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SENATE

TUESDAY, May 7, 2019

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Mr. DAVE McCULLOUGH, Ministry Coach/Consultant of The United Methodist Church, York, offered the following prayer:

Most holy and amazing God, may it be Your good pleasure to hallow this Chamber today with Your presence. May it please You to inspire and guide those who meet here to determine laws and regulations for the common good of our citizens. Protect these Senators from evil influence, from a divisive party spirit, pursuit of power, or selfish interest. Remind them of the most noble values they hold dear and enable them to see clearly what is just, and good, and fair for all. May they leave this Chamber with the satisfaction of knowing they have done their best. Loving God, bless each Senator, the families and members of their staff. We are grateful for them. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Mr. McCullough, who is the guest today of Senator Phillips-Hill.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

**APPOINTMENT BY THE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

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

Senator Kim Ward as a member of the governing body of the Port of Pittsburgh Commission.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

**RESIGNATION OF MEMBER FROM
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE**

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

May 6, 2019

The Honorable Joseph B. Scarnati
President Pro Tempore
Senate of Pennsylvania
292 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati:

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from my position on the Communications and Technology Committee. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

LINDSEY M. WILLIAMS
State Senator
38th District

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator LANGERHOLC, from the Committee on Education, reported the following bills:

SB 456 (Pr. No. 451)

An Act amending the act of December 15, 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174), known as the Private Licensed Schools Act, further providing for definitions and for license fees and providing for multibranch training schools.

SB 621 (Pr. No. 727) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, amending provisions relating to school police officers and school resource officers, and imposing powers and duties on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

Senator LAUGHLIN, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries, reported the following bills:

SB 481 (Pr. No. 729) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fishing licenses, further providing for exemptions from license requirements.

SB 552 (Pr. No. 728) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Game Commission, further providing for powers and duties of commission and for accountability; and, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for license costs and fees and making an editorial change.

SB 553 (Pr. No. 616)

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, providing for power to set fees; in fiscal affairs, further providing for collection fee for uncollectible checks; in fishing licenses, further providing for non-resident and tourist licenses, for one-day resident fishing license, for license, permit and issuing agent fees and for license and permit packaging options; in special licenses and permits, further providing for net permits, for boat and net licenses for boundary lakes, for permits for protection and management of particular fish, for permits for the use of explosives, for Lake Erie fishing permits and for fishing guide and charter boat permits; in regulated fishing lakes, further providing for licenses and for fees; in dams, bar racks and migration devices, further providing for obstructing migration of fish; in preliminary provisions, further providing for fees; and, in registration and titling of boats, further providing for issuing agents, for fees and for notice for boats and related equipment.

Senator BARTOLOTTA, from the Committee on Labor and Industry, reported the following bills:

SB 91 (Pr. No. 724) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of December 18, 2001 (P.L.949, No.114), known as the Workforce Development Act, in industry partnerships, further providing for definitions, for industry clusters, for interdepartmental cooperation and for industry and labor market research and providing for dissemination of industry and labor market research to educational institutions.

SB 118 (Pr. No. 725) (Amended)

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.

SB 140 (Pr. No. 726) (Amended)

An Act providing for family and medical leave for eligible employees.

Senator FOLMER, from the Committee on State Government, reported the following bills:

SB 412 (Pr. No. 730) (Amended)

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, repealing provisions relating to disqualifications for service as election officer.

SB 413 (Pr. No. 432)

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for tenure of justices, judges and justices of the peace.

SB 538 (Pr. No. 731) (Amended)

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education and the Governor, to grant and convey to the Cumberland Valley Rails to Trails Council a permanent easement from lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania situate in Shippensburg Township, Cumberland County, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a parking lot for the benefit of the general public utilizing the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail.

SB 617 (Pr. No. 732) (Amended)

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the County of Mifflin certain lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the State Fire Academy situate in the Borough of Lewistown, Mifflin County, together with appurtenant parking, for the benefit of the general public.

HB 223 (Pr. No. 193)

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and the Governor, to grant and convey to French Azilum, Inc., certain lands situate in Asylum Township, Bradford County.

HB 227 (Pr. No. 197)

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

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator STEFANO, from the Committee on Law and Justice, reported the following resolution:

SR 105 (Pr. No. 708)

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of the statutory cap on the Pennsylvania State Police complement and issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the Senate.

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

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 Tomlinson, and a legislative leave for Senator Hutchinson.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of March 18, 2019, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of March 18, 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-47

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

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 GENE YAW
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator YAW. Mr. President, today I rise to welcome and congratulate several individuals from my Senate district who are seated on the floor of the Senate. We have with us the Pennsylvania Council on Financial Literacy's fall 2018 Stock Market Challenge winners from Montgomery High School in Lycoming County, who captured their seventh consecutive State championship in the challenge, this year competing in the advanced high school division. The Stock Market Challenge participants with us today include Rhyle Strausbaugh, Gage Yohn, Brayden Strouse, Brennan Bailey, and Calen Guyer. Also with them is their longtime advisor, Ryan Monoski, of Montgomery High School, and Carolyn Shirk of the Pennsylvania Council on Financial Literacy. Ryan brings a wealth of knowledge to the group as he himself has been a financial planner and stockbroker for American Express Financial. His background has certainly proven very helpful to the students in this competition.

For those of you who are not familiar with the Stock Market Challenge, 38 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties participate in the Stock Market Challenge program each year. It is an award-winning educational program used in classrooms to help teach math, social studies, business, economics, and language skills, while focusing on the importance of long-term savings and investments. In the Stock Market Challenge, students are given virtual cash of \$100,000 and are encouraged to create the best performing portfolio using a live trading simulation. Teams trade common stocks and mutual funds from the New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ exchanges, earn interest on cash balances, pay interest if buying on margin, and pay a commission on all trades. As I said, they started with \$100,000 and, in a period of 10 weeks, this team increased that amount to \$658,000.

Students work together in teams, practicing leadership, organization, negotiation, and cooperation as they compete for the top spot. In building their portfolio, students research and evaluate stocks and make investment decisions based on what they have

learned. Since 1977, more than 15 million students have participated in the stock market game program. Montgomery students competed with over 2,600 other teams throughout the State. Their achievements are significant, and perhaps in the future we will see many of these same students achieve great success in the business or finance world.

Mr. President, again, I would like to offer congratulations for my special guests from Montgomery High School, and I would appreciate it if my Senate colleagues would give them a warm Senate welcome. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the investment champs please rise to be welcomed by the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

**GUESTS OF SENATOR CAMERA BARTOLOTTA
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington, Senator Bartolotta.

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, today I have a group of very special guests joining us from the 46th Senatorial District. Can you tell who it is?

The PRESIDENT. The Quips.

Senator BARTOLOTTA. There you go, Mr. President. The 2018 PIAA Class AAA football champions are seated in the gallery. The Aliquippa Quips won their third PIAA State football championship with a 35-0 victory over the Middletown Blue Raiders in the Class AAA finals. On a brisk day in December at Hersheypark Stadium, the Quips had three turnovers and managed just seven points in the first half. It was a very different tune after the break as the Quips outscored the Raiders 28-0 while going turnover free. This win gave the Quips their third State title. Besides the 2003 championship, they also won a State title in 1991. The champions include 42 players from the Aliquippa Junior/Senior High School Football Team. Also seated with the Quips is head coach Mike Warfield; assistant coach Marlin Devonshire, Sr.; and managers Luka Kosanovich, Jason McBride, and Donovan Walker. Only the traveling fan base - parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors - all with that same Aliquippa spirit, matches their pride and determination. The Quips are shining stars in their school, community, and in our great Commonwealth. I am honored and thrilled to recognize their outstanding achievements that led to this victory.

Mr. President, please join me in extending a very warm Senate welcome to the State champion Aliquippa Junior/Senior High School Football Team, their coaches, and managers. Let's go Quips.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Quips please rise to be welcomed by the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

**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, I rise today to introduce two very impressive students, Anthony Ioppola and Seth Brown. They are juniors from Wallenpaupack Area High School, and they have been serving as guest shadows and Pages today on the floor. They are joined by Colleen Edwards, our career coordinator and director of curriculum, and Dr. Jay Starnes from Wallenpaupack High School. Anthony is the son of Peter and Tina Ioppola. He is the class of 2020 president and has been very involved in student government. He also plays on the soccer and baseball teams. He has competed in scholastic quiz bowl competitions. He is also taking part in a 4-year engineering program offered to his school to provide experience in the field. He is also on Wallenpaupack School District's ambassador committee and represents the interests of the school in the community. After high school, Anthony hopes to attend MIT to become an engineer, and he aspires to serve the community either through government or some form of public service.

Seth is the son of Michael Brown and Kathleen Allen. He has held the student council president office for 2 years, and he has been the treasurer of the Future Business Leaders of America at Wallenpaupack. He is also on the ambassador committee. He is a member of Wallenpaupack's varsity cross country and track and field teams and, later today, he heads to the conference meet. Outside of school he is the secretary of Wayne County's Youth Advisory Committee, which consists of students who recommend funding for local student-based organizations. He is an alumnus of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar and a graduate of the Ronald Reagan Library student leadership. He hopes to attend college and pursue a major in international affairs with a focus on international economics. Ultimately, he would like to pursue a career in diplomacy.

Please join me in offering a warm Senate welcome to Anthony Ioppola and Seth Brown, along with Colleen Edwards and Dr. Jay Starnes, who are here from Wallenpaupack High School.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR KIM L. WARD PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Westmoreland, Senator K. Ward.

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, today I would like to welcome a group of high school seniors from Hempfield Area High School, their teacher, Ken Stough, and chaperones, Lisa Blahovec, Julie Cuturillo, and Todd Kucenic. These students participate in an elective class called Project 18. This class was started at Hempfield Area back in 1974 after the passage of the 26th Amendment, which gave 18-year-olds the right to vote. The class is designed to give students an insight into how government and politics coexist within their communities. They learn about all facets of government, hear directly from elected leaders, and are encouraged to work on political campaigns or do some type of community service during their senior year. They annually make the trip to Harrisburg to meet with legislators and administrative officials to discuss current statewide issues. I am always impressed with their knowledge of the issues and their enthusi-

asm. I will tell you firsthand, sometimes they have some pretty tough questions.

I am very pleased to have them here in the Senate Chamber today, so please join me in giving these fine young future leaders, their teacher, and chaperones a warm Senate welcome. Thank you.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MARIO M. SCAVELLO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, I welcome Kathryn Crosby, who is serving as my guest Page here in the Capitol today. Kathryn does not know it, but I knew her before she was born. Her parents used to be customers in my bagel shop. So before you were born, Kathryn, I knew you. Kathryn resides in Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania, with her mother, father, and three brothers. She is currently finishing her sophomore year at Pocono Mountain East Senior High School, where she participates in speech and debate, the high school musical, marching band, journalism club, and morning announcements team. Kathryn intends on attending college upon graduation, where she will pursue a degree in political science. All right, Kathryn. Her goal is to then earn a law degree and join International Justice Missions, a global humanitarian organization that seeks to serve the underprivileged, poor, and disenfranchised. In addition to serving her community through her local church, Kathryn enjoys meeting new people and recently acquired her first job as a barista at Starbucks. The success of this Commonwealth, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Kathryn who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others.

Please join me in giving Kathryn Crosby and her father, Pastor David Crosby from the Pocono Community Church in Mount Pocono, who is seated in the gallery, our warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Scavello please rise to be welcomed by 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, I rise today to seek recognition for several State champions from one of the best districts in the State, the 35th Senatorial District.

First, Mr. President, is Jared McGill, a senior from Chestnut Ridge High School in Bedford County. Jared brought home a gold medal in this year's 170-pound weight class. With this victory, Jared became only the third Chestnut Ridge wrestler to win a State title. Jared has also joined an elite class of wrestlers from Bedford County, being only the fourth wrestler in the history of Bedford County to place four times at States. He is a four-time District 5 champion, a two-time regional champ, a three-time

regional finalist, and two-time Powerade tournament champion. If that is not enough, he captured his 100th career win as junior. He is quick to give credit to his coaches, Coach Lazor, Josh Deputy, Brian Gibbons, and Pat Berzonski for helping him achieve this goal. He has signed a letter of intent to wrestle at the University of Pittsburgh, where he plans to major in sports medicine. He is joined by his mother, Erin.

Also joining us today is Brock McMillen, a sophomore from Glendale High School, located across Cambria and Clearfield Counties. Brock captured the first-ever State title for the Glendale Vikings with a hard-fought 3-2 victory. After finishing second last year, Brock set his sights on a gold medal and accomplished what has been his mission since joining the Vikings wrestling team as a freshman. As one of the smallest schools in the State, this victory is even sweeter for Brock, having competed against elite wrestlers from across the State throughout his entire high school career. Adding to his titles, Brock was also crowned champion at the 2018 FloNational individual wrestling championships in the 113-pound weight class. Brock's coach, Coach Dubler, also wrestled for Glendale and has nothing but high praise for Brock and his work ethic. He finished his sophomore season with a record of 43-1. I have no doubt that he has a tremendous future ahead.

Also another deserving champion joining us today is Miss Allison Dancause, a kindergartner from Bedford Elementary School. In March of this year, Allison traveled to Gettysburg for the 2019 Middle Atlantic Wrestling K-8 Championship. Allison was one of 300 girls participating in the tournament and the lone representative for Bedford. She made us all proud by bringing home a championship. She wrestled during the regular season for the Bedford Boys' Elementary Wrestling Team and was coached by her dad, her pappy, and Coach Luke Beegle. She is joined today by her very proud family.

Finally, Mr. President, with us today is Luke Mikesell from Clearfield. Luke is a two-time gold medalist in the PIAA swimming and diving championships. Luke not only brought home the gold in this year's 200 freestyle, but he set a new State record, making this his ninth top three medal finish. He is a member of the very successful Clearfield swim team and spends over 20 hours a week practicing. His future goals include attending college and continuing his swimming career. I believe he has a bright future ahead. He is joined today by his dad, Jon, and head coach for the Clearfield Area Junior-Senior High School Boys' and Girls' Swim Team, Jackie Morrison. Jackie has had an impressive 30-year career obtaining more than 629 wins for the boys' and girls' swim team.

I ask, Mr. President, that we extend our usual warm Senate welcome for the State champions, Jared McGill, Brock McMillen, Allison Dancause, and Luke Mikesell.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN R. GORDNER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, a couple of weeks ago I was asked to go to Mount Carmel to speak to the government

studies class by their teacher, Jessica Stancavage. I went there and spent a good 40 minutes or so meeting with the class. They were very engaged, had a lot of good questions, and we talked about a number of issues that we are talking about here in the House and Senate. At the end of the class, I had said to the teacher that it would be great if at some point she could bring some of her students down to the Capitol to see us in action. Within a day or 2, she had taken advantage of that and scheduled the class to come and visit today. So, they have been here at the Capitol, they were over in the House, they were to the visitors' center, they sat in on a meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, and are now observing here in the balcony.

It is my pleasure to have those students from the government studies program at Mount Carmel as visitors and ask that we give them our normal warm welcome.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR LISA M. BOSCOLA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I am really excited, and it is a great pleasure for me to introduce the State Champion Class AAAA Girls' Basketball Team from Bethlehem Catholic. The Golden Hawks defeated North Catholic 60-49 to claim the gold medal in the PIAA Class AAAA bracket. This is the second PIAA title in 3 years for the squad. The team was led to victory by head coach Jose Medina, assistant coaches Dwight Repsher and Arnold Alleyne, and team scout Larry Weber. I now introduce some of the young women who made the baskets when it counted the most. The seniors on the team present here include Briana Barnard and Yvonne Perez; juniors Isabelle Rosario, Jaleesa Lanier, Kamryn Williamson, O'Neviah Scott, and Taliyah Medina; sophomore Kelby McNally; and freshmen Keyara Walters, Kourtney Wilson, Cydney Stanton, and Stephanie Donato.

Mr. President, finally, joining the Hawks today is Kendall Medina. She plays basketball at Lincoln Elementary and is a future Hawk, and she loves to sing. She came to the Capitol today, well, she was here 2 years ago. I had her over at my desk, I opened up my desk, I said, what is in a Senator's desk? Opened it up, and it was full of candy. She remembers that day so vividly. We took pictures. She remembers the candy, so when she came to visit me again 2 years later, she presented me with a Milky Way bar, and she actually signed it with little hearts on it. So, it is something I will keep forever, and nobody gets to eat this.

Returning back to why we are here, Mr. President, returning to these champions. A key turning point in the game occurred at 4:24 remaining on the clock. The Golden Hawks had their biggest lead of the game at 10 points, when North Catholic rallied to close the gap to 3 points with 1:34 on the clock. The Golden Hawks, however, kept their poise in the final moments. Jaleesa Lanier made a free throw and Abigail Brown grabbed an offensive rebound and sank another foul shot to give Bethlehem Catholic a 54-49 advantage. Brown then took a charge, and Isabelle Rosario scored a wide-open lay-up in transition off an assist from

Jaleesa Lanier to put the Hawks up 56-49 with about a minute to go. Jaleesa Lanier had a team high of 16 points, 3 assists, and 5 steals. Abigail Brown paced the team with adding 13 points and 10 boards, and Kourtney Wilson also had 13 points and 7 boards. This was Bethlehem Catholic's fourth State title appearance in its program history, and the team finished with a record 28-4.

Mr. President, look at what they presented to me. It is actually their brackets for the year. All the girls signed it, and of course framed it for me. So I ask the Senate to offer these wonderful stars of Bethlehem and champions its usual warm welcome.

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

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR RYAN AUMENT PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce my guest for the day, Andrew Keagy, a junior at Manheim Central High School. Andrew is the president of Manheim Central's chapter of the National Social Studies Honor Society, and a member of the National Spanish Honor Society. In his free time, Andrew enjoys volunteering with clubs and local nonprofits as a way to give back to the community. In addition to completing volunteer work with the interact club, he is also involved in Amnesty International, an international nonprofit that focuses on human rights and has over 7 million members and supporters worldwide. After high school, Andrew is hoping to attend college to study economics and then eventually earn a law degree.

Please join me in welcoming Andrew Keagy to the Pennsylvania Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Aument, Andrew Keagy, please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR KRISTIN PHILLIPS-HILL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I am honored to have in the gallery today several teachers and student ambassadors from LOGOS Academy in York. LOGOS serves over 275 students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade in the city of York. LOGOS Academy, while a Christian school, welcomes students from all faiths and those with no faith background. Their mission is to seek and celebrate cultural diversity. Mr. President, we are honored that they could be here today to participate in the EITC rally on the Capitol steps. We are grateful for all the opportunities that the EITC program has created for students all across the Commonwealth, and today they celebrated the program's 18th birthday.

Mr. President, could the Senate please give a warm welcome to LOGOS student ambassadors Arlette Morles, Nasei Adjei-Kordei, Admeishaa Bartley, Laurali Breeden, and Janelle Missinger, as well as LOGOS staff, including Paige Fessick, Aaron Anderson, Otto Monroy, and Sara Myers.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Phillips-Hill please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I rise again to thank today's guest Chaplain, who is a resident of the 28th Senatorial District in York County. Dave McCullough is from The United Methodist Church and serves as a ministry coach, and we were so grateful that he could be here today to open our Session in prayer. We were also very grateful to have Pastor McCullough's wife, Jean, with us in the Senate today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Phillips-Hill please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, it is my honor to introduce an intern with us. Conestoga High School has a wonderful program in which students spend their last 3 weeks working somewhere in the community. It could be in a company, a non-profit, or in a government office. This year, the person who is working in my office is Mr. Thomas Simmons. He will graduate in another few weeks, about another month, and will be attending George Washington University in the fall. He is planning on majoring in political science and hopes eventually to go to law school.

Let me also say, Mr. President, that we have three high schools, including Conestoga, in our county that have been put on the list of the best high schools in the United States. So allow me to give a shout-out for Conestoga High School, which had a 99 percent post-secondary rate in terms of people going further in higher education, last year had 64 national merit scholars or letters of recommendation, and in addition to that has a zero dropout rate. So, we do have schools in this community and in this Commonwealth that are the best in the nation and that teach to a curriculum of excellence. Tom, I am proud to say, is a graduate of that institution.

Thank you, and I ask that we give a warm welcome to Tom Simmons.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Dinniman, Tom Simmons, please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senator HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 113**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing and honoring the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for more than a century of commitment to social activism, academic excellence and civic engagement in this Commonwealth on the occasion of Delta Day at the State Capitol.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I rise to ask for unanimous support for this resolution, as the Clerk has indicated, signifying today, May 7, as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Day in the Capitol of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mr. President, it is important to note that this incredibly important and powerful organization, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was founded January 13, 1913, on the campus of Howard University. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support, through established programs, to local communities throughout the world. Mr. President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has blossomed into the largest African American women's organization in the nation. Since its founding, more than 250,000 women have joined this organization.

The organization is a sisterhood of predominantly black college-educated women who are always distinguishable by the crimson and cream. The sorority currently has 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, England, Japan, Tokyo and Okinawa, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, and the Republic of Korea. There are 31 collegiate and alumnae chapters in Pennsylvania. The guiding mission of Delta Sigma Theta is constructive development of its members and public service with a primary focus on the African American community.

This year the Deltas are celebrating their 106th anniversary. The biennial theme, "joy in our sisterhood, power in our voice and service in our heart," is a reflection of the sorority's values and principles. Deltas are known to be leaders in all fields of human endeavors. Notable members include Dr. Sadie T.M. Alexander, Shirley Chisholm, Ruby Dee Davis, Dorothy Irene Height, Juanita Kidd Stout, Wilma Rudolph, Nikki Giovanni, Loretta Lynch, Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Betty Shabazz, Constance Clayton, and one who I know extremely well, Mr. President, Sheryl Lee Ralph Hughes.

Please join me in recognizing today as Delta Day in the Senate.

Thank you, Mr. President.
(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR VINCENT J. HUGHES PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, some, but not all, as you can see from the crimson and cream in our gallery, of the leaders of Delta Sigma Theta are here with us: Dr. Monica Johnson Taylor from the Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter; Tracey Howard from the Valley Forge Alumnae Chapter; first vice president Leslie Cousins, representing president of the Quaker City Alumnae Chapter; Anna Breland-Williams from the York Alumnae Chapter; Tammy Jenkins from the Allentown Alumnae Chapter; and Connie Alexander from the East Poconos Alumnae Chapter.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.
(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Street, to further honor your guests.

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I rise to join my colleague in thanking the Deltas for the work that they do both in our community, in the city of Philadelphia, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, throughout America, and, indeed, much of the world. We appreciate you. My Panhellenic sisters, as I am a Kappa, in honor of you today, I made sure I put on a white shirt and some crimson to honor the beautiful ladies of Delta Sigma Theta. Thank you so much for all that you do for everyone.

Thank you, Mr. President.
(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator A.H. Williams, who would like to honor your guests.

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I cannot outdo my friend and colleague, Senator Hughes, who has taken full advantage of his marital status, but what I can do is recognize the significance of women of color. These fraternities, yours in particular, at one point would not be recognized in that gallery in which you stand. The glory, the splendor, the magnificence, the intellectual gifts, and most importantly, the perseverance, for you are sisters and recognizing sisterhood when it was not grand, but it was required, when it was required to carve a path for another generation of young women, for you to lead in this particular time when our nation is so divided and confused, for you to be here in the State Capitol where we are supposed to do all of the people's business, to remind us of the splendor and dignity of humanity of women and the significance of women, regardless of the color of their skin, is extraordinary, and is a gift to all of us. Congratulations, and God bless you today.

(Applause.)

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

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

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of 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, I request that Senate Democrats meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus as well starting immediately.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

**The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Elisabeth J. Baker)
in the Chair.**

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

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Madam President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held immediately in the rear of the Chamber in the Rules room.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For the purpose of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Hutchinson has returned, and his legislative leave is cancelled.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 89, SB 109, SB 145, SB 174, HB 275, HB 279 and SB 338 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 453 (Pr. No. 716) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions and for application.

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

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-27

Table with 4 columns: Argall, Corman, Laughlin, Stefano; Aument, DiSanto, Martin, Tomlinson; Baker, Folmer, Mensch, Vogel; Bartolotta, Gordner, Phillips-Hill, Ward, Judy; Boscola, Hutchinson, Regan, Ward, Kim; Brooks, Killion, Scarnati, Yaw; Browne, Langerholc, Scavello

NAY-20

Table with 4 columns: Brewster, Fontana, Leach, Street; Collett, Haywood, Muth, Tartaglione

Table with 4 columns: Costa, Hughes, Sabatina, Williams, Anthony H; Dinniman, Iovino, Santarsiero, Williams, Lindsey; Farnese, Kearney, Schwank, Yudichak

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 478 (Pr. No. 690) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for beginning farmer tax credit.

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

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Haywood and Senator Tartaglione.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Costa requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Haywood and Senator Tartaglione. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

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-47

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

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 583 (Pr. No. 642) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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 definitions and for purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

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-47

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

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

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, establishing the Pennsylvania Dairy Future Commission and providing for its powers and duties.

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-47

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

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 588 (Pr. No. 646) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for permit for movement during course of manufacture; and, in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for power of Governor during emergency.

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-32

Argall	Corman	Laughlin	Schwank
Aument	Dinniman	Martin	Stefano
Baker	DiSanto	Mensch	Street
Bartolotta	Folmer	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
Boscola	Gordner	Regan	Vogel
Brewster	Hutchinson	Santarsiero	Ward, Judy
Brooks	Killion	Scarnati	Ward, Kim
Browne	Langerholc	Scavello	Yaw

NAY-15

Collett	Haywood	Leach	Williams, Anthony H
Costa	Hughes	Muth	Williams, Lindsey
Farnese	Iovino	Sabatina	Yudichak
Fontana	Kearney	Tartaglione	

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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Tartaglione has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 613 (Pr. No. 679) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in administrative organization, repealing provisions relating to employees with access to Federal tax information and providing for criminal history background checks of employees and contractors with access to Federal tax information.

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-47

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

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.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 22, SB 25, SB 45, SB 123, SB 131, SB 149 and SB 217 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 275 (Pr. No. 694) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offense of stalking; in wiretapping and electronic surveillance, further providing for definitions; in child custody, further providing for consideration of criminal conviction; in domestic and sexual violence victim address confidentiality, further providing for penalties; and, in sentencing, further providing for sentences for second and subsequent offenses.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 337, HB 384, SB 396, SB 397 and SB 485 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 491 (Pr. No. 558) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1990 (P.L.404, No.98), known as the Real Estate Appraisers Certification Act, further providing for definitions and for State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers.

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

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

SB 492 (Pr. No. 559) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 16, 1992 (P.L.155, No.28), known as the Assessors Certification Act, further providing for definitions and for duties of board; repealing provisions relating to qualifications; further providing for certification; providing for employees of political subdivisions; and further providing for disciplinary and correction measures and for unlawful practice.

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 500, SB 501, SB 502, HB 510, HB 511, HB 512 and SB 531 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION,
AMENDED AND REREFERRED

SB 589 (Pr. No. 677) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in military educational programs, further providing for definitions, for eligibility, for grants, for amount of grants, for limitations, for recoupment of grant payments, for regulations, for administration and for Educational Assistance Program Fund and providing for a military family education program; and making editorial changes.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?
Senator REGAN offered the following amendment No. A1230:

Amend Bill, page 4, line 20, by inserting a bracket before "from"
Amend Bill, page 4, line 21, by striking out the bracket before "of"
Amend Bill, page 4, line 23, by striking out "the member signs a promissory note"
Amend Bill, page 5, lines 11 and 12, by striking out "by signing a promissory note"
Amend Bill, page 15, line 9, by striking out the comma after "Guard" and inserting:
or
Amend Bill, page 15, line 10, by inserting after "discharge":
, has honorably completed the eligible member's contractual military service obligation to the Pennsylvania National Guard

Amend Bill, page 17, lines 5 and 6, by striking out "by signing a promissory note"

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?
It was agreed to.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration, as amended?

It was 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, as amended, was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 593 (Pr. No. 678) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 15986, on that portion of Interstate 79 northbound over West 16th Street in the City of Erie, Erie County, as the Thomas J. Kennedy, Jr., Memorial Bridge; and designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 4011 over Pine Creek, Hegins Township, Schuylkill County, as the A. Donald Buffington Memorial Bridge.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 808 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Senator AUMENT, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following nominations made by His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read by the Clerk as follows:

SECRETARY OF BANKING AND SECURITIES

January 16, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Robin Wiessmann, 1 Greenbriar Circle, Newtown 18940, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as Secretary of Banking and Securities, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

March 29, 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, Elliot Howsie, Esquire, 56 Locksley Drive, Pittsburgh 15235, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice the Honorable Donna Jo McDaniel, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
ERIE COUNTY**

March 29, 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, Marshall J. Piccinini, Esquire, 4480 Kinter Hill Road, Edinboro 16412, Erie County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Erie County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice the Honorable William R. Cunningham, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

SECRETARY OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

January 16, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, W. Gerard Oleksiak, 101 Sycamore Street, Dresher 19025, Montgomery County, Seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as Secretary of Labor and Industry, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

Senator AUMENT. Madam President, I request that the nominations just read by the Clerk be laid on the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The nominations will be laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator AUMENT,
That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering nominations made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator AUMENT. Madam President, I call from the table a certain nomination and ask for its consideration.

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

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TOM WOLF
Governor

On the question,
Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?

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

YEA-47

Argall	DiSanto	Laughlin	Stefano
Aument	Farnese	Leach	Street
Baker	Folmer	Martin	Tartaglione
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Boscola	Gordner	Muth	Vogel
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Brooks	Hughes	Regan	Ward, Kim
Browne	Hutchinson	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H
Collett	Iovino	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Corman	Kearney	Scarnati	Yaw
Costa	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak
Dinniman	Langerholc	Schwank	

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

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The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

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TOM WOLF
Governor

On the question,
Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?

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

YEA-47

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Aument	Farnese	Leach	Street
Baker	Folmer	Martin	Tartaglione
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Boscola	Gordner	Muth	Vogel
Brewster	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
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Corman	Kearney	Scarnati	Yaw
Costa	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak
Dinniman	Langerholc	Schwank	

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator AUMENT. Madam President, I call from the table certain nominations and ask for their consideration.

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

**JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

March 29, 2019

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ERIE COUNTY**

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TOM WOLF
Governor

On the question,
Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations?

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

YEA-47

Argall	DiSanto	Laughlin	Stefano
Aument	Farnese	Leach	Street
Baker	Folmer	Martin	Tartaglione
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Tomlinson
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Brewster	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Brooks	Hughes	Regan	Ward, Kim
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Corman	Kearney	Scarnati	Yaw
Costa	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak
Dinniman	Langerholc	Schwank	

NAY-0

A constitutional two-thirds majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.
Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

Senator AUMENT. Madam President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.
The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Senators BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE, J. WARD, FONTANA, DINNIMAN, BREWSTER, VOGEL, ARGALL, BROWNE, K. WARD, SCHWANK, KILLION, HUTCHINSON, TARTAGLIONE, AUMENT, COSTA and FARNESE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 114**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2019 as "Community Action Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington, Senator Bartolotta.

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Madam President, for 55 years, community action agencies have put a human face on poverty by advocating for those limited incomes without a voice. These agencies are nonprofit, private and public organizations established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight America's war on poverty. To date, there are 43 community action agencies serving all 67 counties.

Throughout these 55 years, community action agencies have enhanced the lives of people throughout every county including rural, suburban, and urban communities. The agencies provide essential life-changing services and opportunities, such as affordable housing, economic development, healthcare, energy assistance, and natural disaster relief and recovery. Despite budget cuts, shrinking resources, and increased demands for services

during these challenging economic times, community action in Pennsylvania has been remarkably successful in assisting low-income veterans, senior citizens, families, children, and students to achieve and maintain economic security. For these reasons, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing May 2019 as "Community Action Month" and acknowledge the hard work and dedication of these agencies in our Commonwealth.

Thank you, Madam 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 BARTOLOTTA, DINNIMAN, VOGEL, BROWNE, J. WARD, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, BLAKE, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, AUMENT, COSTA, KILLION, K. WARD and BAKER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 115**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2019 as "Building Safety Month" in Pennsylvania and encouraging residents to participate in "Building Safety Month" activities.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington, Senator Bartolotta.

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Madam President, buildings across the Commonwealth provide safety and shelter to our citizens, from highrises that form the city skylines to ranch homes that blanket the countryside. Our buildings are for places to gather and perform daily activities, and they must have sound, secure, and resilient structures. During "Building Safety Month," we recognize and pay tribute to those who insure the safety and reliability of buildings in the State, and we reaffirm our commitment to upholding and abiding by strong and effective building safety standards. Maintaining the safety and resilience of our homes and buildings is imperative. Confidence in the structural integrity of buildings that make up our communities is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians: building, safety, and fire prevention officials; architects; engineers; builders; tradespeople; design professionals; laborers; and others. But we, as citizens, can also take steps to secure buildings, particularly before natural disasters strike, by elevating properties where necessary, anchoring furniture and other materials, reinforcing doors, and covering windows.

All of us deserve to feel safe in the buildings we inhabit day in and day out. With care and attention, we can secure and protect the places in which we spend time. This month, let us take action to safeguard our homes, our schools, and other buildings and insure those responsible for this important work have the tools and the resources that they need.

Madam President, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing May 2019 as Building Safety Month in Pennsylvania. Thank you.

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

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

Senators HUTCHINSON, BROWNE, BLAKE, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, KEARNEY, MENSCH, SCHWANK, J. WARD, KILLION and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 116**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2019 as "Youth Art Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Venango, Senator Hutchinson.

Senator HUTCHINSON. Madam President, I rise today to ask my colleagues for their support for this resolution which recognizes and honors the artistic talents of Pennsylvania's young people by designating May 2019 as "Youth Art Month" here in Pennsylvania. The Youth Art Month observance was first created in 1961 by the Council for Arts Education as a national advocacy program. It is observed each year as a way to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school art programs.

I am honored to introduce this resolution because I have seen firsthand that art education and appreciation provides important tools and skills that enable young people to lead fuller, more meaningful lives. Art education develops self-esteem and self-expression as well as an appreciation for the work of others. It develops critical thinking skills that will be important as children continue their education and as they enter the working world. Our fast-changing environment will require that future leaders be creative and imaginative in problem solving. The visual arts and the performing arts are a core part of our children's education, yet they are uniquely different from most of the other classes that young people attend. They do not involve learning theories or facts. The arts are not hemmed in by traditional logic or even rules. In the world of arts, one plus one can equal three, and statements do not need to have nouns and verbs.

The truth is, the arts represent an important doorway for our young people. They allow youth to look deep inside, deep within themselves, while exploring their imaginations and emotions. The doorway then allows young people to bring forth those feelings and dreams and express them through a musical instrument, or visually on a sketch pad or canvass. I would like to close by urging Pennsylvania's young artists, as well as those who are young at heart, to pursue your dreams and challenge your skills. Express yourselves and appreciate the artistic expressions of others in a way that we can truly honor the spirit of Youth Art Month here in Pennsylvania. Madam President, I ask my colleagues to recognize all the young artists across this great Commonwealth with an affirmative vote on this resolution.

Thank you, Madam 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, on behalf of Senators BREWSTER, LAUGHLIN, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, MARTIN, FONTANA, BARTOLOTTA, J. WARD, BLAKE, PHILLIPS-HILL,

SCAVELLO, BROWNE, SCHWANK, HUGHES, KILLION, AUMENT, TARTAGLIONE and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 117**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of May 18 through 24, 2019, as "National Safe Boating Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senator SCAVELLO, on behalf of Senators BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, VOGEL, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, MARTIN, J. WARD, BREWSTER, HUGHES, SCAVELLO, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, AUMENT, KILLION and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 118**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2019 as "Summer Camps Month" in Pennsylvania in recognition of the rich benefits that summer camps provide for the positive development of youths and the enhancement of local communities.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SCAVELLO. Madam President, one of the most frequent questions families ask is, what are the kids going to do this summer when school lets out? For generations of Pennsylvanians, one of the happy answers has been summer camp. A wonderful diversity of camps are found in the Poconos, in part of our senatorial districts. Across our Commonwealth the roster is impressive, hundreds of camps serving tens of thousands of kids. How many times do we wish that the youth of today could experience what we did growing up, when the only technology we saw was on the *Jetsons*? Summer camps offer old-fashioned activities and adventures, the method of learning by doing, exploring, and challenging that was so much a part of our young lives. Summer camps appeal to a wide range of interests and provides wholesome, inclusionary experiences that are a lot of fun times, but camps have their more serious side as well, such as imbuing the precepts of service projects.

While the camping experience builds character in kids, it also has a valuable economic impact on the hosting communities. Summer camps last for a matter of weeks, but the friendships, the skills, the fond memories can last a lifetime. It is appropriate that we honor this healthy and historic tradition of life in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Madam 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 BROOKS, J. WARD, BARTOLOTTA, MARTIN, BROWNE, FONTANA, STREET, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, K. WARD, BLAKE, FOLMER, PHILLIPS-HILL, BAKER, SCHWANK, KILLION, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, MENSCH, AUMENT, HUGHES, COSTA and FARNESE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 119**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of May 12 through 18, 2019, as "National Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mercer, Senator Brooks.

Senator BROOKS. Madam President, I am proud to join my colleagues in saluting our Commonwealth's hospitals during "National Hospital Week," celebrated from the day of Florence Nightingale's birthday, May 12 to May 18. Hospitals play such a critical role in the delivery of healthcare services, while also contributing significantly to our economy, our sense of well-being, and our sense of community. Hospitals are often the place where life begins and where life ends. In between, they are the quiet, sterile setting where wounds are stitched, broken bones are re-set, cancer is radiated, and illness is cured. Sometimes, the cures elude us, but always our medical professionals strive to eliminate pain and suffering and try to find the answers to save every life. From small community buildings to major research centers, hospitals provide jobs for more than 650,000 Pennsylvanians. They serve as the scene of life's most profound moments, from the elation of a new baby, to the heartbreak of a loved one's final passing. Our hospitals and healthcare systems include academic medical centers, teaching hospitals, trauma centers, burn centers, and critical access hospitals. Rural, urban, and suburban hospitals differ in many ways, but it is important that our policy changes to access do not create further disparities in the lifesaving technology and techniques available to all Pennsylvanians, no matter where they seek care.

National Hospital Week was first celebrated in Chicago in 1921 after a devastating outbreak of the Spanish flu. It is a celebration that reminds us that hospitals are one of the foundations of our communities, which are filled with devoted men and women who work there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in a labor of love. Healthy hospitals strengthen our communities and, ultimately, our Commonwealth.

Please join me in supporting May 12 through May 18, 2019, as National Hospital Week here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Madam 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, AUMENT, LANGERHOLC, VOGEL, J. WARD, BARTOLOTTA, PHILLIPS-HILL, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, FARNESE, ARGALL, MARTIN, TARTAGLIONE, MENSCH, HUGHES, BLAKE, BREWSTER, FOLMER, MUTH, SCHWANK, COSTA, KILLION, BAKER and BROOKS, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 120**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2019 as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Browne.

Senator BROWNE. Madam President, I rise today to ask for unanimous support designating May 2019 as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, with current estimates that one in five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime. It is estimated that 192,000 new cases of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, will be diagnosed in 2019. Melanoma is the most common form of cancer in young adults between 25 and 29, and the second most common form of cancer of adolescents and young adults between 15 to 24. While the rates of melanoma have increased over the last 30 years, melanoma and other skin cancers, unlike many others, are highly treatable and can be tremendously preventable, especially in regards to sun exposure, which is one of the most significant risk factors. Our citizens can take some simple steps to insure that they avoid excessive sun exposure, which will make major progress in the prevention of the spread of melanoma and other skin cancers.

Madam President, I ask the Senate to join me in adopting this resolution to raise awareness about skin cancer, and increasing the chances of early detection. It is vital that skin cancer, and especially melanoma, are treated early. Thank you.

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

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

Senators YAW, MARTIN, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, BARTOLOTTA, STREET, BROWNE, SANTARSIERO, KILLION, COSTA, HUGHES, BLAKE, FOLMER, AUMENT, MENSCH, YUDICHAK, HAYWOOD, J. WARD and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 121**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of June 2 through 8, 2019, as "Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lycoming, Senator Yaw.

Senator YAW. Madam President, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia formed the Chesapeake Bay Commission in 1980 to advise members of the respective legislatures on matters of bay-wide concern. As chair of the Pennsylvania delegation to the Chesapeake Bay Commission, it is my pleasure this afternoon to offer this resolution recognizing the week of June 2 through 8, 2019, as "Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania. This designation encourages all Pennsylvanians to commemorate Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week with events, activities, and educational programs designed to raise awareness of the importance of the Chesapeake Bay to the Commonwealth, the region, and the United States.

The Chesapeake Bay is the largest, most productive estuary in the United States spanning six States, and the District of Columbia. As a commission member, our primary focus for the bay

is on clean water. The Susquehanna River contributes about half of the bay's fresh water, which is about 19 million gallons per minute. The Chesapeake Bay supports more than 3,600 species of animals, plants, and fish, including 348 species of finfish, 173 species of shellfish, and over 2,700 plant species. It yields more oysters and soft-shell crabs than any other region in the United States.

Madam President, during Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week we have the opportunity to celebrate Pennsylvania's success in reducing nutrient, phosphorus, and sediment pollution in the bay and call attention to and raise awareness of the challenges that remain and the opportunities to restoring the bay and Pennsylvania's rivers and streams. I therefore ask my colleagues to join me in designating the week of June 2 through June 8 as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Madam 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 FARNESE, DINNIMAN, BARTOLOTTA, BROWNE, MARTIN, BAKER, SCAVELLO, KILLION, SCHWANK, FOLMER, BREWSTER, PHILLIPS-HILL, MENSCH, HUGHES, K. WARD, HUTCHINSON, SABATINA, BLAKE, TARTAGLIONE, J. WARD, COSTA and AUMENT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 122**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2019 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Farnese.

Senator FARNESE. Madam President, I rise today to offer, once again, a resolution designating May 2019 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania, also known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease. This disease affects over 1,000 Pennsylvanians. Most people are diagnosed with ALS around the ages of 40 and 70, and a typical lifespan for someone once they are diagnosed is 2 years to 5 years. Veterans are also known to be twice as likely to suffer from ALS. There is no known cause for ALS and there is still no cure for those who suffer from the disease. As an ALS patient's body deteriorates, their mind remains fully intact and aware of what is happening to their body.

There have been some wins in the fight against ALS, though. For instance, Radicava is a new drug that was approved for use in 2017 and could potentially slow down the onset of ALS. Pennsylvania is also committed to helping those within our State who have this disease by appropriating \$750,000 for ALS support services in 2018 and 2019. This will support nearly 1,000 Pennsylvanians who are currently being treated for ALS. Madam President, I thank the ALS Hope Foundation at Temple University's Lewis Katz School of Medicine for their continued work on trying to find advanced treatments and possibly even a cure for

this heartbreaking disease. It is the work of this foundation and others with similar missions who play a vital role in the eradication of this disease. Thank you all for joining me in raising awareness and supporting those with ALS.

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 FARNESE. 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 91, SB 118, SB 140, SB 412, SB 413, SB 456, SB 481, SB 538, SB 552, SB 553, SB 617, SB 621, HB 223 and HB 227.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019

9:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing to consider the nomination of Mr. Patrick McDonnell to be Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP))	Room 8E-A East Wing
9:30 A.M.	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (public hearing to consider the reconfirmation of Teresa Miller as Secretary of Human Services)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:00 A.M.	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (public hearing to consider the confirmation of Mr. Dennis Davin as Secretary of the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED))	Room 8E-A East Wing
10:30 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 28, 201, 541, 616 and 618)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:45 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bill No. 321)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019

10:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (public hearing on exempting eligible counties from vehicle emissions testing)	Springhill Stes. Latrobe Club Rm.
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Farnese.

Senator FARNESE. Madam President, I rise today to discuss an issue that I have, quite frankly, spoken about many times, not only in this Chamber, but within this building, and, of course, within my own district. I rise to discuss an issue that has come up time and time again in this Chamber and in the Chamber across the way. The issue is simply of equality and treating people fairly within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Yesterday, Representative Frankel and myself, along with my colleagues from the Senate and from the House, attended a press conference in the Capitol Media Center where we talked about the need to pass nondiscrimination legislation and protect members of the LGBTQ community. This year, Madam President, the bills are numbered Senate Bill No. 614, which is the Senate bill, and the companion bill in the House is House Bill No. 1440.

But as I said, this is not the first time that I have actually talked about this, or even yesterday was not the first time that we ever had a press conference. I went back and reviewed my notes and determined that, at least for me personally, the first time that we had a press conference was back on April 22, 2011, then again on May 7, 2013, then on June 22, 2016, and April 18, 2018, and yesterday, May 6, 2019. Time and time we get together and we talk about the secret in Pennsylvania, that we allow legalized discrimination. We allow legalized discrimination to exist in Pennsylvania in 2019.

I remember early on, back when I did this press conference in 2011, and we talked about what people could do by simply going in and talking about renting a home, buying a property, and I remember commenting in 2011 that if a landlord finds out that an LGBTQ person or couple have benefitted somehow from marriage equality, in Pennsylvania, right now, the landlord has the opportunity to renew their lease and deny them housing. Think about that, if a same-sex couple, an LGBTQ person tries to rent a home, an apartment, as of today, in Pennsylvania, in the majority of municipalities, it is not a small sliver of the State, the majority of the State, with few exceptions, they can be denied housing simply because of who they choose to love. If an employer suspects that if an employee is transgender, they can be denied a job, and the courts, Madam President, unbelievably are closed to them. But in some perverse way, when you read the laws in Pennsylvania, God forbid if a member of the LGBTQ community is assaulted on the street, or is a victim of a crime, their attacker can use the fact of who they love as a defense in court. In other words, the gay and trans-panic defense still exists in 2019. We will not protect these citizens from hate crimes, but we have no problem when they are attacked allowing who they love to be a defense to the attacker. That is a disgrace, but that is the law.

When I talked about this at a press conference on April 27, 2011, I thought it was unthinkable at that time that this could be a reality in Pennsylvania, that someone could suffer discrimination in housing, or employment, or public accommodations. Yet, it is as true today as it was then, because today it is legal to discriminate against someone based simply upon their gender identity or sexual orientation. Back in May of 2013, we took to the podiums again in a nondiscrimination press conference, and I talked about how two professional athletes, and I remember this because I still have my notes, I talked about two professional

athletes, Jason Collins of the NBA Washington Wizards, and Brittney Griner, who was the number-one pick of the WNBA draft of the Phoenix Mercury. Both of them could fill out a lease application and they could give it to their landlord, and he or she could take that legal document, tear it up, and deny Mr. Collins, or Ms. Griner, or any other gay, or lesbian, or transgender person within this Commonwealth, they could be denied housing, a place to live, professional athletes, because of who they love. And yes, that is still the law today.

On June 22, 2016, I had a young man come into my office, and I remember this one like it was yesterday. It was a few weeks after the United States Supreme Court handed down their decision on same-sex marriage, and he came in to talk about some of the recent shootings, specifically, a shooting that had happened in Orlando. He was 18 years old when he came in. He came to talk to me about same-sex marriage, he wanted to talk about the anti-discrimination bill, he wanted to talk about hate crimes, because he told me that at 18 years old, as he was preparing to go to college, that at that point in his life, he was so scared and concerned about his own safety. He was not worried about hanging out with his friends that summer, getting ready for college, like normal kids would, what he told me is that right now for him, he has no place that he feels safe, he has no place where he can go where he truly believes that there are protections for him and those who may want to hurt him because of who he loves. So he found refuge in a bar where other LGBTQ folks gather because they, like this young man, had nowhere else to go. They realized that there was no hate crimes protection, and they realized that in the eyes of many people here in Pennsylvania, they are not equal. They are less, and as such being less they should be treated as less, and, in fact, they are, and they still are today.

I felt embarrassed during that meeting. I have said this before many times. I felt embarrassed because, again, as an attorney, as a legislator, as a person, as a citizen, it shocks me at times that when we talk about our rights as citizens and how important our constitutional values are that we hold true, that today there are still people who do not feel they are worth our care, our protection, and it is an embarrassment. It is an embarrassment for each and every one of us in this building, from the person in the Governor's Office all the way down to those in the legislature, because ultimately, this is our responsibility. We have more than 400 companies in Pennsylvania, including some of our largest employers that all have nondiscrimination policies that cover sexual orientation or gender identity.

About a year or so ago, there was talk about Amazon coming to Pennsylvania, coming to Philadelphia, or Pittsburgh, or wherever else it might be, but time and time again the one point kept coming up. The reality is that because Pennsylvania has no anti-discrimination protections, workers who would have traveled to Amazon would have actually been safer in the office than when they drove back to their homes. They would enjoy more protection of their constitutional rights, they would be offered more protection by a company than their own government.

At the end of the day, Madam President, it is really the right thing to do. If you do not believe it is an economic issue, that by ending legalized discrimination in this State and joining the ranks of the majority of other States, especially those around us, that it will help our economy, that it will not only help keep people here, but it will bring in more business, it will bring in entrepre-

neers, because I will tell you it matters. It matters if you are opening up a business in a State that is not welcoming to people of every denomination and every walk of life. That is what a Commonwealth is supposed to be, but unfortunately, it is not. Public support is 70 percent; 70 percent of the people who are polled support anti-discrimination, real anti-discrimination. A real bill that offers everything, labor and protections for public accommodations. No splitting it down the middle and putting something in quick, because that does not work, and that is telling people that you are not worth protection like everybody else.

Madam President, these bills will be coming around, and it is my hope that when we talk about discrimination and we talk about treating people fairly, that I can think back about a press conference of yesterday, as May 6, the last day that we had to do a press conference to remind people in Pennsylvania that legalized discrimination still exists. I am called because I believe at this point it is imperative that not only the legislature gets behind this, but the Governor gets behind this as well. It is time for the Governor to say enough. This has got to happen. We have tied budgets and every other vote in this place to some other issue. There is nothing as important as treating people as fairly as everyone else. Ending discrimination should be what this budget and every other vote of importance in this building is linked to, because if you cannot treat people and you are not ready to recognize that discrimination is wrong and that we need to end it, then I am sorry, you are not understanding what it is to live as a citizen in a Commonwealth. It bothers me, Madam President, that I still have to talk about this. It bothers me that people ask, when is it going to happen? It bothers me that there are 18-year-old kids who, instead of spending time with their friends and getting ready to go to school, they are worried about who is going to protect them from a hate crime because they read about it and they know they are not worth it. It bothers me.

So, Madam President, I truly hope that as we move forward in this budget process, folks in this building, folks around Pennsylvania, come to the realization that 70 percent of the Commonwealth already has, simply that it is time to stop discriminating against people just because of who you love.

Thank you, Madam President.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 11 a.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 4:47 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.