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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, June 5, 2019

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 JOHN CARR WAGNER, of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose, offered the following prayer:

The Lord be with you. Let us pray.

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, out of total void, that which is less than nothing, You created the firmament, the Earth, and all that therein is. You created all things, and when the birds of the air, the fish in the sea, and the beasts of the field had all been created, You created yet one more being. As the ultimate expression of Your creation, You created humankind, and that creation was made in Your own image. Each of us has been individually created by Your own hand. Thus, it is to You, our Creator, that each of us is ultimately responsible. Bathe us, we pray, in Your life and love. Imbue each of us with Your holy humility that each of us may recall that we are to be Your instruments, not relying fully upon ourselves but upon You for all that we do, all that we say, and each decision we make. Give us the grace to find You in each one with whom we come in contact each and every day, for as each of us is Your child, so is each one we greet also one of Your children. Bind us together in that sure knowledge.

We give You thanks for our country, we thank You for the sacrifices made by those who have gone before us who preserved for us this land of freedom and the home of the brave. May Your blessings continue to be poured upon us, that our common life may be marked by honesty and responsible work, as well as compassion for those less fortunate. Save us from violence, discord, and every evil way. Help us defend our liberties, give courage and bravery to the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces of this nation, as well as those of our allies. Defend them in time of battle, strengthen them in time of trial and temptation. Give them a sense of Your abiding presence wherever they may be. Give wisdom and guidance to all who bear the responsibility of government that we may have peace and justice at home and peace among the nations of the world.

In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the hour of trouble, help us to hold fast with a strong faith. And on that last great day, when each of us stands before Your throne of grace and judgment, allow us to hear those words for

which each of us yearns: well done, my good and faithful servant. Make those words balm to our troubled hearts, seals upon our foreheads, and mantles around our shoulders. All of this we ask in Your holy name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Wagner, who is the guest today of Senator Browne.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 5, 2019

Senators SANTARSIERO, FONTANA, FARNESE, YUDICHAK, COSTA, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, BLAKE, HUGHES, LEACH and L. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 324**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, providing for parent educational information regarding eating disorders.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 5, 2019.

Senators HUGHES, FONTANA, FARNESE, KEARNEY, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, COSTA and LEACH presented to the Chair **SB 555**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for the Public School Building Emergency Repair and Renovation Grant Program; establishing the Public School Building Emergency Repair and Renovation Grant Fund; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 5, 2019.

Senators HUGHES, FONTANA, FARNESE, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, COSTA and LEACH presented to the Chair **SB 556**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for the Public School Building Emergency Repair and Renovation Grant Program; establishing the Public School Building Emergency Repair and Renovation Grant Fund; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 5, 2019.

Senators HUGHES, FONTANA, HAYWOOD, SANTARSIERO, SCHWANK, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, KEARNEY, LEACH, BLAKE, BREWSTER, L. WILLIAMS and COLLETT presented to the Chair **SB 608**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in registration system, further providing for departmental responsibilities and for SURE system; in voter registration, further providing for methods of voter registration and for application with driver's license application, providing for Commonwealth agencies and other entities and further providing for time, for preparation and distribution of applications and for approval of registration applications; and providing for privacy and security standards for voter registration in this Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 5, 2019.

Senators DINNIMAN, LEACH, MUTH and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 677**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in service and facilities, providing for pipeline safety.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 5, 2019.

Senators SANTARSIERO, COLLETT, FARNESE, SCHWANK, COSTA, MUTH, KEARNEY and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 707**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1980 (P.L.380, No.97), known as the Solid Waste Management Act, in enforcement and remedies, providing for criminal proceedings.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 5, 2019.

Senators SANTARSIERO, COLLETT, FARNESE, SCHWANK, COSTA, MUTH, KEARNEY and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 708**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 22, 1937 (P.L.1987, No.394), known as The Clean Streams Law, in procedure and enforcement, further providing for summary proceedings.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 5, 2019.

Senators SANTARSIERO, COLLETT, FARNESE, SCHWANK, COSTA, MUTH, KEARNEY and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 709**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1984 (P.L.206, No.43), known as the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act, further providing for penalties and remedies.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 5, 2019.

Senators AUMENT, MENSCH, MARTIN, ARGALL, PHILLIPS-HILL, VOGEL, K. WARD, REGAN, STEFANO, J. WARD, FOLMER, YAW, HUTCHINSON and KILLION presented to the Chair **SB 711**, entitled:

An Act providing for civil immunity for persons that operate agritourism activities under certain circumstances.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 5, 2019.

Senators BARTOLOTTA, STEFANO, SCARNATI, YAW and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 716**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in oil and gas wells, further providing for legislative findings; and prohibiting the Governor from placing a moratorium on nonsurface disturbance natural gas drilling leases involving State forest land.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 5, 2019.

Senators STEFANO, BARTOLOTTA, SCARNATI, YAW and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 717**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in oil and gas wells, further providing for legislative findings and for Oil and Gas Lease Fund and establishing the Green Infrastructure Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 5, 2019.

Senators BROWNE, COSTA, KILLION, HUGHES, MENSCH, SCHWANK, LANGERHOLC, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, FARNESE, BLAKE, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, BAKER, TARTAGLIONE and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 718**, entitled:

An Act providing for museum preservation and for grant program; imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; establishing the Pennsylvania Museum Preservation Fund; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 5, 2019.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 5, 2019

Senators FOLMER, SCARNATI, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, MARTIN, VOGEL, PHILLIPS-HILL, J. WARD and HUTCHINSON presented to the Chair **SR 145**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to delay and review the Environmental Protection Agency's MS4 program.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 5, 2019.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AUTHORITY FOR HARRISBURG 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION

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

Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority for Harrisburg
c/o Shaffer & Engle, LLC
2205 Forest Hills Drive, Suite 10
Harrisburg, PA 17112

May 31, 2019

Megan Martin
Secretary-Parliamentarian
Pennsylvania Senate
Senate Box 203053
Harrisburg 17120-3053
Phone Number: (717)787-5920

Re: Revised First Fiscal Year Operating Budget & Submission of
2019-2020 Fiscal Year Request for Appropriation

Ms. Megan Martin:

Secretary-Parliamentarian Martin, please find enclosed two financial documents for your review from the Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority for Harrisburg.

Pursuant to Act 124 of 2018, the Authority is required to submit these documents to you for your information.

The Authority held our first-ever meeting on February 26, 2019.

We appreciate that Act 124 referenced an appropriation of \$100,000 for our work in the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. We are requesting a second appropriation of \$100,000 for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Pursuant to Act 124 we are sending this correspondence to the Governor and to the General Assembly. We appreciate your assistance in helping us secure this funding for our work in the upcoming fiscal year.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (717)443-7567 or ica.schankweiler@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

DAVID SCHANKWEILER
Chairman
Intergovernmental Cooperation
Authority for Harrisburg

The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the Library.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

HB 800 (Pr. No. 1676)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in educational tax credits, further providing for definitions and for limitations.

HB 1210 (Pr. No. 1490)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, repealing provisions relating to report of racial and ethnic groupings, to study of public schools that provide Internet instruction, to corporate seal, to submission of plans, to disapproval of plans, to Department of Public Instruction to prepare plans, to establishment of reorganized school districts, to advance establishment, to special school watchmen-school districts in townships of the second class, to copies of school laws, to educational broadcasting, to residences for teachers and janitors, to heating stoves to be shielded, to ventilation and thermometer, to fireproof construction, to doors to open outward and fire escapes, etc., to completion of abandoned WPA projects in districts of the third and fourth class, to condition of grounds and shade trees, to summer schools, etc., to possession of telephone pagers prohibited, to nonprofit school food program, to antitruancy

programs, to medical care for children under six with defective hearing, to report, to care and treatment of pupils, to local wellness policy, to foreign language academies, to monthly reports to school directors of the districts second, third and fourth class, to Read to Succeed Program, to department duties and powers, to schools or classes, supervisors, principals, instructors, etc., to estimate of expenses and reimbursements and appropriations, to teachers of evening schools, to duties of public institutions of higher education, to medical education loan assistance and to special study on the revenue impact of out-of-State tax credits.

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

SB 116 (Pr. No. 84)

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in taxation and finance, providing for spending limitations.

SB 712 (Pr. No. 845)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in Treasury Department, further providing for investment of moneys.

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

SB 701 (Pr. No. 847)

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey certain lands and improvements situate in the City of Allentown and the City of Bethlehem, Lehigh County, through a competitive solicitation process; and making a related repeal.

HB 619 (Pr. No. 614)

An Act providing for the annual designation and holiday observance June 19 as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day" in this Commonwealth.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Schwank. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of March 25, 2019, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of March 25, 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-48

Argall	Dinniman	Langerholc	Schwank
Aument	DiSanto	Laughlin	Stefano
Baker	Farnese	Leach	Street
Bartolotta	Folmer	Martin	Tartaglione
Blake	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

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 ROBERT TOMLINSON
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce some very special guests. I am very proud to introduce former Representative Tom Corrigan and his family. Tom is a dear friend of mine who served in the legislature from 1987 to 2006 in the 140th Legislative District. He is from Bristol Borough. Tom spent 30 years in the steel mill before coming to the legislature. He is a very proud graduate of Bristol High School. Tom is more than just a colleague and a friend, he was a mentor. He taught me more about serving my constituents and area than any other elected official I have served with. Representative Corrigan is joined by his son, Matt, who works at the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, and his wife, Monica, who works for NJM Insurance Company. They are proud to be here with their daughter, Annie Corrigan, who just graduated yesterday from Conwell-Egan High School and will be attending Saint Joseph University in Philadelphia in the fall majoring in accounting.

Annie is a 3-year varsity lacrosse player serving as captain of her team at Conwell-Egan. While at Conwell-Egan, Annie was named to the First Team All-Catholic Girls' Lacrosse Team, as well as 2018 Bucks County Girls' Lacrosse Golden Team. She broke several school records. She scored over 126 goals in her high school career and broke a school record by scoring nine goals in just one game. Just this year, Annie was named the Conwell-Egan 2019 Scholar Athlete of the Year. She is joined by her two sisters, who are also phenomenal and outstanding students and student athletes. Molly attends Alvernia University as a biology major. She also plays lacrosse for the Alvernia University team. Lily attends Chestnut Hill College as a special elementary education major with a minor in visual impairment and also plays lacrosse for the Chestnut Hill College team. As you can imagine, Representative Corrigan, Matt, and Monica enjoy attending many lacrosse games. Their family is very active at St. Mark's Catholic Church parish in Bristol Borough.

Mr. President, I am very honored to introduce not only a great friend of mine, Representative Corrigan, but his son and their outstanding three girls who are outstanding athletes and out-

standing college students. I ask the Senate to give my friends a warm Senate welcome.

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

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

**GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHELE BROOKS
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Mercer, Senator Brooks.

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, we often have State champions with us on the Senate floor, but today I have not only State champions, and not only national champions, I have world champions. While these champions probably have the brain power to build a car for you, they are not even old enough to drive yet. I am proud to introduce the Sharon Tiger Techs Robotics Teams from Mercer County, Team Orange and Team Black. You know the TV show *Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?* Well, these young creators are some of the smartest young people you will probably ever meet, and they are only in fourth through ninth grade. Already they have attracted international attention and are close to securing a patent for space exploration. In April, the Sharon robotics Orange Team won first place at the world championships in the category of inspiration in Detroit. The competition is considered to be the Oscars of robotics. The team's award reflects their professionalism both on and off the competition floor. At that event, they competed against 108 teams from more than 30 countries. Team Black finished second in the challenge, earning the Champions Award. Mr. President, in addition to the team awards, their coach, Dave Tomko, won the Coach Mentor Award. Joining coach Tomko in leadership, and here at the Capitol, are Kelly Roys and Darcy Wiesen. I also thank the many parents and grandparents who traveled 5 hours today to be at the State Capitol with us.

The Tiger Techs have invented the Shape Shifter for the INTO ORBIT season, proposing solutions to challenges astronauts face during long-term space exploration. Their project qualified them as a top 20 semi-finalist and a contender for the ninth annual *FIRST LEGO* League Global Innovation Award for the first time in the program's history. The team will travel to San Jose, California, on June 30 to present the innovation to expert judges. Remarkably, the next step in this exciting journey is to take their Global Innovation Award for Shape Shifter to the next level by applying for a provisional patent. Clearly, Mr. President, the Sharon robotics Orange and Black Teams have represented western Pennsylvania, and all of Pennsylvania, with enormous distinction.

Please join me in giving them our customary warm Senate welcome, and our best wishes for their next competition on June 30.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the world champs please rise to be welcomed by the 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 am pleased to present to the Senate today two seniors from Wallenpaupack Area High School, Nick Hamer and Cory Prisco, who have earned recognition as the best automotive technicians in America. They were victorious at the National Automotive Technology Competition held in New York City, earning full scholarships and prizes. This competition was established to address a shortage of automotive technicians. The amount of technological knowhow poured into solving complex sets of vehicle problems is truly impressive, especially for those of us whose competency begins when I start my vehicle and put gas into it. These two young men deserve credit for their skill, their intensity, and their competitive spirit, along with the way they have acquired personal and life skills, such as the importance of teamwork.

For the program, it is the second consecutive national championship, and it makes three in 5 years. The victory by this year's duo brings the number of national and State championships to nine. Kudos goes out to their auto wizard instructor, Dr. Mark "Doc" Watson, who has solved the mystery of unlocking student success. Wallenpaupack is extremely resourceful in fulfilling their educational mission. Student initiative is supplemented by a commitment on the part of their teachers and administrators. So when students win this important competition, the school also acquires top-shelf equipment that would otherwise be unaffordable. Each of these young men has a family involved and is very supportive of their learning path.

So it is my joy to present two promising individuals to receive affirmation for this impressive accomplishment. Please help me extend a warm Senate welcome to Nick Hamer; Cory Prisco; their coach, teacher, and mentor, Mark "Doc" Watson; and their very proud parents, Mark and Kathy Prisco and Chris and Trish Hamer, who are all seated on the Senate floor. It is a tremendous honor for Wallenpaupack and for the State of Pennsylvania. Our congratulations and very best wishes.

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

(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR JUDITH F. WARD
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, it is my absolute honor and privilege to introduce Chrissey Stowell Wagner. Chrissey works in my Senate district office and also worked in my House district office. She does a tremendous job for the constituents of the 30th Senatorial District, and I ask you all to give a warm Senate welcome to Chrissey Wagner.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Judy Ward please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUEST 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 today to introduce John Brettler, who is interning in my Harrisburg office this summer. John is from Palmyra, Lebanon County, and is the son of Robert and Sandi Brettler. He is a 2018 graduate of Palmyra Area High School and is entering his sophomore year at Penn State University, where he is a dual major in political science and economics. John is a member of the university conduct board, student organization conduct committee, and Springfield, benefiting THON. In his free time, John enjoys playing golf, traveling, and fantasy football.

Senators, please join me in a warm Senate welcome for Mr. John Brettler.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Folmer please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR MARIA COLLETT
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, it is my honor to recognize my constituents Jackie Swain and Chris Sheeder of Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. Jackie and Chris were kind enough to join me and Senator Laughlin this morning as we introduced the Family Care Act. Jackie and Chris have experienced something that no parents should ever have to go through, the loss of their beautiful baby girl, Emersyn. Emersyn was born with a congenital heart defect that meant much of her life was spent at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. During this time, Jackie and Chris had to deal not only with the heartbreak of their daughter's struggle, but also the reality that they had financial responsibilities that could not be put on hold. This experience drove them to reach out to my office to advocate for policies that would have helped them in their time of need. Jackie and Chris have rallied around the memory of their happy, joyful daughter to insure that other families will not face the compounded burden of financial struggle on top of the emotional struggle of having a sick child. I am profoundly grateful for their graciousness and their compassion for the families of our Commonwealth.

Please join me in giving them a warm Senate welcome.

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

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR SHARIF T. STREET
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I rise to introduce guests who have joined me from Philadelphia but who came here in anticipation and hope that we would recognize a celebration deeply important to them, and that is the LGBT Pride Month.

Unfortunately, this is something that this body has consistently declined to do. While we recognize so many of the diverse communities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, from all walks of life, we have failed consistently in recognizing the expression and the civic activity that happens in the LGBT community for Pride Month not only in Philadelphia, but in communities throughout this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and, indeed, across the country.

Joining me today are guests who have been pioneers in the fight for equal rights for LGBT citizens, and they include Susan Silverman, who was an active participant in the movements that arose from the Stonewall uprising and is considered an iconic pioneer of both feminist and LGBTQ+ civil rights movements. She was an early member of the Gay Liberation Front, which was founded on the heels of Stonewall, and a founder of Radical Lesbians for Women in the LGBTQ+ community.

John James, an early pioneer for equal rights for the LGBTQ community, having attended the first Reminders Day March on July 4, 1965, which was one of the first acts of protest demanding LGBT civil rights in America, as Mr. James and others marched in protest with protest signs in front of Independence Hall. John went on to create the *AIDS Treatment News* to inform and empower those affected by the AIDS epidemic.

We have with us Mr. David Acosta, born in Cali, Colombia, moved to Philadelphia at the age of 10 in the 1960s, and has lived a life of activism fighting for the rights of the Latinx LGBTQ+ community. He is a founder of Galaei, a queer Latin@ social justice organization in Philadelphia. From 1985 to 1989, he served on Philadelphia's Commission For Sexual Minorities, becoming the first Latinx member appointed by the first African-American mayor, W. Wilson Goode, Sr.

We have with us Elizabeth Coffey Williams, a proud trans woman active in her community. Elizabeth underwent groundbreaking gender confirmation surgery at John Hopkins University 47 years ago in 1972. After an industrious film career participating in an acting coalition known as the Dreamlanders, she cofounded and facilitated the Chrysalis gender group and participated as a board member for the Rockford AIDS Care Network. A talented quilter, Elizabeth quilted a panel for the AIDS quilt honoring a friend who lost his life to the epidemic. Today she resides in Philadelphia and facilitates the TransWay program at the William Way Community Center.

We are also joined by members of the John Anderson senior home, which is in my colleague, Senator Farnese's, district, which is a senior home dedicated to providing access to housing for senior LGBTQ+ citizens.

Since we will not be adopting a unanimous consent resolution today honoring Pride Month, I do ask Members of the Senate to welcome guests who are pioneers and champions in fighting for the rights that are important for every citizen of the Commonwealth but have so often been denied to members of their community. With that, I ask the Senate to join me in welcoming my guests.

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

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR PATRICK M. BROWNE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I am proud to rise to recognize a constituent of mine and today's pastor, Father John Wagner. Father Wagner is a pastor at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Montrose, which is actually in Senator Yaw's district. He travels 2, 2 1/2 hours every Sunday to do his work at St. Paul's Church, and he should be acknowledged for that because that is probably pretty unusual for that level of commitment to his parish to travel that length of time to do his work. He has been a pastor at St. Mark's and St. John's Episcopal Church in Jim Thorpe. He received his B.S. in civil engineering from Penn State and a master's in civil engineering from Villanova and attended Mary Immaculate Seminary. On a more personal note, as some of you may be aware from seeing him in his advocacy capacity, he is currently living with ALS. He is very involved in ALS awareness and makes visits to Harrisburg, attends rallies, raising awareness of the severe challenge of this disease.

So, on behalf of my constituents, I am asking the Senate to acknowledge Father Wagner not only as a man of faith, but as a man of courage who is helping so many people deal with some significant challenges.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Browne, today's guest Chaplain, please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.
(Applause.)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators REGAN, IOVINO, BAKER, BLAKE, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, HUGHES, KILLION, LEACH, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, VOGEL, J. WARD, L. WILLIAMS, YAW, COSTA and AUMENT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 149**, entitled:

A Resolution remembering the sacrifices of the brave men and women in our armed forces.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Regan.

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, as chairs of the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, Senator Iovino and I are honored to introduce a resolution commemorating Memorial Day in the Senate. We also join the Senate Library in highlighting the service that current and former Members of the Senate gave to this nation through their new exhibit, "We Remember: Service to the State and Nation." This past week, the nation observed Memorial Day, a solemn remembrance of all those who gave their lives in defense of this great nation and our freedoms. As we move from Memorial Day to the 75th anniversary of D-Day, today we honor heroes who went on to serve in

the Senate of Pennsylvania. Members of the Senate of Pennsylvania have served in just about every war our nation has faced. Along the front lines, in reserves, building supply routes, and communications, wherever these men and women have served their nation, they have served with honor. The Senate Library has opened a special exhibit to remember those lives that were distinguished by service to both the people of the Commonwealth and the nation. I urge Members, staff, and visitors to the Capitol to take time to visit this fitting tribute, which will be on display until September 17, 2019.

The Senate is currently blessed to have several Members who have served our great nation: Senator Ryan Aument, who served in the U.S. Army; Senator Pam Iovino, in the U.S. Navy; Senator Bob Mensch, in the U.S. Army Engineers Reserve; Senator Gene Yaw, U.S. Army; and we will soon be joined by Senator-elect Doug Mastriano, who served in the U.S. Army. Seated in the gallery are family members of past Senators who served our great country. The family of Senator Fraser Donlan, U.S. Marine Corps, from 1943 to 1946; the family of Senator Thomas V. Cooper, U.S. Army, from 1861 to 1864; the family of Senator Freeman Hankins, U.S. Army, from 1945 to 1946; the family of Senator Jeanette Reibman, U.S. War Department and U.S. War Production Board, from 1940 to 1944; and Senator John Pippy, U.S. Army, from 1992 to 2004, and PA National Guardsman, 2004 to present. Senator Iovino will speak next recognizing the family members and expanding upon the Senators' military service.

Mr. President, with this resolution the Senate calls on all Pennsylvanians to remember the sacrifices that have been made by those who have come before us so that we may enjoy the freedoms we have today. I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator Iovino.

Senator IOVINO. Mr. President, today we pause to celebrate the service of some remarkable individuals who preceded us in the Pennsylvania General Assembly. I also would like to especially thank our Senate Librarian and staff who have curated a wonderful exhibit in the Senate Library documenting the distinction and selflessness of these individuals. Those who have served are often thanked for doing so, but for those who practice it, service is truly an honor and a privilege, one that you carry for a lifetime, and today it is befitting that we recognize four individuals who have bravely served in uniform and then chose to embark on another form of public service here at home in the General Assembly. I think it is fair to say that service in multiple spheres reflects a commitment and dedication to public service. That is why today we honor these four distinguished individuals whose memorabilia has been generously loaned to the wonderful new Senate Library exhibit entitled, "We Remember: Service to the State and Nation."

GUESTS OF SENATOR PAM IOVINO
AND SENATOR MIKE REGAN
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

Senator IOVINO. Mr. President, first, former Senator Fraser Donlan. He was born in Scotland in 1919. As a young man, he was drafted to play--this is not a typo--in the All-American Football League for the Brooklyn Dodgers. However, he chose to

enlist in the Marines and served from 1943 to 1946 in the Pacific Theater. He was injured four times, including at the Battle of Iwo Jima, and received numerous medals and honors. He served as a State Senator from 1947 until 1950, when he was then appointed as a Workman's Compensation referee.

With us today from Senator Donlan's family are Fraser Donlan, Jr., and his wife, Sandy. If we could give them a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Iovino and Senator Regan please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

Senator IOVINO. Mr. President, next we also recognize Senator Thomas V. Cooper. Born in Cadiz, Ohio, in 1835, he served in the U.S. Army during the Civil War from 1861 to 1864 and saw action in 13 major engagements. After the war, Senator Cooper worked as an editor and a writer, and he was elected to the State House first in 1870 and then to the State Senate in 1872. He served in multiple leadership roles, including Caucus leader and President pro tempore. In 1909, Senator Cooper passed away while in office, a respected Member of both Chambers. From the Cooper family we have here today great-great-grandson, Thomas Cooper, and his wife, Carol; great-great-granddaughters, Sara Jenkins Smith, Julianna McGreer Malnar, and Nancy Lee Cooper-McGreer; great-great-great-grandsons and great-great-great-granddaughter, Robin and Quentin McGreer and Jennifer Cooper; and, finally, great-great-great-great-granddaughter, Ashley Cooper Bergeron. May we welcome them today.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Iovino and Senator Regan please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

Senator IOVINO. Mr. President, we also honor Senator Freeman Hankins. Born in Brunswick, Georgia, in 1917, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1945 to 1946 in the Medical Corps. Returning home, he worked as a funeral director in Philadelphia until his election, first to the State House of Representatives in 1960 and then in 1967 to the State Senate, where he was known as a passionate advocate for education, equal rights, and poverty alleviation. He retired in 1988. With us today from the Hankins family, his daughter, Bernadette Hankins; son-in-law, Robert Warfield, Sr.; and grandchildren, Brooks Hankins-Brown and Robert Warfield, Jr. May we give them a warm Senate welcome today.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Iovino and Senator Regan please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

Senator IOVINO. Mr. President, we also honor Senator Jeanette Reibman, born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1915. She worked in private practice as an attorney up until World War II, where she served both at the U.S. War Department and U.S. War Production Board from 1940 to 1944. She was elected first to the House in 1955, and then began service in the Pennsylvania State Senate in 1969. She would spend the next 25 years tirelessly supporting education initiatives until her retirement in 1994 from public service. From Senator Reibman's family is her son, James Reibman, here with us today. Can we give him a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Iovino and Senator Regan please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

Senator IOVINO. Mr. President, the last we are recognizing today is a former colleague and Member of this Chamber who is

with us today, Senator John Pippy. He was born in Thailand on a U.S. Air Force base in 1970. He served on active duty from 2003 to 2004 after his unit was called up to serve during the Iraq War. He holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Pennsylvania National Guard. In 1996, he was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He spent 7 years in the House before coming over to the Senate in 2003. He served in that seat until 2012, and since then has been the president of the Pennsylvania Coal Association. It is my great honor to ask us to give a warm welcome, as an occupant of the seat I humbly serve in now, Senator Pippy.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Iovino and Senator Regan please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

Senator IOVINO. Mr. President, I trust I speak on behalf of all my colleagues in saying that these remarkable public servants are an inspiration to us and to countless others who answer the call to service. I look forward to this exhibit serving as a reminder of their enduring legacy and the privilege and the power of service to transform and uplift. 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.

RECESS

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

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senate Democrats will meet around the podium for a moment. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Judiciary, followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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 Stefano, and a legislative leave for Senator DiSanto.

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 112, SB 174 and HB 318 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 500 (Pr. No. 850) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law, providing for County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee, for justice reinvestment grants, phase 2, for continuing county probation and parole grants and for county intermediate punishment funding; making an appropriation; and making a related repeal.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, for years now people have been demanding that State government become more cost conscious and more efficient. An overhaul of our correctional policies attacks one of the controllable cost drivers in our State budget and is intended to improve community safety by putting in place more effective approaches to crime and punishment. Also noteworthy is the commendable cooperation across both aisles that continues to mark this effort. This package is based on recommendations made by the bipartisan, interbranch Justice Reinvestment Working Group.

My bill, along with Senate Bill No. 501, sponsored by Senator Killion, and Senate Bill No. 502, sponsored by Senator Bartolotta, Senator Hughes, and Senator Haywood, are an attempt to reduce expenditures in our prison system, provide additional funds for our county probation and parole system, insure the fair treatment of victims and offenders, and reduce recidivism. Specifically, Senate Bill No. 500 establishes an 18-member county adult probation and parole advisory committee to provide guidance to help counties better assess the unique risks and needs of probationers and to reduce incarceration and cut costs to taxpayers. Probation and parole offices around the State will be supported financially and trained on best practices to achieve better outcomes for offenders. This is extremely important, because 86 percent of those being supervised are done at the county level. This legislation also insures that future expenditures will never exceed the savings realized. So I ask for an affirmative vote on this important initiative, as well as the companion bills of Senate Bill No. 501 and Senate Bill No. 502.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

Argall	Dinniman	Langerhole	Schwank
Aument	DiSanto	Laughlin	Stefano
Baker	Farnese	Leach	Street
Bartolotta	Folmer	Martin	Tartaglione
Blake	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

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 501 (Pr. No. 692) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in judicial boards and commissions, further providing for powers and duties, for adoption of guidelines for sentencing, for adoption of guidelines for county intermediate punishment, for adoption of guidelines for State intermediate punishment and for adoption of risk assessment instrument; in sentencing, further providing for sentencing generally, for order of probation, for sentence of partial confinement, for sentence of total confinement, for sentence of county intermediate punishment, for information required upon commitment and subsequent disposition, for modification or revocation of order of probation, for court-imposed sanctions for offenders violating probation, for modification or revocation of county intermediate punishment sentence and for revocation of State intermediate punishment sentence; in county intermediate punishment, further providing for county intermediate punishment programs and for continued eligibility; in motivational boot camp, further providing for definitions, for selection of inmate participants and for motivational boot camp program; in State intermediate punishment, further providing for scope of chapter, for definitions, for referral to State intermediate punishment program, for drug offender treatment program and for reports; in recidivism risk reduction incentive, further providing for definitions, for evaluation and for reports; in Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, further providing for definitions, for advisory committee, for general powers of board, for probation services, for parole power, providing for short sentence parole, further providing for violation of terms of parole and for parole procedure; and making conforming amendments.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator KILLION. Mr. President, as we just heard, this bill, Senate Bill No. 501, as Senator Baker outlined, is part of a pack-

age of bills. Senate Bill No. 501, specifically, would streamline the placement of offenders in drug treatment and other intermediate punishment programs and improve the parole process for nonviolent offenders. This would help insure that offenders get the treatment they need while implementing the reforms for our parole process. I am pleased to be part of this package of bills, along with Senator Baker, Senator Bartolotta, Senator Hughes, and Senator Haywood, that are designed to reduce prison and probation costs, better protect crime victims, and strengthen public safety. Senate Bill No. 501 is estimated to save over \$44.9 million over 5 years, and I ask for an affirmative vote.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

Argall	Dinniman	Langerhole	Schwank
Aument	DiSanto	Laughlin	Stefano
Baker	Farnese	Leach	Street
Bartolotta	Folmer	Martin	Tartaglione
Blake	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

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 502 (Pr. No. 693) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in crime victims, further providing for rights, for responsibilities of victims of crime under basic bill of rights, for responsibilities of State and local law enforcement agencies and for responsibilities of prosecutor's office; in administration, further providing for office, for powers and duties of victim advocate and for powers and duties of Office of Victims' Services; in compensation, further providing for persons eligible for compensation, for filing of claims for compensation, for minimum allowable claim, for determination of claims, for emergency awards, for awards and for confidentiality of records; in services, further providing for eligibility of victims; in financial matters, further providing for costs and for costs for offender supervision programs; and, in enforcement, further providing for subrogation.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, I rise today to seek support for legislation prime-sponsored by myself, Senator Hughes, and Senator Haywood to amend the Crime Victims Act to provide information and compensation to crime victims. This proposal is part of the justice reinvestment initiative, a bipartisan package of criminal justice reform legislation that will reduce prison and probation costs, better protect crime victims, and strengthen public safety. Senate Bill No. 502 will reinvest savings generated through other legislation in the package into victims' services. It will help streamline the entire process and make certain more victims receive the help that they need.

Specifically, our legislation would require the law enforcement officer responding to or investigating an incident to provide basic information about the rights and services available to crime victims, as well as availability of crime victims' compensation to the direct victim or, if appropriate, a member of the direct victim's family. This includes insuring the victim knows their right to be enrolled into the address confidentiality program, which exempts victims who enter the program from providing a public address and telephone number when their life might be in danger. It changes the time a victim can file a claim for compensation from 2 years to 3 years, and allows the acceptance of a claim beyond 3 years under certain circumstances. It lowers the minimum threshold of out-of-pocket expenses for filing a claim from \$100 to \$50. It also provides for the needs of crime victims in an essential part of the criminal justice system, but, in too many cases, victims feel left out of the entire process. Our legislation will insure that every victim understands their important role in the system and receives any compensation they are owed.

Lastly, I thank everyone who has worked on this legislation, both this Session and last, to insure we have the proper protections in place for our victims. I urge my colleagues to cast an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 502.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, I also thank all who were involved in this legislation, especially Senator Bartolotta and Senator Hughes, and all of the Leadership who moved this along. This is part of a series of legislation that Senator Greenleaf left to us, and I am glad that we were able to move it along as part of our top priorities. Crime victims should be part of criminal justice reform, and this does that.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

Argall	Dinniman	Langerholc	Schwank
Aument	DiSanto	Laughlin	Stefano
Baker	Farnese	Leach	Street
Bartolotta	Folmer	Martin	Tartaglione
Blake	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

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 543, HB 547, HB 548 and SB 593 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 22 (Pr. No. 531) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for the Legislative Reapportionment Commission.

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

SB 22 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 22, Printer's No. 531, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 28 and SB 45 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 108 (Pr. No. 80) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 27 (Environmental Resources) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for Keystone Tree Fund; and, in registration of vehicles, providing for contributions to the Keystone Tree Fund.

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 123, SB 131, SB 140, 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 AND REREFERRED

SB 223 (Pr. No. 407) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, further providing for definitions and for unlawful acts.

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 305 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 314 (Pr. No. 292) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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 321, SB 337, SB 356, HB 370, SB 396 and HB 404 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 432 (Pr. No. 401) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 454 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 462 (Pr. No. 858) -- 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 preliminary provisions, repealing provisions relating to report of racial and ethnic groupings and to study of public schools that provide Internet instruction; in school districts, repealing provisions relating to corporate seal, to submission of plans, to disapproval of plans, to Department of Public Instruction to prepare plans, to establishment of reorganized school districts and to advance establishment; in duties and powers of boards of school directors, repealing provisions relating to special school watchmen-school districts in townships of the second class, to copies of school laws and to educational broadcasting; in grounds and buildings, repealing provisions relating to residences for teachers and janitors, to heating stoves to be shielded, to ventilation and thermometer, to fireproof construction, to doors to open outward and fire escapes, etc., to completion of abandoned WPA projects in districts of the third and fourth class and to condition of grounds and shade trees; in certification of teachers, repealing provisions relating to summer schools, etc.; in pupils and attendance, repealing provisions relating to possession of telephone pagers prohibited, to nonprofit school food program, to antitruancy programs and to medical care for children under six with defective hearing; in safe schools, repealing provisions relating to report; in school health services, repealing provisions relating to care and treatment of pupils and to local wellness policy; in terms and courses of study, repealing provisions relating to foreign language academies, to monthly reports to school directors of the districts second, third and fourth class, to Read to Succeed Program and to department duties and powers; in vocational education, repealing provisions relating to schools or classes, supervisors, principals, instructors, etc., to estimate of expenses and reimbursements and appropriations and to teachers of evening schools; in transfers of credits between institutions of higher education, repealing provisions relating to duties of public institutions of higher education; repealing provisions relating to medical education loan assistance; and, in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, repealing provisions relating to special study on the revenue impact of out-of-State tax credits.

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 481, SB 485 and SB 531 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 536 (Pr. No. 859) -- 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, establishing the Public Higher Education Funding Commission.

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 569 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 572 (Pr. No. 862) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in public safety, providing for opioid treatment agreements.

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 575 (Pr. No. 856) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in environmental stewardship and watershed protection, further providing for agencies; providing for Pennsylvania Clean Water Procurement Program; establishing the Watershed Innovation and Improvement Fund; and making an appropriation.

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 590 (Pr. No. 705) -- 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 charter schools, establishing the Charter School Funding Advisory Commission.

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 619 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 621 (Pr. No. 866) -- 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, amending provisions relating to school police officers and school resource officers, and imposing powers and duties on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 633 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 634 (Pr. No. 860) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in soil and conservation, providing for Conservation Excellence Grant Program; and making an appropriation.

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 675 (Pr. No. 820) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for certification of buprenorphine office-based prescribers; limiting the use of buprenorphine; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.

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 695 (Pr. No. 833) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for medical assistance payments for institutional care; in nursing facility assessments, further providing for time periods; in intermediate care facilities for persons with an intellectual disability assessments, further providing for time periods; and, in hospital assessments, further providing for time period.

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 698 and **SB 699** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 700 (Pr. No. 846) -- 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, providing for construction and renovation of buildings by school entities; and establishing a grant program for maintenance projects.

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.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 703 (Pr. No. 843) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 45 (Legal Notices) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in publication and effectiveness of Commonwealth documents, further providing for Joint Committee on Documents.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 807, **HB 808** and **HB 856** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1166 (Pr. No. 1344) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 11, 1889 (P.L.188, No.210), entitled "A further supplement to an act, entitled 'An act to establish a board

of wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for the regulation of pilots and pilotage, and for other purposes,' approved March twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and three, and for regulating the rates of pilotage and number of pilots," further providing for rates of pilotage and computation, for pilotage fees and unit charge and for charges for services.

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1172 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 93 (Pr. No. 882) (Amended)

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, providing for the offense of drug delivery resulting in serious bodily injury; and, in sentencing, providing for sentencing for drug delivery resulting in serious bodily injury.

SB 107 (Pr. No. 883) (Amended)

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

SB 351 (Pr. No. 341)

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

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senator CORMAN, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 150**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2019 as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania to promote suicide prevention and raise greater awareness of the problem of suicide.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, this resolution designates the month of September 2019 as "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. Approximately 2,000 Pennsylvanians lost their lives to suicide in 2017. This resolution coincides with the National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, recognizes the seriousness of this issue, and encourages Pennsylvanians to learn more about the warning signs of suicide and possible preventative measures.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators HAYWOOD, DINNIMAN, MUTH, STREET, FONTANA, LEACH, SANTARSIERO, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, SCHWANK and FARNESE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 151**, entitled:

A Resolution designating June 7, 2019, as "Gun Violence Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania in recognition of this public safety and public health issue and in commemoration of the lives lost to gun violence in this Commonwealth.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, this is the fifth "Gun Violence Awareness Day" in the Capitol, and I thank each Member of the Senate, as well as the Leadership, for recognizing gun violence awareness by unanimous support. This is not intended to demonize gun owners. Almost all gun owners are lawful and law-abiding citizens. At the same time, though, we have had the Tree of Life shootings and killings in Pittsburgh, the many suicides that Majority Leader Corman has already addressed, and our children are in real fear of being shot and killed in schools, and we have, unfortunately, the everyday neighborhood shootings and killings. These compel us to recognize the concern and be aware of gun violence.

Many of us have stories of gun violence. I am not going to share any grim statistics or heartbreaking stories. However, 2 weeks ago, I was in a youth social change conference at Arcadia University. About 80 students from northwest Philadelphia attended this session. They were talking about gun violence, drug and alcohol abuse, education access, and community engagement. I attended a small break-out session with about 25 high school and middle school students with the help of two facilitators to lead the gun violence discussion. Almost all of the students had been affected by gun violence. Many, unfortunately, felt it was routine, and they were becoming numb to the shootings. During that break-out session, two students had to leave, one had a brother that had been recently shot and killed. Our children are being traumatized by gun violence, and this is unacceptable. I know that our hearts are heavy for the children and the adults who must heal from the trauma that they experience, but there is a way out. There is a light on the path out, and I believe that this resolution today is part of the light on that path.

I thank you, Mr. President, and urge support from my Senate colleagues.

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

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

Senators KILLION, ARGALL, BAKER, BLAKE, BREWSTER, BROWNE, COLLETT, CORMAN, DINNIMAN, DiSANTO, FARNESE, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER,

HUTCHINSON, IOVINO, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL, REGAN, SABATINA, SCHWANK, TOMLINSON, VOGEL, J. WARD, BARTOLOTTA, AUMENT, HUGHES, COSTA, YAW, K. WARD and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 152**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary of D-Day on June 6, 2019.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator KILLION. Mr. President, it is with reverence and humility this morning that I offer a resolution to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion by Allied forces. Part of Operation Overlord and Operation Neptune, nearly 160,000 men stormed the beaches of Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944, in the largest air, land, and sea operation undertaken before or since. Dwight D. Eisenhower, then Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force to the invasion of Europe, and later President of the United States, drafted letters, both victory and defeat. He said, "We will accept nothing less than full Victory!"

Today, this population of brave servicemen who so gallantly served our country is dwindling. Tomorrow, on the anniversary, only 30 American veterans in their 90s will return to the beaches of Normandy. Mr. President, we owe these men a debt of gratitude for their sacrifice and bravery. I ask for favorable consideration.

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, indeed D-Day is a very extraordinary moment in the world's history, and I want to offer a few comments, if I may. First, I would like to relate to you a neighbor of mine, he is 94 years old, and he wears a World War II veterans hat. I have never thought much more than that, I have never conjuncted D-Day with him, but he contacted my office the other week, and he and his wife wanted to travel to Normandy so they could be there on June 6 for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of D-Day. I did not know much about this gentleman outside of the fact that he lives down the road from me. So, I called the local newspaper and I said, this could be a local interest story, partly because he and his wife did not have birth certificates. They did not have passports. They were born in their homes 94 years ago, the schools they attended have long gone into history, so they had no proof of citizenship. So, we worked with Senator Toomey's office, and we were able to get them their passports, and I hope that he and his wife are enjoying Normandy as we speak.

When the newspaper did the article on him, what we realized was that he was a forward Ranger. He was one of the early troops on the beaches of Normandy on June 6. He was wounded several times. He has several Purple Hearts from his wounds. He received several Bronze Stars with clusters for heroism in combat. Here is a man who lives a half-mile down the road, does not talk very much about it, but he is a hero. And like so many people who fought on that day, many of them giving their lives, men and women, he, in my mind, exemplifies the heroism that was

necessary to combat the enemy. He was one of the lucky ones, he came home, and he has a heck of a story to tell. For my folks at home, I would encourage them to reacquaint themselves with this gentleman and his stories, as we can with the other veterans who still remain from World War II, and learn the history, the significance of the history, of D-Day.

I would like to relate one other situation to you, and I will go back to my days in school when I had an economics professor who was a Czechoslovakian Jew. He had survived the death camp at Treblinka. I do not know how many of you have ever read Elie Wiesel, or read the book, *Night*, by Elie Wiesel, but he recounts a very vivid story of going to the camp with his family and losing his mother and sister immediately and, over time, his father died from the labors of the camp. That is the exact same story of Colonel Hlavac that he related to us as cadets. He walked around carrying a handkerchief his whole life after the camps, because of the beatings and things he would have to spit up periodically because of the horrendous treatment that he had received in the camps.

D-Day, Mr. President, to me, is about a significant statement against the terrors of the world that were represented by the fascist, socialist regimes, particularly in Germany and Italy, but throughout the world. I want to, to the extent that I can, salute those people, the survivors not only of D-Day, but people like Colonel Hlavac who also suffered much. He was saved, and many other people were saved, by the efforts of our troops who landed on June 6 at D-Day. I think it is a very significant day for history. I wish the children, the youth of our nation, studied it more and knew more about it. Take *Schindler's List*, watch it; take a book by Elie Wiesel and read it. Learn what the world can be like again if we are not careful. Freedom is very fragile, and the old saying, freedom is not free.

In closing, I will leave you, the Chamber, with one other thought. It comes from a gentleman, he was the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps when I was in military school. My roommate, my plebe roommate, happened to be the son of the Adjutant to the Commandant, so we had some access to him when he came on post. And he offered a thought one time that every generation of Americans, and it was recounted earlier, by the way, by Senator Iovino and Senator Regan when they offered their thoughts, but every generation of Americans has had to fight to preserve the freedoms of America. He continued to say that every generation will have to continue to fight to save the freedoms of America. And his last thought was, if we stop fighting to protect our freedoms, we have lost our freedoms. So I think that D-Day is a very significant historical landmark for all of humanity, not just America, not just for the Senate, but for all of humanity.

Thank you, Mr. President, for indulging my comments.

The PRESIDENT. Agreed, and thank you.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator Iovino.

Senator IOVINO. Mr. President, I am also pleased to stand in support of this resolution honoring the 75th anniversary of D-Day. Seventy-five years ago, tomorrow, 160,000 patriots waited or parachuted into a battle that would become the critical turning point in the war to secure not only American democracy and freedom, but also a new world order of peace and prosperity. Seventy-five years ago today, 4,414 soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines made the ultimate sacrifice in that battle in defense of

liberty. This resolution honors their memory and their bravery. For those who were fortunate enough to return home from battle, they resumed their everyday lives and literally built this country into what it is today. It is appropriate and deserved that we refer to these valiant servicemen and women as part of the greatest generation. It is their legacy that is also honored by this resolution. Tomorrow, June 6, and every year on June 6, it is fitting that we stop and acknowledge our debt of gratitude for the bravery and the selfless duty of Allied forces on D-Day.

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.

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 93, SB 107, SB 116, SB 351, SB 701, SB 712, HB 619, HB 800 and HB 1210.

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, JUNE 10, 2019

12:00 P.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 66 and 332; Senate Resolution No. 49; and House Bill No. 195)	Room 8E-A East Wing
12:30 P.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bill No. 724; and House Bills No. 330, 538 and 615)	Room 8E-A East Wing
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 25, 93, 118, 223, 432, 536, 575, 621, 633, 675, 695, 700 and 712; and House Bill No. 800)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

9:45 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bills No. 94 and 601)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:00 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 60, 81, 320, 714 and 715; and House Bills No. 235, 315, 502 and 504)	Room 8E-B East Wing

10:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 200, 723 and 729; and House Bills No 297 and 522)	Room 8E-A East Wing
10:30 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Resolution No. 140; and House Bills No. 233 and 859)	Room 461 Main Capitol
<u>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019</u>		
9:00 A.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on Innovation in Education)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
9:30 A.M.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (to consider Senate Resolutions No. 47 and 48)	Room 8E-A East Wing
10:45 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider House Bill No. 751)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the rising epidemic of gun violence and the frustrating inaction by this General Assembly and the Federal government not to schedule a vote on commonsense legislation which the majority of Pennsylvania citizens support. In my view, Mr. President, it is critical that we find a way to get guns away from those who are clearly a danger to themselves and others. That is why I first introduced legislation in the wake of the tragedy at Parkland, Florida, last Session, and have reintroduced it again this Session, to allow for extreme risk protection orders in Pennsylvania. Then, 8 months later, Mr. President, another unspeakable massacre occurred right at home in Pittsburgh at the Tree of Life synagogue, which ignited even more of a call of action for me.

Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 293 would empower families and police officers to petition a court to temporarily remove firearms from someone who is a threat to themselves and others. In nearly half of all mass shootings, the killer overtly expressed threats or deranged views aimed at harming people. Think about that, almost half. So it is possible that Senate Bill No. 293 could prevent 10, or maybe 5, or just 1 mass shooting in our State. Think about how many lives would be saved, including lives of our children and grandchildren. If the Federal government, Mr. President, chooses to remain silent, with the exception of only offering thoughts and prayers following every incident, then it is time that the State law backs families who are trying to protect innocent people while getting their loved ones the help that they need. I strongly believe that if extreme risk protection order systems were in place, it very well could have prevented the tragedies in Parkland, in Squirrel Hill in Pittsburgh, those shootings, perhaps even the recent Virginia Beach mass shooting that occurred this past weekend.

Under my proposal, a family could petition a county Common Pleas Court to suspend someone's access to firearms for up to 1 year. It is modeled after domestic and sexual assault PFAs, those protection from abuse orders, and require the person to immediately surrender the guns to police. In addition, in issuing extreme risk orders, the judge could also refer the person in crisis for evaluation to insure they get the help that they need. However,

Mr. President, during the suspension period, the subject would have every right to petition a judge to rescind the suspension. This issue transcends party affiliation and geography. I hope it is safe to say that no one wants to see firearms in the wrong hands. All we are asking is that such a system be fair and limited. I believe my bill honors those commonsense constraints. Everyone needs to understand that inaction is no longer an option. We cannot allow ourselves to get numb to these mass shootings, which have become an epidemic in America. To continue to do nothing is careless negligence. We need to deal with this issue responsibly, effectively, fairly, and quickly.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about minimum wage and its impact on Pennsylvania families, but before I get there I do want to make a brief comment about the petition that was raised earlier by my colleague seeking to recognize some folks who had come up to the Capitol, LGBTQ folks who wanted to come up today to their Capitol, to their building, and celebrate the successes and the fights and the accomplishments that they fought for and won. The fact that they may not be able to do that or be recognized on this floor in this building does not mean that what they have accomplished and what they fight for and the pride that they take in it is not worthy of recognition. To the extent that those folks are here today in their Capitol, I salute them, I celebrate with them, and promise them that myself and others will do everything they possibly can to insure that equality is not something that we just talk about in this place, that we actually do something about it. Thank you for your indulgence, Mr. President.

Like I said, I would like to speak about minimum wage. Pennsylvania's minimum wage, Mr. President, as we all know, is horrendously unfair, and it continues to take a devastating effect on working people and their families. While the wage gap in this country continues to widen by disturbing proportions, it should be emphasized that our State last increased its minimum wage over a decade ago. When you look at some of the things that we have done over the last 12 or 13 years, to put it in perspective, it is approximately 4,174 days. I saw a tweet by my colleague, Senator Tartaglione, who led this fight back in 2006, 4,174 days, over 13 years since we have raised the minimum wage here in Pennsylvania. I went back and took a look, since 2014, there have been multiple votes in this Chamber, multiple votes in this Chamber to grant the NRA standing before our courts. In these Chambers, in the Senate and the House, since 2011 we have voted over 12 times to restrict a woman's access to healthcare. Twelve bills have been brought up since 2011, in both Chambers, and votes have been taken on one or many machinations of restricting women's access to healthcare and abortions.

In 2009, Mr. President, the Federal government actually raised their minimum wage to \$7.25. Yet, in 13 years, we cannot get a vote to raise the minimum wage for workers here in Pennsylvania. When you take a look at what is happening in private businesses, private sector businesses ranging from Wawa to Walmart, have moved forward and increased their starting wage all on their own. Meanwhile, studies comparing us to neighboring States have concluded that a reasonable minimum wage hike does not discourage or encourage price hikes. I think it is, Mr.

President, inexcusable that our State has a minimum wage that forces many low-income families to work double and triple to make ends meet. While our law has callously ignored workers, corporations like CBS News recently reported that the salary packets for top CEOs of the S&P 500 skyrocketed by a whopping \$12 million, which is 7 percent higher than the previous year. It is about fairness. Thirteen years since we have taken a vote. Almost 12 times in both Chambers since 2011 bills have been run, votes have been taken against women's rights. Zero here. Actually, Mr. President, as well, at least the time that I have been here, there have been zero times that we have attempted to run bills here that address anti-discrimination and legalized discrimination in Pennsylvania.

So, Mr. President, like everything here, and especially this time, priorities and budgets, and budgets are priorities, what we legislate and what we go after in terms of policy initiatives define us as a body, as a legislature and, in many ways, as citizens of Pennsylvania. I know where the priorities of the Senate Democrats are, raising the minimum wage for working families, insuring that equality is no longer just a buzzword, making sure that buildings across Pennsylvania, school buildings, are not only safe inside for their schoolteachers and the kids, but the conditions there are no longer deplorable so they can do what they are supposed to do, and that is learn. That is what our priorities are. Those and many others.

So, again, Mr. President, as we enter this budget season, I join Senate Democrats and the leadership of folks in this building and folks like Senator Tartaglione who fought the fight years ago and were successful in 2006 in raising that minimum wage. It is again the time to do it, and we look forward to having these discussions in the coming weeks.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, June 10, 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 1:02 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.