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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend JAMES SMITH III, Managing Chaplain of Country Meadows Hershey Campus, Hershey, offered the following prayer:

First of all, thank you for having me back. I was here about 2 years ago. I am as honored and humbled as I was that first time I stood here. I am here, first of all, as the uncle of the Senator from the 36th Senatorial District, Mr. Ryan Aument; I am here as the managing chaplain of Country Meadows Retirement Communities, which shares the persistent scent of chocolate in the air, with Mr. John DiSanto, Senator of the 15th Senatorial District; and last, but certainly not least, a constituent of my Senator, Mr. Mike Folmer. So thank you again for having me.

Let us now pray.

Creator God, we pause now briefly seeking Your wisdom and requesting Your guidance in all matters that come before this body today. We are grateful for the diversity represented in this Assembly, for we know that it is within the context of diversity that divinity is most apparent. We know that diversity brings a variety of perspectives to the table where decisions are made. We, O God, ask that You would sit at all those tables with us, assisting us in formulating solutions to the challenges facing the citizens of this Commonwealth whom we serve. We pray not that the weight of our responsibility to serve is lessened; we ask, rather, that God strengthens our resolve to complete the task set before us. As discussions flow and votes are cast, may each of us find within that process a sense that the work we have accomplished was done well and is pleasing in Your sight.

I pray also for the families of those who serve in this Chamber. It is not lost among us that our loved ones are called to support our duty, sometimes sacrificially. Those known as Senator by most are first and foremost known as wife or husband, as mom or dad, as grandma or grandpa, and we are thankful always for the love of family. For it is in the presence of God's love and peace we pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Smith, who is the guest today of Senator Folmer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 25 (Pr. No. 507) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, further providing for title, for definitions, for State Board of Nursing, for dietitian-nutritionist license required, for unauthorized practices and acts not prohibited, for temporary practice permit, for graduates of schools of other states, territories or Dominion of Canada, for persons entitled to practice, for certified registered nurse practitioners and qualifications, for scope of practice for certified registered nurse practitioners, for prescriptive authority for certified registered nurse practitioners, for Drug Review Committee, for professional liability, for reporting of multiple licensure, for continuing nursing education, for punishment for violations, for refusal, suspension or revocation of license, for reinstatement of license and for injunction or other process; and providing for the expiration of the State Board of Nursing's power to license certified registered nurse practitioners.

SB 112 (Pr. No. 508) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in prescribing opioids to minors, providing for prescribing opioids to individuals and further providing for definitions, for prohibition and for procedure; and making editorial changes.

SB 217 (Pr. No. 165)

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.

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

SB 83 (Pr. No. 42)

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.

SB 471 (Pr. No. 477)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in Computer Data Center Equipment Incentive Program, further providing for definitions and providing for applicability and for sales and use tax exemption; and making editorial changes.

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

SB 123 (Pr. No. 504) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, further providing for parole procedure.

SB 149 (Pr. No. 127)

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

SB 337 (Pr. No. 506) (Amended)

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

SB 396 (Pr. No. 378)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, further providing for the offense of sale of tobacco.

SB 399 (Pr. No. 505) (Amended)

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

SB 425 (Pr. No. 392)

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in crime victims, further providing for rights.

SB 431 (Pr. No. 400)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sexual offenses, further providing for evidence of victim's sexual conduct.

SB 469 (Pr. No. 476)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in depositions and witnesses, providing for procedures to protect victims and witnesses with intellectual disabilities or autism.

SB 479 (Pr. No. 498)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in depositions and witnesses, further providing for admissibility of certain statements.

Senator K. WARD, from the Committee on Transportation, reported the following bills:

SB 109 (Pr. No. 81)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in accidents and accident reports, further providing for duty to give information and render aid.

SB 338 (Pr. No. 503) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for width of vehicles.

SB 397 (Pr. No. 379)

An Act designating the interchange of the Mon-Fayette Expressway, Pennsylvania Route 43 and U.S. Route 119 in North Union Township, Fayette County, as the Senator Richard A. Kasunic Interchange.

SB 441 (Pr. No. 439)

An Act designating the bridge carrying State Route 2087 over the East Branch Codorus Creek in York County as the Sgt. Christopher M. Wrinkle and Tosca Memorial Bridge.

Senator KILLION, from the Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing, reported the following bills:

SB 30 (Pr. No. 474)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for Pennsylvania Housing Tax Credit.

SB 174 (Pr. No. 131)

An Act providing for the tax sale of abandoned properties.

SB 309 (Pr. No. 286)

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of January 29, 2019, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of January 29, 2019.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with and that the Journal be approved.

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

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

YEA-45

Argall	Dinniman	Laughlin	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	Williams, Anthony H
Brooks	Hughes	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Browne	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yudichak
Collett	Kearney	Scavello	
Corman	Killion	Schwank	
Costa	Langerholc	Stefano	

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL J. FOLMER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, I rise to introduce today's guest Chaplain of the Senate, Reverend James W. Smith III, of Palmyra, Lebanon County, in the 48th Senatorial District. Reverend Smith is the managing chaplain at Country Meadows Hershey Campus and the former chaplain of the Dallas and Greensburg State Correctional Institutions and is retired from the State Correctional Institution in Camp Hill. Reverend Smith has been ordained for over 35 years and has served multiple parishes, prisons, and retirement centers. Reverend Smith and his wife, Cassandra, who is accompanying him here today, have five children. Reverend Smith also is the twin brother of Senator Aument's father-in-law and is an avid Penn State fan.

Senators, please join with me in a warm Senate welcome for Reverend Jim Smith.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Folmer, our guest chaplain for today and his wife, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR WAYNE LANGERHOLC PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, today I rise to introduce my guests seated in the gallery, representatives from the county Farm Bureaus from my district who are in town for the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's State Legislative Conference and advocacy day. Agriculture is Pennsylvania's number one industry, and when we hear the word "industry," we tend to think of large-scale operations or factories with a massive footprint. While that may be true of agriculture in some instances, the true heart of Pennsylvania's agricultural community are the small family-run farms which make up the biggest portion of our districts. Like any of my guests will tell you, farming is not a 5-day-a-week, 40-hour job like most. It is a 24/7 endeavor that takes a tremendous amount of skill, effort, discipline, and patience. I am proud to represent hardworking people like these who provide for theirs and all of our families through their daily work, and they deserve our thanks and recognition.

Seated in the gallery, we have Bob Detwiler from Bedford County, Tammy Bush from Clearfield County, and we are joined from Cambria County by Bob Davis and Marty Yahner. I am

truly thankful to have strong agricultural advocates in my district, especially those here today. Mr. President, I ask that we extend our traditional warm Senate welcome to the guests seated in the gallery from the various Farm Bureaus. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Langerholc please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Senators MENSCH, KEARNEY, GORDNER, BROWNE, MARTIN, KILLION, PHILLIPS-HILL, COSTA, FARNESE, FONTANA, COLLETT, STREET, DINNIMAN, SABATINA, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES and J. WARD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 63**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the centennial of the March First Movement and First Korean Congress and noting their historic roles in Korea's nationwide resistance against imperial Japan, and designating April 12 through 14, 2019, as "The First Korean Congress Days".

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, today I rise to offer this resolution commemorating the centennial of the March First Movement and First Korean Congress and noting the historic roles in Korea's nationwide resistance against Imperial Japan. Additionally, this resolution designates April 12 through April 14, 2019, as "The First Korean Congress Days."

On March 1, 1919, 33 Korean Independence activists signed the Korean Declaration of Independence from Imperial Japan in the Korean city of Seoul. On that same day in Korea, there was a public reading of the declaration. Following this declaration in April 1919, Dr. Philip Jaisohn, Dr. Syngman Rhee, and Henry Chung gathered with 150 Korean national leaders and Americans at the Little Theater in Philadelphia to hold the First Korean Congress in response to the March First Movement. This 3-day event in Philadelphia helped publicize to the world the conditions in Korea and the need for Korean independence. Next month the Korean American community in Pennsylvania will once again come together in Philadelphia to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the March First Independence Movement in America and the First Korean Congress.

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT B. MENSCH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, in anticipation of next month's historic centennial celebration, it is my pleasure to introduce Ambassador Hyo-Sung Park, who will be addressing the Senate today, along with his esteemed guests. Ambassador Park attended Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul, Korea, and obtained his B.A. in politics and diplomacy. He also attended the University of Pennsylvania and obtained his M.A. in international relations, and his M.G.A. in government administration. He has an extensive background in politics and diplomacy and has served in many capacities for the North American Trade Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the European Trade Division for the Ministry Foreign of Affairs, the Korean

Embassy in Prague, the Korean Embassy in Washington, D.C., the Korean Embassy in Jamaica, and the Korean Consulate in Canada.

Joining Ambassador Park is Grand Master Bong Pil Yang. Grand Master Yang is a devoted community volunteer and a dedicated spokesman for Korean Americans. He has promoted and encouraged an increase in mutual understandings and goodwill through cultural, economic, and educational exchanges both between Koreans and Americans. He also teaches Taekwondo and helps Korean Americans resolve issues they may have with finding employment, obtaining health insurance, and so forth.

Also joining Ambassador Park is Mr. Sung Sung Sik Jeon, who is the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in the New York office. We also welcome Mr. Sung Woon Kim, who is vice president of the Montgomery County Korean American Seniors Association. By the way, Mr. President, they also have additional guests in the gallery. I ask my colleagues to stand with me in support of this resolution and to please join me in welcoming our distinguished guests.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Mensch please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

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

Senator KEARNEY. Mr. President, I am happy to join Senator Mensch today in welcoming our esteemed guest, Ambassador Park, to our Chamber and to the State Capitol, and to recognize the 100th anniversary of the March First Movement, an important step in Korea's path to independence and democracy. The mass mobilization of 2 million Korean people was an incredible achievement for community organizing, citizen engagement, and education, and a revolution against imperialist colonizers. The honor and sacrifice of the thousands killed while organizing non-violently for freedom resonates loudly here on the opposite side of the planet 100 years later. It resonates even louder in Pennsylvania, because one of the central figures in that movement for Korean independence was Soh Jaipil, the Korean political refugee who made his way to Philadelphia and Wilkes-Barre via San Francisco. Adopting the anglicized name of Philip Jaisohn, he became the first naturalized U.S. citizen from Korea. He became an M.D. at the University of Pennsylvania and practiced medicine from his home in Media, Delaware County. Soh Jaipil knew the importance of an educated public, and even in exile used his speech and the press to educate the people of his motherland about the need for democracy. He initiated and presided over the First Korean Congress in Philadelphia, the birthplace of American democracy, along with his colleague Syngman Rhee, who would become the first President of the Republic of Korea. The Congress encouraged the U.S. government support of Korean independence and helped to sway American public opinion toward compassion for the plight of the Korean people. We honor the work of the First Korean Congress and the patriots who helped lead Korea to independence. Thank you for joining us in recognizing this important episode of Korean and Korean American history.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

The PRESIDENT. Our guest will now speak.

Mr. PARK. Good morning, Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman; President pro tempore Joseph Scarnati; Senator Robert Mensch; Senator Timothy Kearney; honored Members of the Pennsylvania State Senate; members of the Philip Jaisohn Memorial Foundation; representatives of the Korean American community; and distinguished guests. Ladies and gentlemen, it is a great honor and privilege to speak before the Pennsylvania State Senate today. I am astonished by the majesty and architectural beauty of this awesome historic landmark as well as this august Chamber's embodiment of the Keystone State's motto, "Virtue, Liberty, and Independence." Your great State and the wonderful Pennsylvanians always hold a special place in our hearts, especially thanks to the special relationship between Pennsylvania and Korea that has developed over the past decades.

First and foremost, the Declaration of Independence, which was adopted by the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776, served as a source of inspiration and a beacon of hope for Korean Americans and their American friends to hold the First Korean Congress in the Little Theatre in Philadelphia 100 years ago in April 1919 to demonstrate the righteousness of Korea's independence. The First Korean Congress was convened 1 month after the March First Movement in 1919, a nonviolent, nationwide protest against Japanese colonial rule, which was deeply influenced and triggered by U.S. President Woodrow Wilson's principle of self-determination. The First Korean Congress helped to spread Korea's independent movement in the United States and elsewhere. It is against such a backdrop that I am deeply honored and humbled by the resolution unanimously passed by this esteemed Senate today as we celebrate the centennial anniversary of the historic March First Movement and the First Korean Congress in Philadelphia next month.

Senators, thank you so much. I very much appreciate that. Thank you.

(Applause.)

Mr. PARK. Ladies and gentlemen, we cannot think of our special relationship with the United States, particularly your great State of Pennsylvania, without evoking the Korean War. We still vividly remember the military order, "Stand or Die!" This order was given by U.S. Army General Walton Walker in August 1950, when the Allied forces set up the last line of defense in the southern most tip of the Korean peninsula along the Nakdong River. Following that order, Korean soldiers and American soldiers stood together, shoulder-to-shoulder and gallantly defended that line. Their heroic resolve and sacrifice, along with the successful Inchon landing in September of that year, turned the tide of war, resulting in a decisive victory for the Allied forces. In this regard, it is important to understand that throughout the course of the war, more than 200,000 Pennsylvanians came to Korea to fight courageously to defend freedom and democracy. Among them 2,401 brave soldiers made their ultimate sacrifice. On behalf of the Korean people and government, I would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for their courageous service. Thank you Pennsylvania veterans and heroes. Thank you so much.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is unfortunate that the Korean War is often referred to as a forgotten war or, rather, a forgotten victory. However, we never forget their heroic sacrifice. We will always remember them and honor them. Thus, we are building

the Korean War Memorial, America-Korean Alliance Peace Park in Montgomery Township, Pennsylvania. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and appreciate all the wonderful support that this great Chamber, and especially Senator Mensch, have provided for the success of this important project. Thank you so much. Thank you, Senators.

(Applause.)

Mr. PARK. Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, as you know very well, more than 150 years ago, standing on the hallowed grounds of Gettysburg, President Lincoln sternly reminded the American people "that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain." His words, which are still reverberating with us today, further cement our firm resolve that the noble sacrifices made by the Korean War veterans were not made in vain. Along these lines, the Korean government will continue to work hard to achieve complete denuclearization as well as a common peace and prosperity on the Korean peninsula in close cooperation with the international community, particularly with the U.S. government, despite the challenges in the aftermath of the second summit between the United States and North Korea in Hanoi last month.

Mr. President, and distinguished Senators, thanks to blood, sweat, and tears of the Korean War veterans, including the Pennsylvania heroes, as well as the rock-solid U.S.-Korea alliance, the Republic of Korea has risen from the ashes of the Korean War and achieved a remarkable record of development in such a short period of time. Today, Korea is a vibrant democracy and the world's eleventh largest economy, and Korea has become the first country to transform from an international aid recipient to a donor nation. Although Korea's GDP per capita was merely \$67 at the end of the Korean War in 1953, last year it became the seventh country to join the exclusive 30-50 club for economies with \$30,000 in GDP per capita and 50 million people. Korea is also the only country in the world to have free trade agreements with the three mega-economies: The United States, European Union, and China. Equally important is the fact that Pennsylvania is the sixth largest economy in the United States. Furthermore, it has huge potential for further growth.

Considering all of this, I am very pleased to announce that prospects for economic partnership between Pennsylvania and Korea are bright and promising, as Korea is among your great State's 10 largest trading partners. In 2017, Pennsylvania's exports to Korea amounted to nearly \$1.1 billion, representing 13 percent of its total exports to Asia, creating around 6,000 new jobs in Pennsylvania. Furthermore, Korea has invested \$1.3 billion in Pennsylvania since 2000. In the meantime, it is also encouraging to note that about 3,000 young Koreans are studying across your great State amounting to almost 6 percent of all international students in Pennsylvania. They are the bridge-builders, the link to bring our two peoples closer together. I am proud to be among those bridge-builders, as I, myself, was a student at the University of Pennsylvania back in 1986, as Senator Mensch already explained. I really loved my time there. I still love scrapple, Philly cheesesteaks, and Hershey's chocolate. As the old saying goes, if we want to go fast, go alone. If we want to go far, go together. When we work together, we can translate into reality such great potential for further enhancing economic relations and the people-to-people exchanges to our mutual benefits far into the future. Thus, I would like to say loud and clear, we go together, the best is yet to come.

Distinguished Senators, ladies and gentlemen, last but not least, I must say this: Pennsylvania is very special for Korea, not only for historical, security, and economic reasons, as I have just mentioned, but also for being home to more than 70,000 hard-working and caring Korean American Pennsylvanians. The Korean American community has played a significant role in the Keystone State culturally, economically, politically, and in many other important ways, thereby becoming a vital part of the region's fabric. They are working hard not only to make their American dreams come true, but also to make, and will continue to make, many contributions to the continued development and prosperity of the great State, Pennsylvania, and the United States. I would like to take this opportunity to express my profound thanks to all of you in this distinguished Chamber for your leadership and care for the Korean American Pennsylvanians. I truly hope and I am confident that you will continue to support them. Mr. President, and distinguished Senators, I am sure that your leadership and hard work will not only make America great but also further strengthen the friendly and cooperative relations between Korea, your great State, and the United States of America. I wish you all the best and every success in your future endeavors. Thank you so much.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you.

(Applause.)

Senators SANTARSIERO, FONTANA, FARNESE, DINNIMAN, BARTOLOTTA, MARTIN, BROWNE, STREET, COSTA, BLAKE, FOLMER, BREWSTER, BAKER, PHILLIPS-HILL, HUGHES, MENSCH and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 64**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2019 as "Endometriosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Santarsiero.

Senator SANTARSIERO. Mr. President, we recognize March as "Endometriosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. Although this disease affects approximately 1 in 10 women worldwide, endometriosis does not seem to receive as much public attention as other medical conditions. This common health problem in women, which often entails severe adverse symptoms, happens when the lining of the uterus grows out and onto other areas of the body, where it does not belong. The disorder can have a vital affect on a woman's quality of life due to its very painful symptoms. As endometriosis is most common among women in their 30s and 40s, it can create fertility issues for women of child-bearing age, and, in fact, is a leading cause of infertility and hysterectomies. While there are no known causes of endometriosis, annual Pap tests can often detect the disease with or without symptoms. Treatment of the disease is often done through pain medication, hormones, or, in severe cases, surgery. By recognizing March 2019 as Endometriosis Awareness Month in Pennsylvania, we hope to encourage women to seek treatment and diagnosis and to raise awareness of this debilitating condition.

GUESTS OF SENATOR STEVEN J. SANTARSIERO
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

Senator SANTARSIERO. Mr. President, before I conclude, I ask your indulgence, if I may, to recognize guests from my district who have come to the Capitol today. With me today are Rachel Leach and her husband, Ryan. Rachel suffers from endometriosis, and I ask you and the Chamber to recognize them.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Santarsiero please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

Senator SANTARSIERO. Mr. President, I acknowledge Rachel's presence here today beyond the fact that she and her husband, Ryan, drove out from Chalfont, Pennsylvania, to be with us, but also because she has been a leader on this issue. She brought it to my attention, and I hope through this resolution today, and her continuing good efforts, we can raise awareness across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and really help women to first seek diagnosis, treatment, and help if they encounter this horrible disease. I thank all of my colleagues for considering this resolution today.

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 COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 65**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the year 2019 as "Junior Achievement's 80th Anniversary in Pennsylvania" and "100th Centennial Anniversary" in the United States of America.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, this resolution recognizes 2019 as "Junior Achievement's 80th Anniversary in Pennsylvania," and also recognizes the "100th Centennial Anniversary" throughout the United States of America. Mr. President, Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students about workforce development, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs. More than 6,000 business, community, and parent volunteers touch the lives of more than 200,000 students in kindergarten through grade 12 in public and private school systems in this Commonwealth with a message of hope and prosperity for the future and prepare students to be world leaders and working with them to be real workers and leaders, as well as educated consumers of tomorrow. Junior Achievement programs help prepare young people for the real world by showing them how to generate wealth and actively manage it, create jobs which make their communities more robust, and apply entrepreneurial thinking to the workplace. Mr. President, Junior Achievement programs align with our Pennsylvania Department of Education's Career, Education and Work Standards, Future Ready PA Index, and the

broad-based online class instruction learning programs have been supported over the course of a number of years through the Department of Education as well.

GUESTS OF SENATOR JAY COSTA
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Junior Achievement has a significant presence in western Pennsylvania, and we are very pleased to be joined here today by three individuals who are an integral part of this whom I have known for a number of years. Recognizing here today from Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania are Dennis Gilfoyle, as well as Erin Sekerak, and Robbie Zaremborg, integral parts of Junior Achievement of Pennsylvania. We want to say thank you for their involvement in the community in western Pennsylvania. These men and women, and the program they have put together, touches countless individuals. In 2016 and 2017, they reached more than 55,000 students in the community. They held more than 2,700 classes and enlisted almost 2,500 volunteers and reached into 323 schools. That is tremendous work. That is the mission and it has been for 80 years in Pennsylvania and 100 years in this country, the great work of Junior Achievement. I applaud the individuals here today and thank them for being here today and ask my colleagues to support this resolution but also recognize and extend a warm welcome to the individuals here today representing Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Costa please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAJORITY LEADER

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I ask that we go at ease for a brief moment and I ask all the Members of the Republican Caucus to come to the Leader's desk for a very brief caucus.

The PRESIDENT. The Senate will be at ease.

(The Senate was at ease.)

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

**BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 115 (Pr. No. 98) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for cardiopulmonary resuscitation education.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-45

Argall	Dinniman	Laughlin	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	Williams, Anthony H
Brooks	Hughes	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Browne	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yudichak
Collett	Kearney	Scavello	
Corman	Killion	Schwank	
Costa	Langerholc	Stefano	

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

SB 298 (Pr. No. 260) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in proprietary and official rights, further providing for the offense of wearing of uniforms and insignia and misrepresentation of military service or honors; and, in State Veterans' Commission and Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans' Affairs, further providing for Veterans' Trust Fund.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-45

Argall	Dinniman	Laughlin	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	Williams, Anthony H
Brooks	Hughes	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Browne	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yudichak
Collett	Kearney	Scavello	
Corman	Killion	Schwank	
Costa	Langerholc	Stefano	

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 372 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 62 (Pr. No. 194) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 89 (Pr. No. 454) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, replacing references to "vocational-technical" with "career and technical," replacing references to "vocational" with "career and technical" and replacing references to "vocation" with "career and technical"; deleting references to vocational school districts; renaming the State Board for Vocational Education as the State Board of Career and Technical Education; and making editorial changes.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 110 and **SB 139** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 264 (Pr. No. 361) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further providing for money of authority.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

HB 275 (Pr. No. 246) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1987 (P.L.246, No.47), known as the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act, in Early Intervention Program, further providing for definitions, for program objectives and for authorization; in municipal financial distress, further providing for limitation of status; and making an editorial change.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 316, SB 317 and SB 439 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator MUTH. 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 25, SB 30, SB 83, SB 109, SB 112, SB 123, SB 149, SB 174, SB 217, SB 309, SB 337, SB 338, SB 396, SB 397, SB 399, SB 425, SB 431, SB 441, SB 469, SB 471 and SB 479.

And said bills having been considered for the first time,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for second consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

The following announcements were read by the Secretary of the Senate:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019

1:00 P.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (H) and VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (S) (joint informational meeting on Senate Resolution No. 6 of 2017 (Fire & EMS) Commission recommendations)	Room G-50 Irvis Bldg.
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MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 133, 144, 145, 399, 469 and 479; and House Bills No. 264 and 275)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019

10:00 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bills No. 304 and 453)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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11:30 A.M.	FINANCE (public hearing to consider the re-confirmation of Dan Hassell as the Secretary of Revenue)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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12:00 P.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing to consider the re-confirmation of Curt Topper as the Secretary of General Services; and to consider Senate Bills No. 22, 48 and 178)	Room 8E-A East Wing
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12:30 P.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (public hearing to consider the re-confirmation of Russell Redding as the Secretary of Agriculture)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019

9:30 A.M.	HEALTH (H) and HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (S) (joint informational meeting on gene replacement therapy and its use in the treatment of genetic diseases)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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10:30 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (public hearing to consider the re-confirmation of Jessica Altman as Insurance Commissioner)	Room 8E-A East Wing
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise today to provide remarks on a couple of occurrences that have happened over the course of the past couple of days. My colleagues may remember, on Monday I spoke about legislation I introduced with respect to addressing the healthcare issue in western Pennsylvania dealing with UPMC and Highmark and the impact it will have if these two entities finally come to what some have called a divorce. Mr. President, the consent decree, over the course of the past 5 years, has been protecting patients both from UPMC and Highmark and providing them coverage, including the Medicaid Advantage recipients, as was mentioned, will end at the end of June. We have nothing in place, Mr. President, to continue to require these two entities to work together to reach an agreement. At the end of the day, this will lead to a lot of confusion, as I mentioned, and at worst, it will lead to terrible medical outcomes and, quite frankly, have a significant impact on the health of some individuals.

Mr. President, as I mentioned, I introduced Senate Bill No. 310 and Senate Bill No. 311 to require healthcare systems and healthcare insurers to reach an agreement or be required to meet in arbitration to figure out what the reasonable rates need to be. At the end of the day, Mr. President, if these two large nonprofits, these two integrated healthcare delivery systems, are not able to reach a consensus, then there must be some type of arbitration to make that happen. At the end of the day, this is something that we will continue to fight for.

More troubling, Mr. President, is what occurred, in my opinion, yesterday in a courtroom in Texas. Many of my colleagues may know now that President Trump's Department of Justice has asked that the Affordable Care Act be ended and that it be struck down and that it can be done so. This is something that is very concerning to a number of my colleagues in the Senate Democratic Caucus and across this country. At the end of the day, Mr. President, we have more than 1.1 million Pennsylvanians who

will be impacted by a decision by this court that the ACA be done. This is a serious matter, and we need to take steps here in Pennsylvania to address that.

Just to understand what the impact might be, the ACA covers over 400,000 individuals in the private insurance market, the marketplace. If that goes away, those folks have nowhere to go. At the end of the day, we have more than 700,000 people, as we talked about on this Senate floor, 700,000 folks who are participating in the Medicaid expansion program. Many of my colleagues remember back in the early 2010s, 2011, or I think it was 2012 possibly, this Chamber voted overwhelmingly to have Pennsylvania participate in the Medicaid expansion program, and we outlined all of the benefits along those lines. Unfortunately, we were not able to get it over the hurdle, but fortunately Governor Wolf came in and took care of that, and now we have that opportunity for some 700,000 Pennsylvanians. Not only will we lose millions, but repeal of the ACA will also affect the rest of us as well.

Consider the protections that the ACA provides to us. Certainly the one we talk a lot about is lifetime limits. These individuals will no longer be subject in having--making certain that those lifetime limits will be removed, those caps. This consumer protection has impacted 4.5 million Pennsylvanians. Also, Mr. President, when you look at the issue of pre-existing conditions, as we learned so much about, more than 5.4 million men, women, and children in this Commonwealth will be impacted by the loss of pre-existing provisions that will, at the end of the day, result in either significantly higher healthcare premiums for individuals or not even being able to get coverage at all because this provision has been removed. Our children under the age of 26 will no longer be able to stay under their parents' insurance programs. That is another 89,000 young people today who have received the benefits of the ACA provisions that will no longer exist. Also, Mr. President, the ACA provides that the insurers provide protective services, things like flu shots, cancer screenings, and mammograms, all at no extra cost to the consumer. These provisions would impact 6.1 million Pennsylvanians.

In addition, Mr. President, we have seen reduced growth in terms of what premium costs have been across the Commonwealth. We have gone from 5.1 percent from 2010-15, compared to 7.3 percent over the previous decade. At the end of the day, it means for Pennsylvanians they are saving \$2,700 annually as it relates to projected growth in terms of the premium that they are not having to pay.

Mr. President, something that this Chamber and this General Assembly has worked on significantly relates to substance use disorders and working to make certain that we can take steps to try to change the trajectory of the number of folks we have lost to substance abuse. Under the Affordable Care Act, 51,000 Pennsylvanians today have access to substance use disorder treatment. That coverage is obtained through the Federal marketplace, and 124,000 Pennsylvanians will receive coverage through the Medicaid expansion program that I talked about earlier and have been able to do so since 2015 when we adopted the Medicaid expansion program in Pennsylvania. Think about the great work that this Chamber has done, led by Senator Yaw and so many others, in addressing the opioid crisis in Pennsylvania. The Affordable Care Act going away regresses those positive steps we have taken and impacts them significantly. Mr. President, these are some of the things that will be impacted as we go forward.

Now, Senate Democrats have been working on trying to incorporate many of these measures into a Pennsylvania State healthcare delivery system. We have talked a lot about the services that have been provided under the ACA. We have a responsibility to not only look at Senate Bill No. 310 and Senate Bill No. 311 with respect to compulsory arbitration of these two healthcare delivery systems, but beyond that we have an obligation, in my view, to make certain as we go forward that as a Commonwealth we adopt many of the measures. Because of the uncertainty of the courts and everywhere else, we need to take the time and effort to begin to have a serious conversation about what we want our healthcare delivery system to look like in Pennsylvania if we do not have an Affordable Care Act. We need to adopt in Pennsylvania a similar-type Medicaid expansion program that allows for the continuation of the programs that we talked about through the Medicaid expansion program to insure that we have people who have access to a modest level of healthcare. To insure that we have some 100,000 folks in Pennsylvania who have access to substance disorder type of programs to combat the opioid crisis. We need to make sure that we protect those individuals and limit the policies in terms of the costs associated with it as it relates to pre-existing conditions in Pennsylvania. And we need to do the same thing making sure we keep our students and our children under the age of 26 on parents' policies. Those are just some of the things that Senate Democrats have put forth through legislation that is led by our colleague, Senator Hughes, and that is something we need to continue to talk about as we go forward.

We face great uncertainty in this Commonwealth with respect to our healthcare delivery and the benefit that it provides that I just spoke about, but also we need to understand that it has a great economic impact, particularly in the region that I come from in southwestern Pennsylvania. We have some of the best, world-class delivery of healthcare in our Commonwealth, but if the Affordable Care Act is deemed to be no longer in place and we do not take steps in Pennsylvania, we are impacting hundreds of thousands of jobs in the healthcare delivery systems because folks will not have the ability to be able to get the maintenance that they will need as it relates to their healthcare treatment or the treatment that needs to be done on different aspects of it because folks will not have healthcare coverage. That is tragic. So it is high time, as we go forward, that this General Assembly, this Commonwealth, and this Senate work to be able to assure that we address some of the potential things that are coming down this path so if something does happen we are prepared to step in and provide the healthcare coverage to the people of Pennsylvania and southwestern Pennsylvania, make certain that we have a healthcare delivery system between two healthcare integrated delivery networks and that they work together. It should not matter what insurance card you have to be able to get the treatment and coverage you need. I ask my colleagues to join me as we address these two issues as we go forward here in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator L. Williams.

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, this week I had the honor of touring Fort Indiantown Gap. General Carrelli hosted me, Senator Regan, Senator Hutchinson, and our staffs from the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness. We had a fantastic day touring some of the training facili-

ties, and we even got to test out our helicopter skills on a flight simulator. In addition to sharing the state-of-the-art training that we provide to brave men and women from around the world who come to visit the Gap, General Carrelli made a point to share that there are also approximately 200 hardworking State union employees who help keep the Gap running from day to day. He started his welcome speech with explaining that a number of building trades keep up the infrastructure at the facility. For example, when a power line was hit, they sent out one of their own linemen to get the electricity turned back on. While we were enjoying a delicious lunch at one of their many dining facilities, General Carrelli explained that when the PA National Guard responded to severe flooding in NEPA in August to rescue 19 civilians and 3 pets from rooftops, it was Guardsmen and women who operated the helicopters, but it was State employees with the Fish and Boat Commission represented by the F.O.P. that were the rescue teams that dropped out of those helicopters.

Finally, when we toured barracks originally built during World War II, we learned that they were renovated by State employees represented by AFSCME. We also learned that the Gap is understaffed by about 100 public employees who are absolutely critical to making sure that these men and women in uniform can protect us. I share this story to remind all of us that public sector workers wear many hats, from teachers to building trades, to firefighters, and much more. It is important that we not only fund these jobs at the Gap now and in the future, but that we insure that these workers have a union to protect them under things like the Workplace Freedom Act. Thank you.

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, April 8, 2019, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 12:21 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.