 1259 (Pr. No. 2000)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services and East Stroudsburg University of the State System of Higher Education, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to East Stroudsburg Borough, a certain permanent public sanitary sewer easement and certain permanent public water supply system easements situate in East Stroudsburg Borough, Monroe County.

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

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**HB 1386 (Pr. No. 4070)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in certification of teachers, providing for instructional certificate grade spans and age levels and duties of department.

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 1409, HB 1469, HB 1843** and **HB 2050** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**HB 2075 (Pr. No. 4071)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rates and distribution systems, further providing for valuation of and return on the property of a public utility.

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 2154, HB 2157** and **HB 2205** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**HB 2211 (Pr. No. 3665)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for consumer prescription drug pricing disclosure.

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

#### BILL OVER IN ORDER

**HB 2489** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

**The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Ryan Aument) in the Chair.**

#### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS GUESTS OF SENATOR MARIO M. SCAVELLO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monroe, Senator Scavello.

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, I welcome Natalie Brazeau and Luca Furino, who are serving as guest Pages in the Capitol today. Natalie was born in Washington State and moved to Pennsylvania when she was 3 years old. Natalie is the youngest of three and has two older brothers, Dalton and Nicholas. She has two dogs, Dozer and Winston. Natalie is 12 years old and is currently in the seventh grade at Pocono Mountain East High School. Her favorite subjects are math and science. She started to learn French this year and has been very busy trying to convince her parents that the best way to really learn the language would be to take a trip to Paris. Natalie has also been a part of the school's student government association in years past. Natalie is an athlete and has ran quite a few 5K races with Girls on the Run and also with her dad and brother, Nicholas. This year in junior high she is on her school's field hockey team and loving it, go Cardinals.

Natalie is an avid outdoors person, hunting, four-wheeling, fishing, and being in the woods are her favorites. Last fall, she was able to harvest an eight-point buck with her dad while rifle hunting. This November, Natalie and her family are planning a fishing and hunting trip to Kodiak Island in Alaska. Natalie is quite the painter and enjoys acrylics on canvas as her favorite medium, and she is also a poet and likes to write short stories. Natalie wants to be a defense attorney when she grows up.

Luca is currently in the seventh grade, a student at Pocono Mountain East Junior High School. Luca has an older brother, Robert, and two dogs, Gino and Lucy. At her school, Luca has been a member of the student government association since the fifth grade. The student government association participates in a variety of activities to support the community in school activities throughout the school year. Students who participate in the student government association are expected to be especially responsible and to serve as role model for their peers. In addition to being an elected member of the student government association, Luca is an avid student who achieves the honor roll, enjoys basketball, soccer, softball, and cross country. Lastly, Luca thoroughly enjoys adventures with her dear friend Natalie.

Please join me in giving Natalie and her mother, Victoria, who is seated in the gallery, and Luca and her mother, Georgia, who is also seated in the gallery, a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guests of Senator Scavello please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

### GUESTS OF SENATOR KIM L. WARD PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland, Senator Ward.

Senator WARD. Mr. President, I just found out last evening that we were going to have guests from one of our big pride and joys in Westmoreland County, which is Seton Hill University. They made it. I was not sure if they would make it over in the Senate, but they are here now and I welcome the students. We have three professors: Professor Mike Cary, Professor Roni Kay O'Dell, and Professor Tom Balya, who are with two vans full of students from State and local government classes who are here to look around the Capitol and observe how their government works. I am really proud to have them and I add that Tom Balya

and I were colleagues when we were county commissioners together. He is a very nice, decent, good man and Seton Hill University is one of our pride and joys in Westmoreland County. Between the education and the arts, it brings so much enrichment and growth and it gives our town a really good college feel. I am really proud and happy to have them here today and I ask my Senate colleagues to please join me in welcoming all of my constituents here.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guests of Senator Ward please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators VULAKOVICH, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE, BREWSTER, BROWNE, COSTA, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, FARNESE, FOLMER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, KILLION, MARTIN, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER, SABATINA, STREET, TARTAGLIONE and TOMLINSON, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 438**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2018 as "Dyslexia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to offer this resolution designating October 2018 as "Dyslexia Awareness Month." Developmental reading disorder, or dyslexia, occurs when there is a problem in areas of the brain that help interpret language. The disorder is a specific information processing problem. It does not interfere with one's ability to think or to understand complex ideas. Symptoms of this disease include slow or inaccurate reading, poor spelling, poor writing, or mixing up similar words. Students with dyslexia often struggle with many aspects of academic learning and have a higher risk of dropping out of school than their peers. According to the International Dyslexia Association, approximately 85 percent of students classified as having a primary learning disability have difficulty in reading and language processing. However, the number of people having some symptoms of dyslexia is much higher, involving as much as 15 percent to 20 percent of the entire U.S. population. Unfortunately, these people may suffer for years before they are properly diagnosed, and this disease is identified as the cause of their problems. In addition to the academic issues, individuals with dyslexia might experience a loss of self-esteem and general reading problems that may persist into adulthood.

Mr. President, dyslexia affects individuals throughout their lives; however, its impact can change at different stages in a person's life. This resolution calls attention to this often misunderstood language-based learning disability and a large percentage of residents in the Commonwealth who experience one or more symptoms. I ask for an affirmative vote.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt this resolution?

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

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Hughes has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

### SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators SCAVELLO, BAKER, BLAKE, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, EICHELBERGER, ARGALL, HUGHES, SABATINA, GORDNER, RAFFERTY, STREET, BROWNE and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 439**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring East Stroudsburg University as it celebrates the 125th anniversary of its founding.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monroe, Senator Scavello.

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, this resolution is in recognition of the 125th anniversary of East Stroudsburg University. East Stroudsburg University is one of the 14 Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, PASSHE, institutions offering 55 undergraduate programs, 22 master's programs, and one doctoral program. East Stroudsburg opened its doors as East Stroudsburg Normal School on September 4, 1893, with 370 students wishing to pursue its 2-year program in elementary and science education. East Stroudsburg Normal School was initially privately owned, then transferred to the Commonwealth in 1920, when it was renamed East Stroudsburg State Normal School. Seven years later, the school was granted the ability to confer degrees of bachelor of science in education and bachelor of science in health education and its name was changed to the State Teachers College at East Stroudsburg.

In 1960, the school's name was changed once more to East Stroudsburg State College to reflect the addition of liberal arts and science curriculum. Following the creation of PASSHE in 1982, the college officially became East Stroudsburg University on July 1, 1983. East Stroudsburg University first received doctoral accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools in 1950 and was reaffirmed in 1992 and 2012. Also, I mention that Senator Schwank will be the 20th legislative fellow and she is being inducted tomorrow morning. I congratulate Senator Schwank.

I am pleased to have my colleagues join me in offering this resolution recognizing the 125th anniversary of East Stroudsburg University and offering best wishes to the university's continued growth and success.

Thank you, Mr. President.

**The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Michael J. Folmer) in the Chair.**

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, VULAKOVICH, BREWSTER, BARTOLOTTA, LANGERHOLC, BROOKS, FONTANA, EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, STREET, DINNIMAN, SCHWANK, MARTIN, BAKER, MENSCH, SABATINA, BROWNE, KILLION, RAFFERTY, WHITE, FOLMER, HUGHES, YUDICHAK and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 440**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2018 as "Military Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Aument.

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I offer this resolution designating September 2018 as "Military Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. The unfortunate truth is that while veterans make up less than 9 percent of the U.S. population, they accounted for over 14 percent of all suicides in America in 2015. In fact, after adjusting for differences in age and gender, the risk for suicide among our veterans was 17.1 percent higher than it was for civilian adults.

Officials at the Department of Veterans Affairs have responded to the veteran suicide crisis by boosting their mental health personnel and suicide hotline staff in recent years. Each VA facility has been asked to commit to "Be There" for veterans through a number of enhanced methods, including a "No Wrong Door" philosophy for suicide prevention so every VA employee will assist veterans in need. The VA has also established buddy systems so veterans can reach out to someone when needed. But we need to do more. Communities, peers, close associates, and the media are critical in preventing death by suicide. One of the most valuable things that we can do to help prevent veteran suicide is to learn about the warning signs of depression and crisis, so that if we recognize those signs in a loved one we can confidently assist them in seeking help.

Today, let us commit to "Be There" for our veterans. Please join us in our efforts to raise awareness and help prevent veteran suicide by designating September 2018 as Military Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month in Pennsylvania.

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.

**The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Ryan Aument) in the Chair.**

### BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator HUTCHINSON. 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 16, SB 110, SB 912, SB 1069, SB 1084, SB 1220, SB 1232, SB 1237, HB 122, HB 1532, HB 1811, HB 1829, HB 1884, HB 1887, HB 1888, HB 1889, HB 1936 and HB 2066.**

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, OCTOBER 1, 2018

11:00 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing to examine Senate Bill No. 1245 and issues relating to the juvenile justice system)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider House Bills No. 289, 504, 1386, 1460, 2325 and 2453)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	JUDICIARY (to consider House Bill No. 2060)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bill No. 479; and House Bill No. 1840)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 172, 180 and 764; House Bill No. 126; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider House Bill No. 1497)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018

9:30 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (public hearing on invasive and native species)	Room 8E-B East Wing
10:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (to consider House Bills No. 1745, 2052 2158 and 2159)	Room 461 Main Capitol
11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 942, 1023, 1154, 1207 and 1245; and House Bill No. 1931)	Room 8E-B East Wing
12:30 P.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider Senate Bills No. 340 and 1185)	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider Senate Resolutions No. 418 and 421)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018

10:00 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bill No. 1258; and House Bill No. 645)	Room 8E-A East Wing
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**PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Dinniman.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, good to see you up there, Senator Aument.

I want to finish the remonstrance that I started yesterday. I said it would be in two parts, and it is. What I am concerned about is the Mariner pipeline and the issue of safety. First, let us start with the fundamental premise that we all believe in, it does not matter what party, whether you are conservative or progressive, the issue is that the fundamental, the core function of government is the protection of its citizens. Based on the type of work that Sunoco has done on this pipeline that goes across Pennsylvania, and especially in our area of the southeast, my constituents do not believe that their safety, welfare, and health have been appropriately protected by the institutions in this State, especially the PUC. This is, at this point, probably the major issue in the southeast. What has occurred is because of the belief that their interests are not being protected, their safety is not being protected, a wall of resistance has evolved in the southeast against any pipeline construction. What we have to do is, in a rational manner, understand the concerns and fears of our citizens and at the same time put in the appropriate regulations, the appropriate safeguards so that this product can get to market and all of us in Pennsylvania can share in its prosperity.

One of the fundamental issues, you see, is that this is not natural gas that is going through these lines. These are what are called HVL products, highly volatile liquids. These liquids are things such as propane and ethane and all the various "anes." Now, most of it, of course, almost all of it goes overseas. Now think about this for a second: if there is a leak in one of these pipelines and, by the way, in Beaver County recently, the same company's pipeline did spring a leak and there was a fire and explosion that occurred. If there is a leak in a rural area, damage will be done. But if you are going through densely populated areas, then there are real consequences. Now, if there is no spark to the leak, you are fine, but the least little thing - turning on a cell phone, the starting of a car by someone in the area - can be that spark. What happens is often a fire wall gets created. If you build these things, as Sunoco was doing, adjacent to schools, adjacent to malls, adjacent to county libraries, what occurs is that thousands of people are put at risk. Other States have put in regulations so that you would not site such facilities in densely populated areas.

Other States have means to protect their schools, or at least evacuation plans in place. We do not in Pennsylvania, and that is indeed a problem for our citizens. In fact, what people who are watching this might not realize is that there are 40 schools that are in what is called the thermal zone, or blast zone, of these pipelines in this Commonwealth, of which half are in Chester and adjacent parts of Delaware County. If there is an explosion and a fire wall, these schools, their superintendents, their school boards have asked the Governor and the PUC, what do we do? Do we stay in place and close the windows? But the real danger is not from the gas, though it could cause asphyxiation. The real danger is from the fire. Do we escape? The only thing that ever is told to people is to run like hell. You really have to run about a half a mile if you are going to escape it. Well, how do we do that with kids in preschool, kids in first, second, third grade? How do you do that with people in nursing homes and retirement homes who are adjacent to this? How do you do that with the county library where the pipeline goes right next to it and there are almost 600,000 visitors a year? Some of these pipelines are within 7 feet of classrooms in my particular district.

I want to read to you so that it becomes part, so that the Senate finally understands that we have to have policies that protect our citizens but also when we protect them and put public safety first, we then can have the types of citizen comfort that will allow this product to get to market and all of us can share in the prosperity that comes from this product. Let me read you a letter from one of our superintendents, which I think illustrates this. Dr. James Scanlon is the superintendent of West Chester School District. The West Chester School District is in the top eight in terms of students within this Commonwealth. Dr. Scanlon wrote to the PUC and the Governor on two occasions. He asked a specific question: What do we do in case of emergency? He finally got an answer back from the administration which said it was not their responsibility, it is the responsibility of the PUC. The PUC has never answered him, so he wrote a third letter dated September 17 to the PUC.

I am here doing this remonstrance because my schools, the teachers, the students in those schools deserve an answer from the PUC. We deserve to know what is appropriate in terms of a tragedy, if a leak occurs, it occurred in Beaver County, there was that explosion. I understand that pipelines are safer than trucks or trains, but accidents happen. I also make note that why would you allow, why did the PUC give this company eminent domain which allowed it to build next to our schools? And they can build as many pipelines as they want. They could put 30 pipelines in there if they want because with HDL drilling, you could go down different depths. Every time you put another pipeline in you double the risk. Remember, this easement is based on a 1930s pipeline that took petroleum and went west. Now you are saying it is fine. Chester County, parts of Lancaster County, and Delaware County were farmlands then. They now are densely populated and the rule of thumb is you do not put a pipeline where there is more than 500 people per square mile. That is basically the Federal rule of thumb. Most of our townships where this pipeline is going through have 1,400 to 1,800 people per square mile.

So let me read you this, if I may, from the superintendent, and he is writing to the PUC. He says, (*reading:*)

Please consider this letter an official safety complaint against Sunoco Logistics and the Mariner II Pipeline project. The Sunoco Mariner II Pipeline Project runs through the following townships located in our District:--**and, by the way, these townships are represented by myself, Senator Rafferty and Senator Killion, all three of us who are working to get some resolution on this issue. This is a bipartisan issue for the safety of our teachers and students**--East Goshen, Thornbury, West Goshen, West Whiteland, and Westtown. We receive students from these municipalities. The pipeline comes within 3,000 feet of three of our elementary schools and our central office building. The School District has had ongoing safety concerns about this project. Local townships in our district have also raised concerns.

I expressed the district's safety concerns to Sunoco Logistics in a letter dated December 29, 2016, requesting information on automatic shutoff valves in the pipeline located near the schools and again--**the same request for information**--on July 28, 2017, regarding communications protocols in the event of a breach. I held an emergency preparedness meeting with local emergency responders to evaluate the district's evacuation plan.

In a letter dated March 29, 2018, I asked Governor Wolf to conduct a comprehensive independent risk assessment regarding the construction of said pipeline and in a June 11, 2018, letter to the PA Public Utility Commission I asked the PA PUC to uphold the Emergency Order issued by Judge Elizabeth Barnes--**I asked for an emergency order from the PUC. I won every part of the case and then the full PUC proceeded to destroy what we had won, and part of that case dealt**

**with safety. The PUC has to decide, does it represent simply corporate interests or is it there to be a balance between those interests and the interests of the people who live adjacent to those pipelines? It goes on to say**--wherein recommendations were made that were essential for the safety of both residents and property be honored.

**Last paragraph.**--On September 10, 2018, there was a pipeline explosion in western Pennsylvania--**the same company's pipeline**--that caused--**a new one, by the way, just like our new pipeline**--substantial damage. District safety concerns about the Sunoco Mariner II Pipeline Project have become significantly heightened. On behalf of our students, staff, parents, and community, I urge the Pennsylvania PUC to take action to ensure public safety by discontinuing the use of this pipeline until a comprehensive risk assessment can be completed.

My friends, this is not the only school district. The Downingtown School District, also in the top 10 school districts in this Commonwealth, not only has a problem with the original pipeline, but this company is using a 12-inch pipeline that comes in and out of their easement. So now the middle school and the elementary school are caught between two pipelines like in a vice. If either has an accident, where do you run? You cannot run in the direction of the other pipeline. That superintendent has written to the PUC, written to the Governor, and they do not get answers. So I have an obligation as a Senator on behalf of myself, and everything I am saying now because of the bills that have been supported and the comments by Senator Rafferty, Senator Killion, and Senator McGarrigle in trying to protect our schools. A similar situation exists adjacent to Saints Peter and Paul Elementary School in Middletown, Delaware County. As they said, one of these pipelines is only 7 feet.

Listen, I understand the profits and the value that the pipeline can be for the commerce of Pennsylvania. I understand we have a valuable natural resource, but what I do not understand is why the Public Utility Commission, who even our Governor says is responsible for the safety and risks that are involved here, why they will not take a firmer stand. Even their judge rules that these issues that are brought before the commission are valid and affirms it. Sunoco had four sets of lawyers there, I had one. They brought in witness after witness, but still at the end of the day that independent judge said, you are right on all of this; we have to take care of safety. Then the full PUC on a 3-2 vote, it is the two Republican commissioners and David Sweet, a Democratic PUC commissioner appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, denied and essentially eliminated everything and denied an emergency order. So I have a responsibility to come here to urge us to do something. All I want are reasonable regulation and risk assessment.

In my final two comments, I think the amazing thing, Mr. President, is when the Governor said it was up to the PUC to do a risk assessment and they would not do it, we came to the point in this Commonwealth where the citizens had to go to GoFundMe on the Internet to raise the money for this risk assessment. They raised the \$50,000 and then township after township gave anywhere from \$2 to \$5,000. So, we as a State are not doing anything to protect public health. The citizens had to unite with local authorities. The PUC, in use of eminent domain, has eliminated all abilities by townships to regulate these pipelines. It is a problem throughout the Commonwealth.

My focus today is there are 40 schools, and when the 12-inch line opens up, we will be adding several more schools, and the PUC has done nothing to offer protection. They could at least

promise to inspect it every week. They could at least offer to say there have to be automatic shutoff valves, can they not? Nothing.

What I am trying to get my colleagues to understand is that you have created this wall of fear and resistance and we will not get this product to market and not share in the prosperity it will bring until we come together, east and west. Those who frack and those who have the the pipelines that are going to the ports, until we come to some common understanding and deal with the fears and concerns of the citizens, this will be blocked for years, both in court decisions. And now it is not just Sunoco. Sunoco screwed it up for every pipeline company in this Commonwealth because there are good companies, there are good corporate citizens, but now the resistance is against any pipeline. Why can we not come together? Why can we not unite? Why does it always have to be so confrontational between those people who have interests in pipelines and those who have interest in the fracking? We come together when we have reasonable regulations that protect our citizens' health and welfare and, at the same time, allow this product transported to Marcus Hook. Most of this product is going overseas, is it not? It has to get to the ports of Philadelphia, Wilmington, or Baltimore, and it cannot do so unless it goes through Chester County, Lancaster County, or Delaware County. We are trying to protect our citizens. Most of our citizens do not oppose the pipeline.

The final comment is this: there was a hearing that took place here yesterday. It was on foreign influences that deal with pipelines. In that hearing, many of those who testified said that citizens who oppose this pipeline, such as the Clean Air Council, a very respected nonprofit in our area; Riverkeeper; the Sierra Club; and PennEnvironment were all hurting America and Pennsylvania because they were delaying pipeline construction and the prosperity that comes from it. No one is hurting anyone. The citizens have a right to have safety. And when safety comes, then the opposition will not be there. So allow me to read the final comment which I issued yesterday. (*Reading:*)

It is important for the Marcellus Shale Industry and the Pennsylvania Legislature to understand that Pennsylvanians have always been free and independent thinkers. Speaking your mind and standing up for your rights makes you a patriotic American, not a foreign collaborator--**as the innuendo suggested. It is their property, by the way, and property rights are protected by our Constitution.**--After all, Article I Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution states, "The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come."

Finally, I do not oppose pipelines. I understand the prosperity that will evolve, but I will not stop and I will give remonstrance after remonstrance until such time as we protect the schoolchildren, the elderly, the citizens of my district, and all of Pennsylvania from what is resulting from the shoddy construction and the problems that this pipeline has created. I look to my colleagues in the legislature so we can join together, have prosperity, and yet protect our number one priority and responsibility, which is the health, wealth, and safety of our citizens.

Thank you, Mr. President, as always, for indulging in my lengthy conversations and remonstrance. I deeply appreciate it, and I know, Mr. President, coming from Lancaster County, you share many of the same concerns, and I have appreciated your leadership on this issue as well.

Thank you, Mr. President.

### RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, October 1, 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 12:34 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.