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**SENATE**

WEDNESDAY, January 16, 2019

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

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor John K. Fetterman) in the Chair.

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Reverend JOHN SYMONDS, of St. James Episcopal Church, Downingtown, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we come before Thee today as Senators and citizens of this, our beloved Pennsylvania, to humbly and boldly serve the citizenry of our Commonwealth for the Senators who represent the various senatorial districts, from the populous Coastal Plain and agriculturally significant Piedmont, the great Ridge and Valley Region, the Appalachians, to the wondrous Allegheny Plateau, the Poconos and beyond, as well as the distinctive balance of Your fair earth constituting the Lake Erie Plain. Lord, we beseech Thee to have our Senators recognize all peoples in our State. God our Creator, have us protect and steward these Penn's Woods, the natural resources and abundant wildlife herein, and the vast beauty of our rivers, fields, wetlands and floodplains, and forests and mountains.

We pray, dear God, let us be ever faithful conservators of our rich heritage, not just for the memorializing of the founding of these great United States, but as exemplars of the religious freedom our Founders had, unique within the American experiment. Let us have this Commonwealth serve as an ongoing source of liberty, justice, and truth for all peoples. Let us remember, we pray, all of the men and women who have made the greatest of sacrifices, demarcating forever Pennsylvania within the nation's and the world's collective psyche and freedom seekers. Let us, gracious God, continue in this heritage and demonstrate egalitarianism, thrift, hard work, and, above all, benevolence and grace toward those with less than ourselves.

Raise up these men and women, O Lord, to serve with partiality and perseverance toward these ideals. Equip them to be steadfast in their beliefs, articulate in their communications, and represent their constituents' views and not merely their own. Encourage them to be gracious to contrary-minded positions, and be aware of minority opinions while striving for fairness constantly. Allow all of the God-given gifts and talents they possess to help others to prosper in commerce, business, agriculture, technological innovation, and not-for-profit services for the ongoing better-

ment of the Commonwealth. Grant, we pray, orderly and faithful ministrations with their sister branches of government, both the executive and the judicial, to demonstrate balance and fair-mindedness throughout our State government.

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious and whose law is truth, we beseech Thee so to guide and bless our Senators in this legislature of this fair Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that they may enact such laws as shall please Thee, in the glory of Thy name and the welfare of His people, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Symonds, who is the guest today of Senator Dinniman.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPOINTMENT BY THE  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

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

Ms. Merritt C. Reitzel as a member of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

**ADJUTANT GENERAL OF PENNSYLVANIA**

January 16, 2019

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, Major General Anthony Carrelli, 123 Hanover Avenue, North Wales 19454, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for reappointment as Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

SECRETARY OF AGING

January 16, 2019

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, Robert Torres, 1304 Spring House Road, Middletown 17057, Dauphin County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Aging, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Teresa Osborne, Scranton, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

January 16, 2019

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, Russell Redding, 600 Cavalry Field Road, Gettysburg 17325, Adams County, Thirty-third Senatorial District, for reappointment as Secretary of Agriculture, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

SECRETARY OF BANKING AND SECURITIES

January 16, 2019

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, Robin Wiessmann, 1 Greenbriar Circle, Newtown 18940, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as Secretary of Banking and Securities, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CIVIL  
SERVICE COMMISSION

January 16, 2019

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, Teresa Osborne, 631 Herbert Street, Scranton 18505, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Civil Service Commission, to serve until April 9, 2024, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Odelfa Preston, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

January 16, 2019

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, Kathy Boockvar, 76 Pine Valley Road, Doylestown 18901, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of the Commonwealth, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Pedro Cortes, Harrisburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

SECRETARY OF COMMUNITY AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

January 16, 2019

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, Dennis Davin, 243 Hoodridge Drive, Pittsburgh 15234, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as Secretary of Community and Economic Development, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

SECRETARY OF CONSERVATION AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES

January 16, 2019

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, Cynthia Dunn, 271 Hillcrest Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as Secretary of Conservation and Natural Resources, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

SECRETARY OF CORRECTIONS

January 16, 2019

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, John Wetzel, 1920 Technology Parkway, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as Secretary of Corrections, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

## SECRETARY OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS

January 16, 2019

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, Jennifer Smith, 129 Twin Creeks Drive, Jonestown 17038, Lebanon County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as Secretary of Drug and Alcohol Programs, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

## SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

January 16, 2019

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, Patrick McDonnell, 4205 Ridge Drive, Harrisburg 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as Secretary of Environmental Protection, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

## SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES

January 16, 2019

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, Curt Topper, 603 Wallingford Road, Lititz 17543, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as Secretary of General Services, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

## SECRETARY OF HEALTH

January 16, 2019

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, Dr. Rachel Levine, 118 Autumnwood Drive, Middletown 17057, Dauphin County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as Secretary of Health, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

## SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES

January 16, 2019

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, Teresa D. Miller, 4394 Saint Andrews Way, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as Secretary of Human Services, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

## INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

January 16, 2019

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, Jessica Altman, 911 N. Second Street, Apt. 3, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as Insurance Commissioner, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

## SECRETARY OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

January 16, 2019

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, W. Gerard Oleksiak, 101 Sycamore Street, Dresher 17057, Montgomery County, Seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as Secretary of Labor and Industry, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

## SECRETARY OF REVENUE

January 16, 2019

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, C. Daniel Hassell, 4285 Beaufort Hunt Drive, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as Secretary of Revenue, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

COMMISSIONER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE

January 16, 2019

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, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Evanchick, 1800 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Tyree Blocker, Harrisburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF Governor

SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

January 16, 2019

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, Leslie S. Richards, 2106 Basswood Drive, Lafayette Hill 19444, Montgomery County, Seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as Secretary of Transportation, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF Governor

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a legislative 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 Schwank.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a legislative leave for Senator Bartolotta.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Schwank.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

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

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators KILLION, ARGALL, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE, BROWNE, COSTA, DINNIMAN, DiSANTO, FOLMER, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, MARTIN, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL, SABATINA, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, J. WARD, K. WARD, WHITE, YAW and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 5, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of January 27 through February 2, 2019, as "Catholic Schools Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator KILLION. Mr. President, it is my pleasure this afternoon to offer this resolution designating the week of January 27 through February 2, 2019, as "Catholic Schools Week" in Pennsylvania. Nationally, there are more than 2 million students enrolled in Catholic schools at both the elementary and secondary levels. In Pennsylvania, there are more than 147,115 students enrolled in Catholic schools at the elementary and secondary levels. I am very grateful for the education which I personally received at Our Lady of Fatima School and Cardinal O'Hara High School.

Please join me in designating the week of January 27 through February 2, 2019, as Catholic Schools Week in Pennsylvania, reminding all of us that Catholic schools are an important part of our many communities across the Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

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Table with 4 columns: Alloway, Dinniman, Laughlin, Stefano; Argall, DiSanto, Leach, Street; Aument, Farnese, Martin, Tartaglione; Baker, Folmer, Mensch, Vogel; Bartolotta, Fontana, Muth, Ward, Judy; Blake, Gordner, Phillips-Hill, Ward, Kim; Boscola, Haywood, Regan, White; Brooks, Hughes, Sabatina, Williams, Anthony H; Browne, Hutchinson, Santarsiero, Williams, Lindsey; Collett, Kearney, Scarnati, Yaw; Corman, Killion, Scavello, Yudichak; Costa, Langerholc, Schwank

NAY-0

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

GUEST OF SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I want to introduce our Chaplain today. Downingtown Episcopal Church is 175 years old. They are still in the original building in the greater Downingtown area. There are two original buildings that are there, one is the Quaker Meeting House and the second is the Episcopal church. What I try to do is whenever a church in our area celebrates an anniversary, I have that pastor come here so he

can be the Chaplain of the day, and we can all share and join in the celebration of the diverse faiths of our community. For those of my colleagues from Lancaster County, that is where Reverend Symonds grew up. He later went to the Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska and then returned back home, where he wanted to be with his wife and three children. So, I ask you to join me in welcoming Father Symonds. I hope you will join us today as we in our county and throughout the Commonwealth share an anniversary of the diverse faiths that make up our Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Dinniman please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

### PERMISSION TO ADDRESS

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I would like to take about 3 or 4 minutes of the Senate's time in order to recognize the 100th anniversary of a special event. January 20, 2019, marks the 100th anniversary of Pennsylvania artist Violet Oakley finishing her Senate Chamber murals. *Unity* and *The Creation and Preservation of the Union*, which are paintings up in the front of the Chamber, were completed and dedicated first on February 12, 1917. It was 2 years later that *The Little Sanctuary in the Wilderness* and *The Slave Ship Ransomed*, the paintings in the back of the Chamber, were completed and dedicated on January 20, 1919. Those two panels, *The Slave Ship Ransomed* and *The Little Sanctuary in the Wilderness*, depicted parables from the Quaker history of the State and became signature pieces of originality and dramatic storytelling. On January 20, 1919, in an evening speech before the Senate, Violet Oakley presented her work to the Commonwealth. She explained that these panels reflected her exploration into the Quaker faith and her longing to relate legendary incidents in the history of this pacifist sect of worshippers. The latchstring and slave ship legends so moved Violet that she felt obligated to pay tribute to their high ideals in her scheme for the Senate Chamber.

The southeast mural, the one on the left, is *The Little Sanctuary in the Wilderness*. It illustrates the Quaker legend of the latchstring. Violet chose this tale as a poignant reminder of pacifism and faith. The story begins with a Quaker husband and wife in the eastern part of Pennsylvania in the early days of colonization. In recounting the legend, Violet stated that the Indians had recently burned and pillaged the surrounding region occupied by the settlers. Unlike other families, this Quaker family neither barred nor bolted their door but, instead, simply threaded a string through what was known as a latch hole. The leather latchstring could then be pulled to swing open the door. One night the couple became afraid and pulled in the latchstring, symbolically denying entrance. In the middle of the night, neither husband nor wife could sleep and the husband went to the door and let out the latchstring. Still later, a party of Indians descended upon the house and threw open the door, convening and conversing in a language unintelligible to the Quaker couple. The Indians left the family unharmed. Years later at a peace conference between colonists and Indians, the Quaker related the story to the assembly. One of the Indians revealed that he was one of those present

years before, stating that the simple act of pulling out the latchstring had displayed confidence instead of fear. The Indians had agreed that the friends should live because they put their trust in the Great Spirit.

The mural on the southwest wall on the right-hand side of the Chamber is called *The Slave Ship Ransomed*. It tells the story of a wealthy Quaker who, upon hearing of a shipload of slaves about to dock in Philadelphia, bought the entire ship and sent the ship and occupants north to Nova Scotia and freedom. The story has an interesting ending which Oakley related in a taped tour of her Capitol work in 1955. A tour guide had told Oakley she met a Capitol visitor who was a direct descendant of the free slaves from this particular ship, and many other descendants still lived in Nova Scotia. The smaller panels from the predalia beneath this painting illustrates scenes from the journal of John Woolman, a noted Quaker abolitionist. It tells the story of the Quaker who ransomed that ship and, instead, sent the ship to Nova Scotia where those slaves could, in fact, live as free men, and where they lived for many generations beyond that.

I want to read the quote underneath the painting on the left. It says, under this painting dealing with *The Little Sanctuary in the Wilderness*, "Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a Little Sanctuary in the countries where they shall come." "THIS is the LAW of the HOUSE: the whole limit thereof shall be most holy...." The saying underneath *The Slave Ship Ransomed* says, "IF there be a MESSENGER -- one among a thousand -- then He is gracious unto him and saith: I have found a Ransom." "Fear not for I have REDEEMED Thee." "Ye are bought with a Price -- therefore glorify GOD in your body and in your Spirit which are GOD'S." "Return unto Me."

So it was on January 20, 1919, about 100 years ago, that Violet Oakley finished the tremendous paintings that she did in this Senate Chamber. It took her over a dozen years to complete each of these paintings. As many people know, Violet Oakley received the first major artistic award of any female artist in the country. So we can be very proud that here in our Capitol, the first major female artist award was done by Pennsylvania to grace this Chamber that we get to be in on a daily basis. I will finish by saying that beginning in 2 weeks, I think, the Senate Library will be doing a special presentation on 100 years of Violet Oakley, and it will be available from January until May. I thank our Secretary/Parliamentarian, and others, who have joined forces in order to make that possible. We certainly suggest that guests who come to visit this Capitol and take the tour stop into the Senate Library in order to see the different presentations and the specific one on Violet Oakley.

Thank you, Mr. President, for allowing me to speak a few words on those paintings that grace the back of the Chamber.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I thank the gentleman, Senator Gordner, for reminding us how fortunate we are to have the murals here in this Capitol and the Senate Chamber. I think it is something that oftentimes--we have hundreds and hundreds of guests who come through here, sometimes we miss the opportunity to tell the story that Senator Gordner just talked about in terms of being the first contract and the number of years it took and the meaning behind each of these murals. I think it is really important for us to understand and appreciate that. As many of

the Members know, for the past dozen or so years I have always tried to share with my colleagues the Cat's Meows that I provide as a holiday gift to each of the Members which reflects one of the murals, whether it be here or somewhere else in this Capitol building, whether the Supreme Court or the House or wherever it might be. So it is important for us to be able to do that, and I thank him.

I also, very briefly, want to share with the Members what I put together, our graphic folks put together, that we do share with guests who come here is a one-page flyer with respect to the magnificent murals of the Senate Chamber, artist, visionary, and mural painter, Violet Oakley. A little story about who she is, as Senator Gordner talked about, but also representing each of the murals in our Senate Chamber. Our folks in graphics have these, if anybody wants to share them with their guests who come here. I think it is very helpful for us to be able to communicate to our constituencies the importance of the artwork that is here, but also the story that Senator Gordner talked about.

So I share that with folks and thank him for bringing this really important conversation to us and the work that is being done in the Senate Library and the like. Thank you very much for doing that as well.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, if I could make one other mention, and I do not know if it is appropriate or not, but as happens sometimes around Christmastime, Senators share gifts with other Senators, and I can tell you that in my house I very proudly display the Cat's Meow houses that we have been getting for a number of years now and they have depicted a tremendous number of the paintings and murals around this Capitol. It is a conversation piece and one that is neat to have displayed and also to be able to point out to guests. I thank Senator Costa for them.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, related to Violet Oakley, I rise to keep a commitment to our late Lieutenant Governor, Catherine Baker Knoll. Catherine asked me, as you know she got ill toward the end, to tell this story whenever her name is mentioned. When Violet Oakley came to the Capitol to help hang the murals, she was not allowed into this Chamber because she was a woman. Women were not allowed in either Chamber until the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. So what Violet Oakley did, she returned back to her studio in Villanova and then came back the next day in overalls, simply walked in and integrated into this Chamber. So if we are going to praise Violet Oakley, let us understand that she was a woman of conviction, a woman who understood that if they were not going to let her in, she was going to walk in herself. And Catherine loved that story because Catherine Baker Knoll was our first and only woman Lieutenant Governor.

Let me also point out to people that in these paintings are messages that we sometimes do not see. For example, if you look at the main painting and you look to the right you will see a woman, almost a ghostly kind of white color, that is Jane Addams of Hull-House. They wanted to remind us even to today that there are those in our community who are poor and who are in need, because the whole purpose of murals, as is the purpose of the Chaplain's invocation, is to remind us to be conscious of

everyone and respectful so that everyone in Pennsylvania has an opportunity. Near Jane Addams is also a statement on education. You will see Dante in green presenting knowledge to young people who are below with his hands stretched out. I am talking about the main one and the right side of the main.

I also point out to you a fascinating incident that had occurred. You will see in the far left mural, that is the Russo-Japanese War. And, by the way, we were on the side of the Japanese in that war, and you will see the Japanese flag there in that painting. During World War II there was a vote in this Senate to take the flag out of the painting. It lost by one vote. So history and what we deal with today is part and parcel of these murals.

Senator Gordner did a wonderful job in explaining them as chair of the Capitol Preservation Committee, and Senator Costa, we thank you for what you have given us. But I want you to understand, there is a history, there is a message. And, by the way, if you go to the Lieutenant Governor's Office, your office, Mr. President, you will see what was called the women's waiting room. In that women's waiting room is a beautiful mural in the middle. That is where women had to sit and wait because they could not come into this Chamber.

So as we welcome the increase of women in this Chamber, let us pay tribute to Violet Oakley, let us pay tribute to Catherine Baker Knoll, and let us celebrate the complete and diverse history of this Commonwealth as we celebrate these paintings. Thank you so much.

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators GORDNER, STREET, BARTOLOTTA, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, SCHWANK, ARGALL, COLLETT, SCAVELLO, COSTA, VOGEL, HUGHES, FOLMER, AUMENT, J. WARD, BREWSTER, HUTCHINSON, BAKER, BOSCOLA, TOMLINSON, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE and HAYWOOD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 6**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of January 20 through 26, 2019, as "Nurse Anesthetists Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators BAKER, BROOKS, FONTANA, MARTIN, BARTOLOTTA, SCHWANK, ARGALL, SCAVELLO, COSTA, HUGHES, DINNIMAN, K. WARD, FOLMER, AUMENT, J. WARD, BREWSTER, BOSCOLA, PHILLIPS-HILL, BROWNE, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE and HAYWOOD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 7**, entitled:

A Resolution designating January 23, 2019, as "Maternal Health Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania to recognize all the women who die from complications of pregnancy or childbirth.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, this resolution marks January 23, 2019, as "Maternal Health Awareness Day" in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. While we vigorously debate how to best achieve affordability and access, our mutual commitment to quality healthcare is evident, yet baffling and disconcerting problems persist in the system. Over the past 30 years, there has been a steady rise in pregnancy-related deaths. This does not seem quite possible in this day and age when maternal death rates are dropping in most of the world, but the numbers are irrefutable. And, sifting through the statistics, we find another stark reality: the problem is particularly acute among African American women. This is not a problem that can be kept under wraps. The public needs to be aware of the dimension of the difficulties and whatever progress is being made. We must delve more deeply into what goes wrong and develop remedies to reverse this tragic trend. Last year, the General Assembly established a Maternal Mortality Review Committee recognizing the urgency and identifying causes and implementing solutions. I would like to acknowledge ACOG, the American College of OB-GYNs, and Dr. Lynne Coslett-Charlton who pushed for this effort in Pennsylvania.

Many of our designated days are celebratory in nature. This one is of a more somber origin and with an unmistakable purpose. Through thorough examination and careful application of technology and skill, we endeavor to reduce the incidents of these unacceptable tragedies of maternal mortality. Knowledge builds hope for the future, and so, through this resolution, we encourage community members and healthcare professionals to participate in activities related to maternal health safety and mortality as a way to address this problem. So I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution designating January 23, 2019, as Maternal Health Awareness Day in the Commonwealth of 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.

### PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I rise to talk about a very historic day and some very historic events that happened yesterday. We were here in this beautiful building placing our hands on Bibles, swearing or affirming to the Pennsylvania Constitution, we enjoyed a day of celebrations and parties, but, Mr. President, just a few short miles from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania something truly, truly historic happened yesterday. In New York, the General Assembly - the State Senate and the House of Representatives - came together and literally made history. Three days into their legislative Session they passed a comprehensive LGBT anti-discrimination bill that protects transgender citizens from

discrimination. After 16 years, Mr. President, they were able to start off their legislative Session with a very clear statement that the other issues that we talk about that are important, the reform of the criminal justice system, the reform of campaign finance laws, reforms that go across this building day in and day out, nothing can begin, you cannot have real reform, you cannot have real legislative and judicial reform for the citizens of Pennsylvania until each and every citizen, Mr. President, is treated equal, and we do not have that now.

We have just started another legislative term where among all of the great things that we have in Pennsylvania, and all the great things we could talk about, we are still one of the few States that allows legalized discrimination within its borders. Year in and year out we get together and we talk about what the plan is to stop that. What are we going to do to come together and pass a comprehensive bill that is going to say, for the first time, that if you are in Pennsylvania, anywhere in Pennsylvania, you are going to be treated fairly even based upon who you choose to love.

I started here in 2009. I was one of the first folks, myself, Senator Leach, and Senator Ferlo at the time, one of the first three people, I think, in the entire legislature to support a bill for same-sex marriage and to oppose an amendment to change the Pennsylvania Constitution to allow marriage only between a man and a woman. Year in and year out. Over the last few years, Mr. President, we have put together a coalition here in the Senate with 26 Members who have supported my anti-discrimination bill, which was cosponsored by Senator Browne and me. Twenty-six Members signed onto it and are ready to send it over to the House. But this issue is of critical importance because, like I have said many, many times here, you may not think of it and you may not agree with it on the issues of morality or civil rights or just because it is fair, if you cannot get your arms around that, then talk about the economic issues and the consequences of us not doing it that we pay each and every day here in this Commonwealth. We lose businesses and business opportunities and entrepreneurs who want to come and open businesses here, but then they realize that their own corporate policies offer stronger protections and better protections for their workers than when they leave the company. And that is exactly what we have here in Pennsylvania.

I am not surprised. When I look at the issues of Amazon not coming here, I am sure there were many issues that went around with it, but I will bet you, Mr. President, that one of the considerations is the fact that we still do not have an anti-discrimination law in the State of Pennsylvania. That hate crime laws cannot get passed. That we have evidentiary rules that allow discrimination in evidentiary procedures based upon hate crime evidence. We allow it all to exist each and every day in this building. While we were slapping hands and having celebrations, in New York they got to work, 3 days into a legislative Session, the House and the Senate passed it because they said enough is enough. When are we going to do it? This issue, Mr. President, this issue is critically important because when you talk about taking Pennsylvania forward, when you talk about taking that step, we cannot do that. This administration cannot do that until we begin to recognize that we still treat people differently and unfairly in this State and it is legal.

I have introduced a bill, once again, I believe all of my Senate Democrats are on the bill. That is what should be talked about,

Mr. President, that is what should be talked about when we all go around, including the administration. Severance tax is important. Absolutely. No doubt about it. But if you want businesses here in Pennsylvania, if you want businesses to come here and open up here and stay here, then make discrimination a memory in Pennsylvania, and let us do it in this legislative term.

Thank you, Mr. President.

#### **DESIGNATION OF MINORITY CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the Minority Leader has made the following designations:

Senator Maria Collett as Minority Chair of the Committee on Aging and Youth.

Senator Judy Schwank as Minority Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

Senator Vincent Hughes as Minority Chair of the Committee on Appropriations.

Senator Sharif Street as Minority Chair of the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

Senator Steve Santarsiero as Minority Chair of the Committee on Communications and Technology.

Senator Larry Farnese as Minority Chair of the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development.

Senator Lisa Boscola as Minority Chair of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Senator Andrew Dinniman as Minority Chair of the Committee on Education.

Senator John Yudichak as Minority Chair of the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy.

Senator John Blake as Minority Chair of the Committee on Finance.

Senator James Brewster as Minority Chair of the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

Senator Art Haywood as Minority Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Wayne Fontana as Minority Chair of the Committee on Intergovernmental Operations.

Senator Daylin Leach as Minority Chair of the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Christine Tartaglione as Minority Chair of the Committee on Labor and Industry.

Senator James Brewster as Minority Chair of the Committee on Law and Justice.

Senator Tim Kearney as Minority Chair of the Committee on Local Government.

Senator Jay Costa as Minority Chair of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

Senator Anthony H. Williams as Minority Chair of the Committee on State Government.

Senator John Sabatina as Minority Chair of the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Katie Muth as Minority Chair of the Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing.

Senator Lindsey Williams as Minority Chair of the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

#### **RECESS**

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, January 28, 2019, at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 11:55 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.