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**SENATE**

MONDAY, February 4, 2019

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Reverend ROB FIELDS, Executive Director of The Leaders of Faith Foundation, Bethlehem, offered the following prayer:

Let us unite our hearts in prayer.

Most gracious Father, we are grateful for Your acts of mercy and grace extended new each day. We echo together with hearts of thanks for this great Commonwealth and the honor to serve its citizens. May we remind ourselves of these beautiful words placed on the wall behind the speaker of this Assembly, "Let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon." This reminder from Your servant, the Apostle Paul, to the Corinthians tells that Your son, Jesus, is the firm and sure foundation. This gospel narrative, and what is pictured in the rest of this Senate Chamber, inspires us to look at the foundation of past Pennsylvanians. They built a spirit of ransoming and peace, liberating and peace. We who are here today are also building into this foundation. May it not be wood, hay, or stubble but rather virtues of faith, hope, and love. May the greatest of these be love towards You and towards one another. In the name of Jesus we pray this prayer. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Fields, who is the guest today of Senator Boscola.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD  
OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS

January 30, 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, Carmella Imburgia, 4944 Monroe Drive, Brookhaven 19015, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Funeral Directors, to serve for a term of five years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Gregory Burrell, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

**CORRECTION TO NOMINATION  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD  
OF MASSAGE THERAPY

January 30, 2019

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

Please note that the letter dated January 25, 2019, for the nomination of Ellyn Jo Waller (Public Member), 1313 West Wynnewood Road, Ardmore 19003, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2019, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Tammy Gillette, Blooming Grove, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Ellyn Jo Waller (Public Member), 1313 West Wynnewood Road, Ardmore 19003, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2022, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Tammy Gillette, Blooming Grove, whose term expired.

**BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

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

January 31, 2019

Senators LANGERHOLC, SCARNATI, BARTOLOTTA, BREWSTER, YAW, STEFANO, MENSCH, SCHWANK, GORDNER, BROWNE, J. WARD, AUMENT, WHITE, BAKER and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 118**, entitled:

An Act establishing Recovery-to-work as a pilot program within the Department of Labor and Industry; and providing for local recovery-to-work pilot programs, for incentives to encourage business participation and for powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, January 31, 2019.

Senators SABATINA, SCHWANK, BARTOLOTTA, K. WARD, MENSCH, COSTA, KILLION, REGAN, DINNIMAN, YUDICHAK, BROWNE and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 131**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for examination of applicant for driver's license; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for prohibiting text-based communications and providing for prohibiting use of interactive wireless communications device by novice drivers.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, January 31, 2019.

Senators SABATINA, FONTANA, BREWSTER, COSTA, J. WARD, DINNIMAN, BLAKE, YUDICHAK and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 132**, entitled:

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.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, January 31, 2019.

Senators ARGALL, PHILLIPS-HILL, FOLMER, MARTIN, SCHWANK, GORDNER, WHITE, YUDICHAK, BROWNE, BLAKE, DiSANTO, STEFANO, BAKER and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 133**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for Lieutenant Governor.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, January 31, 2019.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, BARTOLOTTA, SANTARSIERO, HUGHES, COSTA, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, MENSCH, BROWNE and L. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 134**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in selection of employees for entrance to or promotion in classified service, providing for additional points in grading civil service examinations of applicants with disabilities.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, January 31, 2019.

Senators K. WARD, YAW, FOLMER, PHILLIPS-HILL, BREWSTER, BARTOLOTTA, KILLION, MENSCH, J. WARD, REGAN, DINNIMAN, STEFANO, BROWNE, TARTAGLIONE, YUDICHAK and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 136**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for sexual offenses and tier system.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, January 31, 2019.

Senator SANTARSIERO presented to the Chair **SB 137**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, providing for safe storage of a firearm when residing with a person not to possess a firearm.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, January 31, 2019.

Senator SANTARSIERO presented to the Chair **SB 138**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, providing for safe storage of a firearm when not in use.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, January 31, 2019.

Senators J. WARD, SCARNATI, LANGERHOLC, SCAVELLO, BROWNE, PHILLIPS-HILL, FOLMER, BARTOLOTTA, WHITE, MARTIN, ARGALL, K. WARD, STEFANO, MENSCH, YAW, KILLION, LAUGHLIN, HUTCHINSON, VOGEL, BROOKS, REGAN, BLAKE and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 139**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, January 31, 2019.

Senators BOSCOLA and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 141**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the transfer of title for certain Project 70 lands owned by Lehigh County to Whitehall Township, Lehigh County.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, January 31, 2019.

Senators YAW, BLAKE, FOLMER, BAKER, COSTA, J. WARD, BROWNE, HAYWOOD and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 142**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to health care, further providing for applicability, for definitions and for criminal penalties; in living wills, further providing for emergency medical services; in out-of-hospital nonresuscitation, further providing for definitions, for orders, bracelets and necklaces, for revocation, for absence of order, bracelet or necklace and for emergency medical ser-

vices, repealing provisions relating to advisory committee and providing for discontinuance; providing for Pennsylvania orders for life-sustaining treatment; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, January 31, 2019.

Senators K. WARD, MARTIN, FOLMER, MENSCH, HUTCHINSON and GORDNER presented to the Chair **SB 143**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in liability and compensation, further providing for the definitions of "injury," "personal injury" and "injury arising in the course of his employment," providing for diseases with long latency periods between occupational exposure and manifestation of the disease and further providing for liability.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, January 31, 2019.

Senators YAW, VOGEL, MARTIN, FOLMER, MENSCH, BAKER, J. WARD and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 145**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law, further providing for purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, January 31, 2019.

Senators BROOKS, SCARNATI, GORDNER, BROWNE, ARGALL, REGAN, ALLOWAY, AUMENT, FOLMER, HUTCHINSON, KILLION, MARTIN, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL, VOGEL, J. WARD, K. WARD, YAW, COSTA, DINNIMAN, KEARNEY, SANTARSIERO, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 146**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, providing for online training for firefighters.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, January 31, 2019.

February 1, 2019

Senators DiSANTO, BROOKS, SCARNATI, BROWNE, GORDNER, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, FOLMER, HUTCHINSON, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, REGAN, STEFANO, K. WARD and WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 5**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, further providing for definitions, for proposed regulations and procedures for review and for final-form regulations and final-omitted regulations and procedures for review; and providing for concurrent resolution required for economically significant regulations.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, February 1, 2019.

Senators FOLMER, BARTOLOTTA, LANGERHOLC, PHILLIPS-HILL, MARTIN, HUTCHINSON, STEFANO, DiSANTO, J. WARD, GORDNER, K. WARD, WHITE, VOGEL, REGAN, AUMENT, SCARNATI, ARGALL and LAUGHLIN presented to the Chair **SB 7**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education), 71 (State Government) and 72 (Taxation and Fiscal Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in retirement for school employees as to membership, contributions and benefits, further providing for actuarial cost method; in administration and miscellaneous provisions, further providing for administrative duties of board; in retirement for State employees and officers as to contributions, further providing for actuarial cost method; in administration, funds, accounts, general provisions, further providing for administrative duties of board; providing for taxpayer protection and establishing the Taxpayer Protection Fund and the PSERS/SERS Unfunded Accrued Liability Fund; and repealing certain provisions of the Fiscal Code.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 1, 2019.

Senators BROOKS, SCAVELLO, REGAN, LANGERHOLC, ARGALL, FONTANA, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, J. WARD, DINNIMAN, COSTA, LAUGHLIN, ALLOWAY, HAYWOOD and KILLION presented to the Chair **SB 100**, entitled:

An Act providing for patient access to diagnostics and treatments for Lyme disease and related tick-borne illnesses; and requiring health care policies to provide certain coverage.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 1, 2019.

Senators DiSANTO, BROOKS, ARGALL, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, FOLMER, HUTCHINSON, MARTIN, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL, REGAN, STEFANO, J. WARD, K. WARD and WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 119**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, providing for regulatory reduction and for regulatory baseline and public availability.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, February 1, 2019.

Senators LAUGHLIN, BREWSTER, STREET and YAW presented to the Chair **SB 147**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for hunting on Sunday prohibited, providing for hunting on Sunday and further providing for trespass on private property while hunting.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, February 1, 2019.

Senators HUGHES, BREWSTER, FONTANA, KEARNEY, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, SANTARSIERO, COSTA, YUDICHAK, LEACH, HAYWOOD and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 148**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in sales and use tax, further providing for exclusions from tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 1, 2019.

Senators SABATINA, GORDNER, REGAN, FONTANA, SCHWANK, BLAKE, PHILLIPS-HILL, HUGHES, FOLMER, MARTIN, K. WARD, STEFANO, DiSANTO, DINNIMAN, BAKER, COSTA, BARTOLOTTA, KILLION, ARGALL, J. WARD, TARTAGLIONE, MUTH, AUMENT, YUDICHAK, BROWNE, BOSCOLA and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 149**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for rights of victims of crime.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 1, 2019.

Senators BROWNE, COSTA, SCHWANK, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER and KEARNEY presented to the Chair **SB 171**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 11, 1990 (P.L.465, No.113), known as the Tax Increment Financing Act, further providing for the definitions of "tax increment" and "tax increment base."

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 1, 2019.

Senators BROWNE, MENSCH, COSTA, BREWSTER, KEARNEY, SCHWANK and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 172**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 11, 1990 (P.L.465, No.113), known as the Tax Increment Financing Act, further defining "tax increment" and "tax increment base"; and further providing for determination of tax increment and tax increment base and for allocation of positive tax increments.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 1, 2019.

Senators BROWNE, MARTIN, COSTA, BREWSTER, KEARNEY and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 173**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 3, 1959 (P.L.1688, No.621), known as the Housing Finance Agency Law, in the agency, further providing for agency membership.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, February 1, 2019.

Senators BROWNE, MENSCH, YAW, K. WARD, COSTA, STEFANO, KILLION, BREWSTER, HAYWOOD, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 174**, entitled:

An Act providing for the tax sale of abandoned properties.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, February 1, 2019.

Senators BROWNE, HUTCHINSON, YAW, AUMENT, COSTA, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, HUGHES, SANTARSIERO, TARTAGLIONE, SABATINA and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 175**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in sales and use tax, further providing for exclusions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 1, 2019.

Senators BROWNE, FOLMER, K. WARD, KILLION, PHILLIPS-HILL and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 176**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in source selection and contract formation, further providing for sole source procurement and for competitive selection procedures for certain services.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 1, 2019.

Senators BROWNE and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 177**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Delinquent Debt Intercept Authority.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 1, 2019.

Senators BROWNE, GORDNER, MENSCH, YAW, FOLMER, BAKER, SCAVELLO, AUMENT, DiSANTO, COSTA, HUGHES, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, HAYWOOD, FARNESE, SCHWANK, KEARNEY, TARTAGLIONE and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 178**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, further providing for reporting by candidate and political committees and other persons, for late contributions and independent expenditures and for place of filing, providing for manner of filing and for inability to file reports or statements electronically by deadline and further providing for late filing fee and certificate of filing and for additional powers and duties of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 1, 2019.

Senators BROWNE, MENSCH, WHITE, FOLMER, PHILLIPS-HILL and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 179**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income relating to employee stock ownership plans.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 1, 2019.

Senators BROWNE, SCARNATI, GORDNER, MENSCH, ARGALL, K. WARD, WHITE, FOLMER, AUMENT, KILLION, MARTIN, BOSCOLA, YUDICHAK and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 180**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for net gains or income, net losses and dividends.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 1, 2019.

Senators BROOKS, SCAVELLO, GORDNER, ARGALL, BREWSTER, J. WARD, DINNIMAN, COSTA, WHITE and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 182**, 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, further providing for health services.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 1, 2019.

Senators LEACH, BREWSTER, COSTA, SANTARSIERO, HAYWOOD, HUGHES and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 183**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 7, 1963 (P.L.549, No.290), referred to as the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency Act, establishing the Pay It Forward Pay It Back Pennsylvania Program; imposing a natural gas severance tax; and establishing the Pay It Forward Pay It Back Pennsylvania Program Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 1, 2019.

Senators LEACH, FARNESE, COSTA, SCHWANK, SANTARSIERO, HAYWOOD and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 184**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in casualty insurance, providing for coverage for eating disorder treatment.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 1, 2019.

Senators LEACH, SCHWANK and KEARNEY presented to the Chair **SB 186**, entitled:

An Act providing for living wage accreditation for nursing facilities and for employer responsibility penalties for nursing facilities; establishing the Employer Responsibility for Public Assistance Fund; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, February 1, 2019.

Senators LEACH, COSTA, SCHWANK, SANTARSIERO, HAYWOOD, KEARNEY, BROWNE and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 187**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in health care, further providing for definitions, for legislative findings and intent, for when living will operative, for revocation and for authority of health care agent and providing for living will and other advance health care directives registry; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 1, 2019.

Senators LEACH, KEARNEY, TARTAGLIONE and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 188**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting the administration of certain antimicrobial agents in agriculture; and providing for inspection and testing of agricultural operations, for enforcement, for reporting by agricultural operations and for alternatives to administration of antimicrobial agents to animals.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 1, 2019.

Senators LEACH, FARNESE, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, SANTARSIERO, HAYWOOD, KEARNEY and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 189**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, in licensing of health care facilities, further providing for licensure.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, February 1, 2019.

Senator STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 190**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Jeffrey C. Walker, certain lands situate in Somerset Township, Somerset County.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 1, 2019.

Senators BARTOLOTTA, BREWSTER, YAW, J. WARD, SCARNATI, COLLETT, K. WARD and BROOKS presented to the Chair **SB 191**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for office-based opioid and non-narcotic opioid treatment provider certification; and establishing the Opioid Treatment Certification Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, February 1, 2019.

Senators HUGHES, BREWSTER, HAYWOOD, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, SANTARSIERO and LEACH presented to the Chair **SB 192**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in membership, contributions and benefits, further providing for member's options, for death benefits and for payment of benefits; in administration and miscellaneous provisions, further providing for duties of board regarding applications and elections of members and for rights and duties of school employees, members and participants; in benefits, further providing for member's options, for death benefits and for payment of benefits; and, in administration, funds, accounts, general provisions, further providing for duties of board regarding applications and elections of members and for rights and duties of State employees, members and participants.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 1, 2019.

Senators HUGHES, FONTANA, BREWSTER, GORDNER, SCHWANK, COSTA, FARNESE, MUTH and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 193**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in State intermediate punishment, further providing for findings and purpose, for definitions, for referral to State intermediate punishment program, for drug offender treatment program, for written guidelines and regulations, for reports and for construction.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 1, 2019.

Senators HUGHES, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, COSTA and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 194**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, further providing for misrepresentation of age to secure liquor or malt or brewed beverages, for purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages and for carrying a false identification card.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 1, 2019.

Senators HUGHES, FARNESE, FONTANA, HAYWOOD, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, KEARNEY, LEACH and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 195**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for licenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 1, 2019.

Senators HUGHES, COSTA, FONTANA, K. WARD, SANTARSIERO, FARNESE, BREWSTER, GORDNER, PHILLIPS-HILL, HAYWOOD, BOSCOLA, MENSCH, STEFANO, BARTOLOTTA, BROWNE, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, LEACH, J. WARD and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 196**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in protection from abuse, providing for the definition of "electronic monitoring device" and further providing for relief.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 1, 2019.

Senators HUGHES, HAYWOOD, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, KEARNEY, SANTARSIERO, FARNESE, LEACH and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 197**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for the offense of sale or transfer of firearms.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 1, 2019.

Senators HUGHES, HAYWOOD, SANTARSIERO, TARTAGLIONE, KEARNEY, LEACH and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 198**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 1, 2019.

February 4, 2019

Senators REGAN, J. WARD, MARTIN, BREWSTER, ARGALL, KILLION, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, BARTOLOTTA and LANGERHOLC presented to the Chair **SB 199**, 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.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 4, 2019.

Senators DiSANTO, FOLMER, HUTCHINSON, J. WARD, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, BROOKS, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, SCHWANK, STEFANO, VOGEL, K. WARD, WHITE and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 201**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 4, 2019.

Senators J. WARD, FOLMER, DiSANTO, HUTCHINSON, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, BROOKS, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, STEFANO, VOGEL, K. WARD, WHITE and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 202**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 4, 2019.

Senators HUTCHINSON, FOLMER, J. WARD, DiSANTO, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, BROOKS, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, STEFANO, VOGEL, K. WARD, WHITE and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 203**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 4, 2019.

Senators FARNESE, STREET, STEFANO, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, FONTANA, SCHWANK, COSTA, HUGHES, LEACH, TARTAGLIONE, HAYWOOD and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 212**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to offenses involving danger to the person, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 4, 2019.

Senators FARNESE, SABATINA, K. WARD, STEFANO, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, ALLOWAY, FONTANA, SCAVELLO, KILLION, COSTA, DINNIMAN, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, ARGALL and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 213**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania State Police, providing for animal abuse registry; and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania State Police.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, February 4, 2019.

Senators FARNESE, FONTANA, BREWSTER, HUGHES, DINNIMAN, COSTA, COLLETT, BLAKE and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 214**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions relating to voter registration, further providing for definitions; in registration system, further providing for SURE system; in voter registration, further providing for qualifications to register, for government agencies, for time and for preparation and distribution of applications; and, in changes in records, further providing for death of registrant.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 4, 2019.

Senators FARNESE, FOLMER, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, COSTA, DINNIMAN, BLAKE, YUDICHAK and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 215**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in source selection and contract formation, providing for limitations on political contributions by contractors.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 4, 2019.

Senators FARNESE, COSTA and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 216**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in ethics standards and financial disclosure, further providing for statement of financial interests.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 4, 2019.

Senators FARNESE, COSTA and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 217**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 16, 1992 (P.L.155, No.28), known as the Assessors Certification Act, repealing provisions relating to nonapplicability; and providing for assessors in counties of the first class.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 4, 2019.

**RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

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

February 1, 2019

Senators HUGHES, FARNESE, HAYWOOD and LEACH presented to the Chair **SR 16**, entitled:

A Resolution establishing a task force on law enforcement practices and procedures used in response to large scale demonstrations, protests and other acts of civil disobedience.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, February 1, 2019.

Senators BAKER, SCARNATI, CORMAN, LANGERHOLC, HUTCHINSON, MENSCH, J. WARD, REGAN, YAW, MARTIN, BARTOLOTTA, ALLOWAY, DiSANTO, FOLMER,

WHITE, LAUGHLIN, BROOKS, AUMENT, KILLION, GORDNER, K. WARD, ARGALL, VOGEL, SCAVELLO and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SR 20**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of the impact of venue for medical professional liability actions on access to medical care and maintenance of health care systems in this Commonwealth and requesting that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court delay action on the proposed amendment to Pa.R.C.P. No. 1006.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 1, 2019.

**HOUSE MESSAGE**

**HOUSE RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following resolution for concurrence, which was referred to the committee indicated:

February 1, 2019

**HR 53** -- Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

**COMMITTEE DESIGNATION UNDER REGULATORY REVIEW ACT**

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

February 1, 2019

MEMO TO: Honorable Megan Martin  
Secretary of the Senate

FROM: Senator Joe Scarnati  
President Pro Tempore

SUBJECT: Committee Designation Under  
Regulatory Review Act

Under the provisions of Act 181 of 1982, as amended and reenacted, known as the Regulatory Review Act, as President Pro Tempore of the Senate, I hereby designate the following standing committees for the purpose of regulatory review as authorized in the Act.

The designated standing committee for any departmental board, commission, committee, and other agency not listed herein shall be the standing committee listed for that department. The Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations shall be the designated standing committee for the purpose of regulatory review for any other agency not specifically listed.

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Governor and Office of the Governor	State Government
Attorney General and Office of the Attorney General	Judiciary
Auditor General and Office of Auditor General	Finance
State Treasurer and Treasury Department	Finance
Adjutant General and Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs	Veterans' Affairs and Emergency Preparedness
Secretary and Department of Aging	Aging and Youth
Secretary and Department of Agriculture	Agriculture and Rural Affairs

Secretary and Department of Banking and Securities	Banking and Insurance	Lobbying Disclosure Law Regulation Promulgation Committee	State Government
Secretary and Department of Community and Economic Development	Community, Economic and Recreational Development	Milk Marketing Board	Agriculture and Rural Affairs
Secretary of the Commonwealth and Department of State	State Government	Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System	Local Government
Secretary and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	Environmental Resources and Energy	Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission	Law and Justice
Secretary and Department of Corrections	Judiciary	Office of Open Records	State Government
Secretary and Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs	Health and Human Services	Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency	Judiciary
Secretary and Department of Education	Education	Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority	Community, Economic and Recreational Development
Secretary and Department of Environmental Protection	Environmental Resources and Energy	Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council	Veterans' Affairs and Emergency Preparedness
Secretary and Department of General Services	State Government	Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency	Veterans' Affairs and Emergency Preparedness
Secretary and Department of Health	Health and Human Services	Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority	Environmental Resources and Energy
Commissioner and Department of Insurance	Banking and Insurance	Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board	Community, Economic and Recreational Development
Secretary and Department of Labor and Industry	Labor and Industry	Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council	Health and Human Services
Secretary and Department of Human Services	Health and Human Services	Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency	Urban Affairs and Housing
Secretary and Department of Revenue	Finance	Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority	Community, Economic and Recreational Development
Commissioner and Pennsylvania State Police	Law and Justice	Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority	Environmental Resources and Energy
Secretary and Department of Transportation	Transportation	Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority	Community, Economic and Recreational Development
Secretary and Office of Administration	State Government	Philadelphia Parking Authority	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
General Counsel and Office of General Counsel	State Government	Public Employee Retirement Commission	Finance
Secretary and Office of Budget	Appropriations	Public School Employees' Retirement Board	Finance
Commissioner and Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure	Professional Standards and Practices Commission	Education
Executive Board	State Government	Public Utility Commission	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
Armory Board	Veterans' Affairs and Emergency Preparedness	State Agricultural Land Preservation Board	Agriculture and Rural Affairs
Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority	Community, Economic and Recreational Development	State Athletic Commission	State Government
Board of Claims	State Government	State Board of Education	Education
Board of Coal Mine Safety	Environmental Resources and Energy	State Employees' Retirement Board	Finance
Board of Finance and Revenue	Finance	State Board for Certification of Sewage Enforcement Officers	Environmental Resources and Energy
Board of Governors of State System of Higher Education	Education	State Board for Certification of Water and Wastewater Systems Operators	Environmental Resources and Energy
Board of Pardons	Judiciary	State Board of Private Academic Schools	Education
Board of Probation and Parole	Judiciary	State Board of Private Licensed Schools	Education
Civil Service Commission	State Government	State Conservation Commission	Agriculture and Rural Affairs
Commonwealth Financing Authority	Community, Economic and Recreational Development	State Ethics Commission	State Government
Constables' Education and Training Board	Judiciary	State Health Care Policy Board	Health and Human Services
Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing	Judiciary	State Public School Building Authority	Education
State Coroners' Education Board	Judiciary	State Tax Equalization Board	Finance
Council on the Arts	State Government	State Transportation Commission	Transportation
Pennsylvania Sheriff and Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Board	Local Government	Turnpike Commission	Transportation
Environmental Hearing Board	Environmental Resources and Energy	Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Board	Banking and Insurance
Environmental Quality Board	Environmental Resources and Energy	Unemployment Compensation Board of Review	Labor and Industry
Higher Educational Assistance Agency	Education	State Veterans' Commission	Veterans' Affairs and Emergency Preparedness
Higher Education Facilities Authority	Education	Workers' Compensation Appeal Board	Labor and Industry
Historical and Museum Commission	State Government	State Workers' Insurance Board	Labor and Industry
State Horse Racing Commission	Agriculture and Rural Affairs	State Board of Accountancy	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
Human Relations Commission	Labor and Industry	State Architects Licensure Board	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
Independent Regulatory Review Commission	Intergovernmental Operations	State Board of Auctioneer Examiners	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
Industrial Board	Labor and Industry	State Board of Barber Examiners	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
Joint Committee on Documents	Rules and Executive Nominations	State Board of Chiropractic	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
Labor Relations Board	Labor and Industry		
Liquor Control Board	Law and Justice		



State Board of Cosmetology	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Crane Operators	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Dentistry	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Funeral Directors	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Landscape Architects	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Massage Therapy	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Medicine	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
Navigation Commission for the Delaware River and its Navigable Tributaries	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Nursing	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Optometry	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Osteopathic Medicine	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Pharmacy	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Physical Therapy	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Podiatry	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Psychology	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Real Estate Commission	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Veterinary Medicine	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

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

Senator John DiSanto as a member of the Capitol Preservation Committee.

Senator Scott E. Hutchinson as a member of the Local Government Commission.

Senator Tom Killion as a member of the Pennsylvania Housing Advisory Committee.

Senator Scott Martin as a member of the Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee, and as a member of the Local Government Commission.

Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill as a member of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

Senator Judy Ward as member of the Advisory Council for the Hollidaysburg Veterans' Home, and as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

Senator Kim Ward as a member of the State Transportation Advisory Committee.

Ms. Lisa Frank as a member of the Health Care Cost Containment Council.

Mr. Duane E. Mowery as member of the Citizens' Advisory Council to the Department of Environmental Protection.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MINORITY LEADER**

**DESIGNATIONS TO STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communications, which were read by the Clerk as follows:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

February 4, 2019

The Honorable Joseph Scarnati  
Senate of Pennsylvania  
292 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati,

Pursuant to your authority as president pro tempore under Senate Rule 5, I recommend Senator Daylin Leach be removed as the Democratic Chairman and as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee effective immediately.

Sincerely,

JAY COSTA  
The Democratic Leader

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

February 4, 2019

The Honorable Joseph Scarnati  
Senate of Pennsylvania  
292 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati,

Pursuant to your authority as president pro tempore under Senate Rule 5, I recommend Senator Maria Collett be appointed as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee effective immediately.

Sincerely,

JAY COSTA  
The Democratic Leader

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE**

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

Senator Maria Collett as a member of the Committee on Judiciary.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator VOGEL, from the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, reported the following bills:

**SB 85 (Pr. No. 63)**

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, in licenses, tags and kennels, further providing for transfer of dog licenses or tags and other licensing requirements and for service dogs and dogs used by municipal or State Police departments.

**SB 145 (Pr. No. 119)**

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law, further providing for purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

**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 Vogel, and a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Blake.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Vogel, and a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Blake.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**WEEKLY RECESS**

Senator CORMAN offered the following resolution, which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 4, 2019

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, March 18, 2019, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, February 19, 2019, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses the week of February 19, 2019, it reconvene on Monday, March 11, 2019, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses the week of March 11, 2019, it reconvene on Monday, March 18, 2019, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

**YEA-49**

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

**NAY-0**

A majority of 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.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JAY COSTA  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, it is my honor, privilege, and pleasure today to welcome to the Senate the PIAA Class AAAAA State Champion Penn Hills Football Team. Mr. President, Penn Hills football has a long history of winning. They are six-time champions in the most competitive league in the State, the WPIAL, and with the championship this year, they have captured their second State title. This year's team, led by head coach John LeDonne, compiled an impressive undefeated 16-0 record. They were nationally ranked and proved themselves through a brutal schedule featuring some of the most fearsome teams in western Pennsylvania. They came through that schedule untouched, as mentioned, and won the State championship by defeating Manheim Central 36-31.

Mr. President, we all know that championship teams are not built in one day. While the Penn Hills Indians, Big Red, took the field for the first time in the blaze of the August sun, the roots of their championship team were sown months and years before. They spent hours in the weight room in the off-season, followed by grueling conditioning drills, and they developed a commitment to one another and to excellence. They were molded over time under the watchful eyes of a dedicated coaching staff and a very supportive administration. They found a rabid fan base who were very supportive and with them throughout the process along the way.

Their journey to this year's championship came in the haze of August, but it concluded, Mr. President and my colleagues, on a frigid Friday night in December when they were crowned champions. They were a determined group led by seniors, bolstered by an energized class of talented underclassmen, and molded as champions by their desire to move forward. From the starters and stars to those who rarely saw the field, the team worked together, as mentioned, and were united by their desire to win games and represent their community and school. They did this, Mr. President, with the knowledge that they have large shoes to fill, because championships and champions are the very fiber of the

Penn Hills community, and certainly of this football team. In fact, Mr. President, just last evening as we all watched the Super Bowl, we had the opportunity to watch Aaron Donald, who was recently named the NFL defensive player of the year for the second consecutive year, an NFL star, Super Bowl participant, had a legendary career not only at the University of Pittsburgh, but at Penn Hills High School. Along with Aaron Donald, another Pitt alumnus and NFL great, Bill Fralic, whom our community recently lost a couple of months ago, was someone who had a long history with the NFL, the Atlanta Falcons, and other teams. These are the types of people who have been successful along those lines, Mr. President, and there are a long line of NFL players even today who participate there.

Mr. President, we are very honored to have the football team here and their achievement of winning the PIAA Class AAAA title, but I want to talk about some of the other successes they have had throughout the year. There is a young lady on the team who I want to call special attention to, Alexis Hinton. I commend the men on the team who treated her with utmost respect and allowed her to participate in a manner which I think was appropriate going forward. Mr. President, on the academic side, 22 of the members of this football squad were able to achieve honors in their classroom, and 4 of them received high honor. That is a reflection of the leadership of their coaches, but also the administrative team who make certain that they provide ample opportunities for the young men, the young lady, and all of the athletes of the school who participate in sports there, the opportunity to understand and recognize the value of an education that is so important. I applaud collectively the men and young lady on this team and the coaching staff, Coach LeDonne, for a job well done. I ask my colleagues here today to give a warm welcome to the Penn Hills High School Football Team, PIAA Class AAAAA State Champions.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the PIAA Class AAAAA Football Champions, Penn Hills High School Football Team, please rise so that we may congratulate and welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

#### **GUEST OF SENATOR LISA M. BOSCOLA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, it brings me great pleasure to introduce today's Chaplain. Rob Fields is a resident of Bethlehem and the executive director of the Leaders of Faith Foundation. Mr. Fields has the pleasure of occasionally serving as the guest Chaplain in the House of Representatives as well. The Leaders of Faith Foundation was established as a working tool to carry out the mission of disciplining leaders. The foundation works with a number of affiliates on Capitol Hill with State legislators. This nonprofit group provides the organizational structure and accountability to carry out this mission. Specifically, Mr. President, Rob Fields has served numerous people in public life, both locally and internationally, over the last 14 years through the National Prayer Breakfast. He has gained great experience working with institutional and international foundations. He comes with pastoral experience of more than 13 years in the

areas of administrative, senior, and discipleship. He is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary and has worked in the printing and airline industry, in addition to teaching at Wilmington Christian School in Delaware.

At this time, Mr. President, I ask that my Senate colleagues give him our usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Boscola please rise so that we may give you our usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

#### **LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

The PRESIDENT. Senator Tomlinson has returned, and his legislative leave is cancelled.

#### **GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL J. FOLMER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Folmer.

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, it is very exciting today to introduce two special young people from Lebanon County who serve as FFA officers in the State FFA association, Roarke Miller and Millena Bashore. It is exciting to have two young, committed individuals serving the State in this capacity for the 48th Senatorial District.

Roarke, of Annville, son of Leigh Hitz-Miller and Ernie Miller, is currently serving as the FFA State Sentinel. Roarke is a 2018 graduate of Annville-Cleona High School, where he was active in the following organizations: president of the Little Dutchmen FFA, president of Lebanon County FFA, the A-C Elite Broadcast and Journalism, a member of the varsity golf and basketball teams, a member of the American Maine-Anjou and American Chianina Associations, and was actively involved in 4-H showing beef cattle. Since being elected in June, Roarke has traveled the State to visit schools from Erie to Philadelphia. As a team, the PA FFA officers have interacted with approximately 9,000 students throughout this Commonwealth. FFA has made Roarke realize he has an interest in politics, and he looks forward to pursuing an agribusiness management degree at Penn State University, Main Campus, after his tenure.

Millena, also from Annville, the daughter of Robert and Sherry Bashore, is currently serving as the FFA State Chaplain, and lives and works on a 100-cow dairy farm. Millena is a 2018 graduate of Northern Lebanon High School and was active in and held the following positions: FFA Chapter Sentinel and Chapter Secretary, choir, Dairy Quiz Bowl, dairy judging, the NorLebCo 4-H Club showing dairy cattle, a member of all seven dairy breed associations, and was the 2017-18 Lebanon County Dairy Princess. FFA has opened many doors for Millena in the chapter level. She has found her true passion, and that is agriculture. As a State FFA officer, she gets to give back to the association and its members and opens the many doors FFA and agriculture presents for students. One of her favorite things as a member of the State team was going to the national FFA convention in Indianapolis, where they served as delegates to help make decisions about the organization's future, as well as the Pennsylvania FFA Mid-Winter Convention during the Farm Show where they honored 409 Keystone State recipients, four new chapters, and 365 first-year members received their first FFA jacket free of charge.

Senators, please join me in a warm Senate welcome for these two young agriculture enthusiasts from Lebanon County, Roarke Miller and Millena Bashore. Thank you very much.

The PRESIDENT. Let us welcome the guests of Senator Folmer with our usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators BAKER, J. WARD, YAW, DINNIMAN, BARTOLOTTA, COLLETT, FONTANA, FOLMER, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, BREWSTER, VOGEL, K. WARD, COSTA, BROWNE, SCAVELLO, AUMENT, HUGHES, KILLION, YUDICHAK, SCHWANK and FARNESE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 17**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of March 10 through 16, 2019, as "Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

#### GUESTS OF SENATOR ELISABETH J. BAKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce members from the Tri-State Society for Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, a multi-disciplinary professional association that serves Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey. They are here today to help promote "Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week" in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Pulmonary disease is the third leading cause of death in our nation and the fourth leading cause of death here in the Commonwealth. Later, Senator Ward and I will introduce a second resolution recognizing "Cardiac Rehabilitation Week" in Pennsylvania to draw attention to the role of cardiac rehab in reducing the potentially devastating effects of heart disease.

So please welcome Tri-State Society for Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation members who are in the gallery and are represented here today by the following Members in the Senate: Nadine Greco, from Wayne Memorial Hospital in Honesdale, she is from my district, the 20th Senatorial District; Vicki Krebs, from Evangelical Community Hospital in Lewisburg from the 23rd Senatorial District of Senator Yaw; Denise Sheffield, from J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon County, from the 34th Senatorial District of Senator Corman; and Ruth Akers, from Bryn Mawr Hospital/Main Line Health in Newtown Square from the 19th Senatorial District of Senator Dinniman.

At this time, I will conclude my remarks and pass it along to Senator Ward, who would like to offer some comments.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Baker please rise so that we may give you our usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Blair, Senator J. Ward.

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, I am so pleased to join with Senator Baker in seeking adoption of two resolutions today, one recognizing Cardiac Rehabilitation Week on February 10 through 16, and the other designating Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week on March 10 through 16. Cardiac Rehabilitation Week draws attention to the role of cardiac rehabilitation in reducing the potentially devastating effects of heart disease. Cardiac Rehabilitation is a medically supervised program involving diet, exercise, and education designed to improve the cardiovascular health of people who have experienced a heart attack, heart failure, angioplasty, or heart surgery. A team of nurses, exercise specialists, dieticians, and other healthcare professionals led by a physician provide services. This issue is near and dear to me because my career as a hospital nurse involved serving as a cardiac rehabilitation nurse for nearly 17 years, which I enjoyed tremendously.

Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week honors the profession by drawing attention to the role of pulmonary rehabilitation and enhancing the quality of life of individuals with lung disease. Pulmonary rehabilitation is a program of exercise, education, and support to help someone learn to breathe and function at the highest possible level. To all cardiac and pulmonary rehab professionals out there, I thank you for all that you do in providing quality care to your patients, and I welcome all of the cardiac and pulmonary professionals to the Senate and the Capitol complex.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators BAKER, J. WARD, YAW, DINNIMAN, BARTOLOTTA, COLLETT, FONTANA, FOLMER, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, BREWSTER, VOGEL, K. WARD, COSTA, BROWNE, SCAVELLO, AUMENT, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE, KILLION, YUDICHAK, SCHWANK and FARNESE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 18**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of February 10 through 16, 2019, as "Cardiac Rehabilitation Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, it is certainly fitting that we recognize the diligent efforts of associations working year-round to improve outcomes of critical medical care. So, the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation is certainly a prominent example. Today, as we are designating both Cardiac Rehabilitation Week and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week, I offer my remarks for the record.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

*(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator BAKER:)*

Mr. President, the health of our healthcare system and the health of our State economy are thoroughly intertwined.

With our array of highly regarded medical facilities and the wide range of trained medical professionals delivering compassionate care across our Commonwealth, it is no surprise that healthcare issues are frequently front and center in our debates. We are called upon to answer concerns about access, cost, and quality. It is also fitting that we recognize the diligent efforts of associations working year-round to improve the outcomes of critical medical care. The American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation is a prominent example. We have two resolutions today, the first designating "Cardiac Rehabilitation Week," and the second designating "Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week."

Despite all the advances in intervention and care, and our greater understanding of the risk factors involved, coronary heart disease remains a serious killer. The purpose of the week is to underscore the need to do more to prevent the onset of coronary heart disease, and to effectively treat the quarter of our citizens who will likely be afflicted. When individuals commit to healthy choices on diet and lifestyle, the odds of rehabilitation and recovery are constantly improving. What we know about the heart and coronary disease is matched by the lungs and pulmonary disease. Again, many people are afflicted, and too many perish. Research and advocacy proceed apace. We are grateful to all those engaged in the fight against these two diseases, those directly in medical treatment and rehabilitation, and those indirectly through education, advocacy, and research. Even with all the knowledge, technology, skill, and devotion in modern healthcare, prevention of problems is still the best prescription for good health and long life.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Blake has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

### RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Judiciary to be held in the Rules room in the rear of the Chamber, followed immediately by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the meeting of the Committee on Judiciary, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus as well.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Judiciary, to be followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

### AFTER RECESS

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

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Vogel has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Hutchinson, Senator Kim Ward, and Senator Mensch.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Hutchinson, Senator Kim Ward, and Senator Mensch. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

### CALENDAR

#### THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

#### BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 9 (Pr. No. 43)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the Eastern hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis*) as the official amphibian of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lycoming, Senator Yaw.

Senator YAW. Mr. President, I rise to offer my support for Senate Bill No. 9. This is legislation that will designate the Eastern hellbender as the first official State amphibian of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For those of you who do not know, the Eastern hellbender is the largest North American salamander and the third largest salamander in the world, with the ability to grow up to 29 inches in length. This creature is known by many names. It is known variously as the lasagna lizard, the mud devil, devil dog, or the Allegheny alligator. Last Session, the idea of designating the hellbender as the official State amphibian was presented to me by a group of students who were part of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Student Leadership Council. After investing many hours studying the hellbender and the problems the amphibian is facing, working with Lycoming College's Clean Water Institute, they put together a draft of a proposal which sought this designation. Because the Eastern hellbender exemplifies what is good about Pennsylvania's waterways, it is the perfect selection to become the official State amphibian. It is an excellent natural indicator of good water quality.

Now, I am well aware of the publicity surrounding this bill and reports that we as legislators should be more focused on quote, important issues. I simply respond by saying this: even in times of budget crisis and pensions and everything else impacting Pennsylvania, this is something that shows the student sponsors, as well as young people all across the State, that they can

have an impact. They had a great idea, and I was privileged to present their idea to the Senate on their behalf. The hellbender will be a visible symbol to Pennsylvania's commitment to clean water. Yes, it is an ugly creature which serves a beautiful purpose.

Mr. President, I ask that all of my colleagues in the Senate support this measure. Thank you.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I agree with Senator Yaw, my fine colleague from Lycoming County. There is a purpose to this, that just as the canaries went down the mine to determine whether the coal miners should go down, this amphibian warns us and tells us when our waterways are not clean. That serves a legislative purpose, Mr. President, and it is important. Though it would be nice if the pins from my colleague looked more like an amphibian than a frog, but, with that aside, I do think that this is a very worthy bill and one that is very important to pass. I know that we discussed this in caucus, and most of our Caucus agrees with my fine Republican colleague from Lycoming County.

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

NAY-1

Hutchinson

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 113 (Pr. No. 58)** -- 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.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator DiSanto.

Senator DiSANTO. Mr. President, I rise to speak in favor of Senate Bill No. 113. This legislation forfeits the pensions of public employees or public officials who are convicted of or plead guilty or no contest to any felony while doing their job duties. It is too often that these lawbreakers have cut deals whereby they plead guilty to a non-forfeiture felony so they can keep their pension. Over the past 10 years, SERS and PSERS have identified potentially hundreds of such instances. At a time when public pensions are wreaking havoc on State and school district budgets, it is unconscionable that taxpayers must continue to fund lifetime benefits for those who commit felonies on the job. Voting in favor of this bill today is a significant step forward in strengthening our anti-corruption laws, and it also sends a clear message to our constituents that we are serious about restoring public trust. I ask all of my colleagues for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from York, Senator Phillips-Hill.

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senator DiSanto's bill, Senate Bill No. 113. It is a disgrace that we need this legislation, but because of the egregious actions of a few, this bill is essential. My good colleague from Dauphin County's legislation is in response to an embarrassment on this institution. When I tell taxpayers in York County that a former State Senator used his position to defraud the taxpayers by using his Senate staff to do political work on State time, was found guilty on Federal conspiracy charges, served time in prison, and still had his \$20,000 a month, or his \$246,000 a year pension restored, they are outraged, and rightfully so. This legislation is a step in the right direction to strengthen the integrity of State government. The bottom line is this: if you are convicted of or plead guilty to any job-related felony as a lawmaker, State official, or State employee, you should suffer the consequences.

I applaud the work of Senator DiSanto and his staff for this common-sense reform and encourage my colleagues to cast an affirmative vote for Senate Bill No. 113.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, I thank the maker of the bill. I commend him for his work, it is important. I obviously rise in support of the bill and echo the sentiments of the previous speaker. I would say, and the Members of the Committee on Appropriations will know this, I had mentioned maybe the possibility of an amendment being necessary due to some communications from legal counsel at the State Employees Retirement System, but thanks to some work with staff and the maker of the bill,

we came to the conclusion that it was unnecessary, the bill is fine as it is, and should leave unanimously from this Chamber.

So I commend Senator DiSanto and thank him for his patience as we work through the issues and see this bill sent to the House.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

**YEA-49**

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

**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 130, SB 127 and SB 128** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator BAKER, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following bills:

**SB 49 (Pr. No. 95)**

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and immunities, providing for civil immunity of person rescuing minor from motor vehicle.

**SB 86 (Pr. No. 64)**

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in offenses against the family, further providing for newborn protection; in child protective services, further providing for definitions and for taking child into protective custody; and, in newborn protection, further providing for definitions, for health care providers accepting newborns, for police officers accepting newborns, for reporting acceptance of newborns, for immunity and for duties of department.

**RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator BAKER, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following resolution:

**SR 20 (Pr. No. 155)**

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of the impact of venue for medical professional liability actions on access to medical care and maintenance of health care systems in this Commonwealth and requesting that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court delay action on the proposed amendment to Pa.R.C.P. No. 1006.

The PRESIDENT. The resolution will be placed on the Calendar.

**SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Senators MARTIN, BROOKS, REGAN, FARNESE, BREWSTER, SCAVELLO, BARTOLOTTA, LANGERHOLC, FONTANA, AUMENT, BROWNE, KEARNEY, BAKER, SCHWANK, K. WARD, TARTAGLIONE, DINNIMAN, HUGHES, SANTARSIERO, FOLMER, KILLION, HUTCHINSON, COSTA, VOGEL, YUDICHAK, J. WARD, SABATINA, MENSCH and HAYWOOD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 19**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing February 15, 2019, as "International Childhood Cancer Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, earlier today I was joined by some of my colleagues in the Senate and House at an emotional press conference continuing our efforts to bring awareness to fighting pediatric cancer. The families, children, doctors, and advocates who joined us on stage are fighting this fight every day. I know we tackle a lot of issues up here in Harrisburg, it is truly an honor to be a warrior with them. In addition to our resolution in September, we are taking another opportunity today to bring attention to pediatric cancer by recognizing February 15, 2019, as "International Childhood Cancer Day" in Pennsylvania. Pediatric cancer is the number one cause of death by disease among U.S. children. One in 300 children will be diagnosed before they turn 18, but only 4 percent of all cancer research dollars go to pediatric cancer research. Some of the children we spoke about at today's event are receiving the same treatment, with the same type of ripple effects that happen to them afterwards, that Neil Armstrong's daughter, Karen, received back in 1961. We have come so far with technology and innovation in so many ways, and I ask myself how can this possibly be true? But it is, and we must do something about it. The General Assembly passed Act 73 of 2018 and Act 39 of 2017 which will help raise money for pediatric cancer research through private donations either during a driver's license and registration renewal, or on State tax return forms. But this is just the beginning. I am proud to join my colleagues in a number of new efforts to give doctors

and families as many weapons as we can in their fight against pediatric cancer.

I thank everyone who attended and supports not only this resolution, but our legislative agenda that help these children as we stand with them and their families in their fight against pediatric cancer.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, it was my pleasure today to join with Senator Martin at this news conference. Essentially, what we are trying to do is create a platform with four legs on it so that we can help those young people who have cancer. The first part we did last year when we passed our inducement legislation, we amended it into the bill, and I thank the Majority Leader for his support of that. What this did was, we now can say to anyone who is going into trials that we will cover all of your non-medical expenses so that if you are poor, we will cover it so you will be treated the same way as if you had money. We will take care of the room and board for the family. We will even take care of the expenses that one would lose from employment.

Second, I put in a bill similar to one last year. This new bill would take care of the medical aspects of pediatric cancer in that it would say, if you were in a situation of terminal cancer and traditional treatments did not work, and the doctors and you as parents, as well as a young person, believe that they would like to go into a trial, that insurance companies would be required to pay for the expenses of that trial. The third leg is the leg that Senator Martin spoke of, and that is we are going to make sure that research monies go into this fight against pediatric cancer. The fourth leg that Senator Martin has worked for is one in which we will make sure that youngsters who are ill will have access to continue their education through the use of technology and through bringing that education to their homes.

So, Mr. President, I believe that if we are serious about pediatric cancer, if we are going to really stand up for the young people of this Commonwealth who are going through such a horrendous experience, and if we are going to be supportive of families going through this, we have the basis of creating a platform for change, a platform for helping the victims of this dreaded disease. We already have the ability to take care of the nonmedical expenses when they go into a trial situation. We soon, if you pass the bill I have, and I believe there is a similar bill in the House, will be able to insist that our insurance companies cover the medical expenses. If we pass what Senator Martin has urged, we will be able to continue our research, and also under Senator Martin's leadership, we will be able to bring education to that child. There are lots of bills and issues that go through here, but occasionally, we have to insist, all of us have to stand up for doing the right thing for the children of this Commonwealth, for bringing all of the interests together in the interests of each and every child who has been victimized by this disease in the Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators VOGEL, SCHWANK, SCARNATI, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, SCAVELLO, BREWSTER, STREET, DiSANTO, BARTOLOTTA, YAW, AUMENT, BROWNE, GORDNER, BROOKS, BAKER, ARGALL, K. WARD, DINNIMAN, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, WHITE, SANTARSIERO, PHILLIPS-HILL, FOLMER, HUTCHINSON, COSTA and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 21**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of February 16 through 23, 2019, as "National FFA Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, this resolution designates February 16 through 23, 2019, as "National FFA Week" throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The FFA has nearly 670,000 members nationwide, as well as in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Each day they learn a valuable lesson of agriculture, agribusiness, and agriscience. Their hard work impacts the lives of every single Pennsylvanian every single day. FFA has a motto, "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve." That is good advice for these students and for all of us. In the same spirit, I hope that the officers who are with us in the Capitol today continue their outstanding work as they represent nearly 13,000 young men and women across this Commonwealth who wear the traditional blue corduroy jackets with honor.

The officers in the Capitol today are: Jenna Harnish, president, Athens High School, Bradford County, Senator Yaw's district; Jacob Kinzer, vice president, East Juniata High School, Juniata County, Senator Corman's district; Morgan Bear, secretary, Big Spring High School, Cumberland County, Senator Judy Ward's district; Abigail Yoder, treasurer, Central Columbia High School, Columbia County, Senator Gordner's district; Samuel Loy, reporter, Greenwood High School, Perry County, Senator DiSanto's district; Roarke Miller, sentinel, Annville Cleona High School, Lebanon County, Senator Folmer's district; and Millena Bashore, chaplain, Northern Lebanon High School, Lebanon County, Senator Folmer's district. I thank them for being here today and for all they do, and thank you for this opportunity, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators DINNIMAN, FONTANA, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, FARNESE, BROWNE, J. WARD, VOGEL, ALLOWAY, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, KILLION, HUGHES, FOLMER, COSTA, MENSCH and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 22**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Violet Oakley murals.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?



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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I offer this resolution because of the importance of these murals. I think it is incumbent upon all Members of the Senate to share the murals, their history, and what Violet Oakley was trying to convey about Pennsylvania, about our past, and about our hopes for our future to all of our citizens and residents. I deeply appreciated the history lesson that Senator Gordner, who is chair of the Capitol Preservation Committee, gave to us. I tried to add some aspects to that, but when you look at these murals, you really see the history of Pennsylvania before you. You see our stance concerning the rights of all people, you see our stance concerning the importance of the movement against slavery, you see our stance in terms of religious toleration and acceptance of all faiths, and you see ultimately in this mural on the two sides, the armies of the world fighting against those who want opportunity and a chance to make it in the world.

What I want to do in this resolution are two things. One, when we debate issues, occasionally we need to look up there. We need to understand what Violet Oakley was trying to convey. That, after all, is the point of the murals. They were not put here just to decorate the Senate. They were put here to convey a message, and by recognizing the 100th anniversary we recognize the meaning that she tried to convey of rights and opportunities and hope for the future and the expansion of these rights to all. Second, and finally, we need to share this with the people of Pennsylvania in a meaningful way. We appreciate the fine work that the Secretary of the Senate has done in the exhibit that is now currently in the library. But we as Senators can take this home. We can share the pictures, and one of my hopes is, at least for my district, I want to do a video where we will talk about the murals and we will give a little history of it, and hopefully other Senators might want to do the same, or they can just take mine and put their own name on it, it is fine with me. But I do think that we are at a moment in time where the meaning of these murals are more important now than ever, and let us take our responsibility and share the message with all 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.

Senators BAKER, DINNIMAN, BARTOLOTTA, FONTANA, ARGALL, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, VOGEL, COSTA, BROWNE, YAW, SCAVELLO, AUMENT, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE, YUDICHAK, SANTARSIERO, SCHWANK, FARNESE and J. WARD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 23**, entitled:

A Resolution observing March 1, 2019, as "St. David's Day" in Pennsylvania and honoring the many Pennsylvanians of Welsh heritage.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, March 1 is the feast day commemorating the death of the patron saint of Wales in 589. We are

proud to observe this day in our Commonwealth because of the incredible contributions individuals of Welsh heritage made to the settlement and the development of Pennsylvania. William Penn had a notion, originally, to name the colony New Wales, as a tribute to his Welsh heritage, but the King preferred Pennsylvania, as a way to honor Penn's father.

During our early colonial period, the Welsh, many of them Quakers, were the largest immigrant group in our State. My dad's ancestors actually traveled with William Penn aboard the *Welcome* when they arrived in Pennsylvania. They came here for two reasons: to worship freely, and to work industriously. As author Matthew Magda put it, "The Welsh were especially influential from 1682 to 1730 in shaping the political, economic and social development of the colony." That is quite a commendation when we look at the remarkable and lasting contributions of other ethnic groups and what they have made to our State.

There were subsequent waves of Welsh immigration - gentry, farmers, workers in the mines and the mills - driven by hardship at home and lured by reports of the wages to be earned here. Their impact on the economy was larger than their numbers would indicate. Attractive land west of Philadelphia was known as Welsh Barony. For a time, the leader sought recognition as a separate colony. Years later, a railroad was constructed through the area known as the Main Line. This heritage is evidenced by the names of the communities found in suburban Philadelphia counties: Bala Cynwyd, Bryn Mawr, Radnor, Gladwyne, Gwynedd, and Uwchlan, plus, there is St. David's, named for the patron's honor.

More than three centuries later, Pennsylvania's melting pot of cultures still has more persons of Welsh ancestry than any other State. In addition to the counties ringing Philadelphia, there are strong Welsh heritage communities in anthracite areas of the northeastern part of our State, and in Pittsburgh and Cambria County. So by acknowledging the commemorative days and the traditional festivals that Pennsylvanians held to their ancestral roots, we celebrate the cultural diversity that has continued to strengthen and enrich our Commonwealth. The principles and opportunities that attracted generations of Welsh centuries ago still prove powerful attractions to individuals and families across the world.

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.

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Hutchinson has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

### SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators HUGHES, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, SANTARSIERO, STREET, FARNESE, AUMENT, BROWNE, SCHWANK, KEARNEY, BAKER, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, YUDICHAK, BARTOLOTTA, SABATINA, MENSCH and HAYWOOD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 24**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing February 7, 2019, as "National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, we are asking, seeking approval of this resolution designating February 7, 2019, as "National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As you are aware, Mr. President, even after the progress that has been made after four decades of this devastating disease, we still have a very significant issue with respect to the disparate impact that it has on particular communities, especially the black American community. African American females are 16 times more likely to be diagnosed with HIV than caucasian females. African American males are eight times more likely to be diagnosed with HIV than caucasian males. The purpose of the day is to promote awareness to all communities, especially the African American community in this Commonwealth, and, in fact, across the nation, Mr. President, with respect to the significant devastating impact that HIV and AIDS still has on especially the African American community. I must say, according to the Centers for Disease Control, African Americans accounted for 44 percent of all new HIV infections in 2016. Clearly, that is disproportionate, as we are only 12 percent of the United States population.

So, Mr. President, we rise to once again promote awareness of the issue of HIV and AIDS. As somebody who has worked in the battlefield on this issue both locally, nationally, and, in fact, internationally, although we have developed the medicines, the techniques to address the impact of HIV/AIDS, in so many cases, even in the context of reducing the number of medicines that have to be taken from a cocktail of 20 to 25 different medicines to now down to essentially 1 or 2, it is still is a devastating disease. It needs to be addressed. We need all communities, especially the black and brown communities in this State and across the nation, to know their status. We are asking all communities to make sure that they get their information, they know their status, that they go to various Web sites like [www.thebody.com](http://www.thebody.com) and [www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov), and dial that number, 1-800-342-2437, so they can find testing operations and testing places all across the nation.

So, Mr. President, once again, we rise to ask for unanimous support for this resolution which designates February 7, 2019, as National Black HIV/AIDS 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.

Senator SCAVELLO, on behalf of Senator WHITE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 25**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of February 2019 as "Mutual Insurance Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monroe, Senator Scavello.

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, I offer this resolution to designate February 2019 as "Mutual Insurance Month" on Senator White's behalf. Pennsylvania is the birthplace of America's insurance industry and the first insurance company, the Philadelphia Contributionship, a mutual insurance company founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1752, is still meeting consumers' insurance needs today. Mutual insurance companies are a major economic force in this Commonwealth, with \$4.3 billion or more in property and casualty premiums to meet the insurance needs and resolve insurance claims for residents and businesses, and we must not forget the thousands of jobs generated by these companies. In addition, mutual insurance companies are a significant contributor to State government, local government, and communities in general. Therefore, please join me on behalf of Senator White in designating February 2019 as Mutual Insurance 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.

Senators BROWNE, FONTANA, VOGEL, SCAVELLO, BARTOLOTTA, KILLION, BAKER, MARTIN, SANTARSIERO, FARNESE, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, KEARNEY, AUMENT, YUDICHAK, COSTA, BLAKE, J. WARD and MENSCH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 26**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of February 25 through March 3, 2019, as "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania in conjunction with the observance of "National Eating Disorders Awareness Week."

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I rise today to offer this resolution for my colleagues to consider designating the week of February 25 through March 3 as "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania. Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any mental illness, and approximately 30 million Americans struggle at some point in their lives with an eating disorder. Obviously, very concerning facts and statistics. These disorders affect people across all backgrounds and include anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge eating disorders. The 2019 theme of "National Eating Disorders Awareness Week" is "Come as You Are" to send a message to individuals at all stages of body acceptance and eating disorder recovery that the stories that they tell are valid. The goal for 2019 is to expand conversations, provide an online screening tool, and share a wide range of experiences, resources, and diverse stories of recovery.

The signs and symptoms are often overlooked and many individuals, families, and communities are unaware of the devastating mental and physical consequences of eating disorders as well as the pressures, attitudes, and behaviors that shape them. Many cases of eating disorders go undetected, and less than one-third of youth with eating disorders will receive treatment. National Eating Disorders Awareness Week highlights the importance of screening for the early detection and intervention of eating disorders and presents eating disorders as a public health issue, with a close connection to substance abuse, trauma, obesity, and other mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, and obsessive compulsive disorder. I ask my colleagues today to join me in adopting this resolution designating February 25 through March 3 as Eating Disorders Awareness Week in Pennsylvania.

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

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

Senators BROWNE, BARTOLOTTA, DINNIMAN, YAW, FONTANA, KILLION, VOGEL, COSTA, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, BAKER, FARNESE, MENSCH, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, AUMENT, YUDICHAK and J. WARD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 27**, entitled:

A Resolution designating February 11, 2019, as "PA 2-1-1 Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I rise today to ask for my colleagues' consideration of designating February 11 of this year as "PA 2-1-1 Day" in Pennsylvania. My colleagues may be aware that 2-1-1 is a free service available to 97 percent of the residents of this Commonwealth to gain support needed through health and human services, with the goal of 100-percent coverage to be accomplished by the end of 2019. The program connects Pennsylvanians in need to health and human service assistance available through government programs and private and nonprofit organizations in their communities. PA 2-1-1 is the nonprofit organization assigned use of the 2-1-1 dialing code by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in order to provide community service information and referral as currently accomplished through seven regional programs. This program has provided assistance to communities in a time of disaster and connects volunteers and donors with organizations who can leverage resources to meet the needs of the community.

In addition, PA 2-1-1 collects data about information and referral requests which can be used to inform State and local government, as well as community service organizations, in assessing needs and planning services. The PA 2-1-1 system offers a stable statewide infrastructure that can be used in a broad variety of ways to streamline and enhance the work of State government and ease the burden on Commonwealth departments by helping reduce the number of misdirected calls. The United

Ways throughout our Commonwealth should be recognized for their efforts to provide the PA 2-1-1 system to residents of our State. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution which would designate February 11, 2019, as PA 2-1-1 Day in Pennsylvania.

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

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

Senators COLLETT, FONTANA, FARNESE, MARTIN, SANTARSIERO, SCHWANK, COSTA, BROWNE, HUGHES and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 28**, entitled:

A Resolution designating February 22, 2019, as "Keith Valley Challenge Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Montgomery, Senator Collett.

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, I am honored to offer this resolution today in recognition of the dedicated efforts by the students and staff at Keith Valley Middle School in Horsham, Montgomery County. Every year since 1977, Keith Valley Middle School has held a floor hockey marathon to honor the memory of Billy Whitehead, an eighth grade student who passed away due to a rare congenital heart defect. The 14-hour event has grown into the Keith Valley Challenge, which over 42 years has raised over \$1.1 million for 14 different charities. This year, students are raising money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and hope to exceed last year's fundraising total of \$41,109. I know I speak for all of my colleagues when I offer the students and staff of Keith Valley Middle School our respect and praise for finding a unique and fun way to give back to those in need. We certainly look forward to celebrating their success for years to come.

I ask my colleagues to join me in the adoption of this resolution, and thank you, Mr. President, for allowing me to speak on all of the good work happening in my district and throughout Pennsylvania.

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

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

### BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator STREET. 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 49, SB 85, SB 86 and SB 145.**

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019

9:30 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 133 and 190)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 43, 62 and 117)	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bill No. 147)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

## PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I rise today to remind this body of a history of work that needs to be updated, needs to be engaged, needs to be addressed, and needs to return Pennsylvania to the leadership role that it once possessed. Mr. President, 13 years ago the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania led the nation. In 2006, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania led the nation in raising its minimum wage. The problem with that, Mr. President, is that since 2006 we have done nothing to address that issue. Since 2006, we have done nothing to address the fact that Pennsylvania workers, when paid a minimum wage, are working below the Federal poverty level.

Mr. President, if we look at the issue of tip workers, those individuals who work hard every day, who work in restaurants and serve us and provide the food and nourishment that we desire, that we need, the tip wage scale, those individuals' wages have not increased since 1997. Mr. President, that is 22 years; \$2.83 an hour for tip workers. Tip workers, Mr. President, are twice as likely to live in poverty compared with the overall workforce, and nearly half, 46 percent, rely on publicly funded benefits like housing subsidies and food stamps.

Mr. President, the history of this fight in Pennsylvania is one that, at one point, we were all very proud of. I remember standing on this floor day after day, month after month, from 2005 to 2006 arguing, lifting up the voice of this Caucus, along with several others, that we needed to raise our minimum wage. That it had gone on far too long. We cannot be a State that cosigns paying its workers, its people at a level, a rate below the Federal poverty level. That we, as a State, in good conscience could not be a State that drives its workforce into poverty. We won that fight, signed that bill in July of 2006. One of the most proud moments I have ever experienced as a Senator, as a legislator, was to sit next to former Governor Rendell, to sit next to my colleague, Senator Tartaglione, who chaired the Committee on Labor and Industry at that time, and still does, in a Baptist church in west Philadelphia, the Sharon Baptist Church, with community people, labor people, and regular folks who saw it necessary and right and appropriate that we raised the minimum wage. That was a proud moment in 2006.

We led the nation, Mr. President, because in 2009 the minimum wage was increased nationally. But that is it. No raise. No action. No effort at either the Federal level or at the State level since 2009. A decade, Mr. President, has gone by where we have not seen it appropriate or necessary to stand for the people who take care of us on a daily basis. Stand for so many hundreds of thousands of workers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who need us, who need a voice to stand up for them. If we believe, Mr. President, in issues of economic fairness and economic equity, we cannot create by law a system that drives people into poverty. Let us be clear, \$7.25 an hour for a 40-hour workweek is equal to \$290, just for that week. For a 4-week work month, that is \$1,160. For a 52-week year, Mr. President, that is \$15,080. That is unacceptable. That is, by law, driving people into poverty. That is not what we are supposed to be fighting for. That is not what our people sent us here to cosign. We should be in the business, Mr. President, once and for all of leading the nation like we did before with respect to raising the minimum wage.

Mr. President, we definitely need to address the tremendously standard reality of those individuals working at the tip wage. \$2.83 an hour for 22 years has not changed. Mr. President, that is unacceptable. That cannot be what we stand for. That cannot be what we fight for. That cannot be the economic parity that we seek to have for all of Pennsylvania's citizens, a fair shot, an opportunity. To just give them a little bit of help, just by creating a dynamic, Mr. President, that all people deserve to be paid fairly and appropriately and not forced into poverty, which is currently the law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is time for a change, Mr. President. It is time for a change.

It is interesting to note that every State surrounding Pennsylvania has a higher minimum wage. New York, a higher minimum wage than Pennsylvania. New Jersey, a higher minimum wage than Pennsylvania. Maryland, a higher minimum wage than Pennsylvania. Delaware, a higher minimum wage than Pennsylvania. West Virginia, a higher minimum wage than Pennsylvania. Ohio, a higher minimum wage than Pennsylvania. West Virginia, Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and Delaware all have seen it right and fair and appropriate to raise their minimum wage. And just recently, New Jersey has begun the process in its drive toward a fair wage, not just a minimum wage, Mr. President, but a fair wage of \$15 an hour. We cannot allow this tragedy to stand. We cannot allow this history to stand. We must be in the business of working hard for those individuals who work hard for us on a daily basis. They are not invisible. They live in our communities, they work in our communities. The problem is that they work for a State-sanctioned wage below the Federal poverty level. The law is driving folks in Pennsylvania to work under poverty wages. That cannot be what it is we stood for. That cannot be what it is we took our oath of office for. We are better than that. We are better than that, Mr. President.

As I said, since 2006 we took action as a State. It is now 2019. In 2009, the Federal government, the rest of the country caught up with where Pennsylvania was and raised their minimum wage federally. Every State around Pennsylvania has taken action on this part, but we have fallen behind. We have fallen behind. \$2.83 an hour not changing for over 22 years, Mr. President, cannot be the good conscience of every one of us in this

body, of those in the House of Representatives, and of the Governor's Office, who has already signaled that he would like us to raise our minimum wage here in Pennsylvania. What do we say to those workers, those family members, those individuals who are making \$2.83 an hour? What do we say to them, Mr. President? Do we cosign they are living in poverty, or do we speak up and stand up for them? What do we say, Mr. President? What do we say to those individuals here in Pennsylvania, our own constituents, when Delaware has chosen to go on an enlightened path, when Maryland has chosen to go on an enlightened path, or New Jersey has chosen to go on an enlightened path? New York, Ohio, West Virginia, have all chosen to go on an enlightened path, Mr. President. What do we say to our constituents here in Pennsylvania, that it is okay that they be paid less than the folks in the surrounding States? That it is okay that they be paid at a level below the Federal poverty level?

Mr. President, we are long past time to act on this issue. It is time for Pennsylvania citizens to speak loudly and clearly. But equally as important -- excuse me, Mr. President, more importantly, it is time for the Members of this body, the Members of the legislature, to stand up for something that is moral, that is right, and is the appropriate thing to do economically, and, most importantly, the appropriate thing to do from a moral standpoint. It is time to raise the wage here in Pennsylvania, and it is time to be aggressive about it, to respond to a 10-year drought, to respond to a 22-year drought for those making the tip wage. It is time, Mr. President. It is time for us to act, it is time for us to lead, it is time for us to respond to the cries of those individuals who are waiting for someone to stand in the breach and reach to them and bring them across the economic dividing line.

Mr. President, we are urging these Members, this body, the legislature and, of course, the Governor, who, as I said earlier, has signaled his desire to raise the minimum wage, to act aggressively. It is time for us to act boldly, it is time for us to move the needle dramatically. We cannot be a body who cosigns our citizens living under poverty. We cannot, Mr. President. We cannot.

### RECESS

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 11 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 4:26 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.