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SENATE

MONDAY, June 17, 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, Reverend SANDRA LEE GONZALEZ, of Sonshine Ministries, Loysville, offered the following prayer:

Most gracious heavenly Father, we ask today for Your blessings upon the nation, the State, and these proceedings. We pray that You would grant these esteemed legislators the grace, wisdom, and strength of character to do always what is right in Your eyes. May the laws passed in these Chambers always be seasoned with righteousness, grace, mercy, and love, and if they be just and right, may they endure always. We ask in Your holy name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Gonzalez, who is the guest today of Senator DiSanto.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR

**CORRECTION TO CORRECTION TO
NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

June 17, 2019

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

Please note that the letter dated June 7, 2019, correcting the letter dated June 6, 2019, for the nomination of Andrew Bloschichak, 1304 King Arthur Drive, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph Reilly, Camp Hill, whose term expired. I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises, should be corrected to read:

Andrew Bloschichak, 1304 King Arthur Drive, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph Reilly, Camp Hill, whose term expired.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 13, 2019

Senators AUMENT, BROWNE, MARTIN, MENSCH, KILLION and BLAKE presented to the Chair **SB 751**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in professional employees, further providing for rating system and for persons to be suspended and providing for a revised rating system.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 13, 2019.

Senators DINNIMAN, MUTH, BAKER, COSTA, SCHWANK, BREWSTER and IOVINO presented to the Chair **SB 759**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, providing for student volunteer firefighter housing grants; establishing the Student Volunteer Firefighter Housing Grant Program; imposing duties on the State Fire Commissioner; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, June 13, 2019.

June 14, 2019

Senators BAKER, GORDNER, K. WARD, MENSCH and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 762**, entitled:

An Act providing for statutory construction of Pennsylvania wage and hour laws.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, June 14, 2019.

Senators BARTOLOTTA, STEFANO, LANGERHOLC, K. WARD and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 763**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 27, 1966 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.31, No.1), known as The Bituminous Mine Subsidence and Land Conservation Act, further providing for compilation and analysis of data.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 14, 2019.

Senators BROOKS, GORDNER, BROWNE, BARTOLOTTA, FOLMER, HUTCHINSON, KILLION, STEFANO, K. WARD, BLAKE, BREWSTER, FARNESE, LEACH, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, YUDICHAK, COLLETT and MASTRIANO presented to the Chair **SB 764**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.911, No.147), known as the Telemarketer Registration Act, further providing for definitions, for unlawful acts and penalties and for unwanted telephone solicitation calls prohibited.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 14, 2019.

Senators LEACH, TARTAGLIONE, FARNESE, SCHWANK, STEFANO and SANTARSIERO presented to the Chair **SB 766**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1996 (P.L.1478, No.190), entitled "An act relating to the recycling and reuse of waste tires; providing for the proper disposal of waste tires and the cleanup of stockpiled tires; authorizing investment tax credits for utilizing waste tires; providing remediation grants for the cleanup of tire piles and for pollution prevention programs for small business and households; establishing the Small Business and Household Pollution Prevention Program and management standards for small business hazardous waste; providing for a household hazardous waste program and for grant programs; making appropriations; and making repeals," in Small Business and Household Pollution Prevention Program, further providing for grants for collection events.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 14, 2019.

Senators VOGEL, BLAKE, BREWSTER, COSTA, DiSANTO, GORDNER, HAYWOOD, HUTCHINSON, SABATINA, SCHWANK, STEFANO and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 767**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1987 (P.L.220, No.39), known as the Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act, licensing and regulating the practice of music therapy.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 14, 2019.

June 17, 2019

Senators KILLION, K. WARD, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, LEACH, TARTAGLIONE and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 284**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 29, 2006 (P.L.1435, No.156), known as the Public Utility Confidential Security Information Disclosure Protection Act, further providing for definitions; providing for pipeline operation and emergency response plans; and further providing for prohibition.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 17, 2019.

Senators GORDNER, AUMENT, J. WARD, FOLMER, PHILLIPS-HILL, STEFANO, BAKER and REGAN presented to the Chair **SB 769**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 18, 1992 (P.L.1376, No.172), known as the Pennsylvania Affordable Housing Act, further providing for National Affordable Housing Act's HOME Program; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, June 17, 2019.

Senators BROWNE, MENSCH, BLAKE, KILLION, FONTANA, SCHWANK, BAKER, FARNESE and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 771**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, providing for paid tax return preparers and required information on personal income tax returns.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, June 17, 2019.

Senators BROWNE, BARTOLOTTA, J. WARD, LANGERHOLC, HUTCHINSON, VOGEL, DINNIMAN, COSTA, FONTANA, BLAKE, TARTAGLIONE, PHILLIPS-HILL, ARGALL, BAKER, KILLION, HUGHES, IOVINO, SABATINA, MENSCH, YUDICHAK, FARNESE, MARTIN, BREWSTER, PITTMAN and AUMENT presented to the Chair **SB 772**, entitled:

An Act designating the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Purple Heart State and August 7 as "Purple Heart Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, June 17, 2019.

Senators K. WARD, SCARNATI, VOGEL, MASTRIANO, PITTMAN, LANGERHOLC, KILLION and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 778**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 74 (Transportation) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sustainable mobility options, further providing for Public Transportation Trust Fund; and, in Pennsylvania Turnpike, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 17, 2019.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 14, 2019

Senators BROOKS, LEACH, BLAKE, LANGERHOLC, J. WARD, ARGALL, COLLETT, YAW, TARTAGLIONE, AUMENT, COSTA, KILLION, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, MENSCH, MUTH, K. WARD, BROWNE and BARTOLOTTA presented to the Chair **SR 168**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to establish an advisory committee to conduct a study on the mental health care provider shortage in this Commonwealth and to issue a report.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, June 14, 2019.

June 17, 2019

Senators BROWNE, BARLOTTA, J. WARD, HUTCHINSON, LANGERHOLC, VOGEL, DINNIMAN, ARGALL, MENSCH, COSTA, FONTANA, BLAKE, TARTAGLIONE, PHILLIPS-HILL, BAKER, KILLION, HUGHES, IOVINO, MASTRIANO, SABATINA, YUDICHAK, FARNESE, MARTIN, BREWSTER, PITTMAN and AUMENT presented to the Chair **SR 169**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Purple Heart State and recognizing August 7th as "Purple Heart Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, June 17, 2019.

Senators IOVINO, REGAN, HUGHES, L. WILLIAMS, FONTANA, BLAKE, VOGEL, KEARNEY, BAKER, PHILLIPS-HILL, COLLETT, MUTH, SANTARSIERO, MASTRIANO, FOLMER, COSTA, SCHWANK, SABATINA, MENSCH, YUDICHAK, J. WARD, AUMENT, BROWNE, BREWSTER, BOSCOLA, FARNESE, STREET, TARTAGLIONE, BARLOTTA, KILLION, LAUGHLIN, BROOKS and YAW presented to the Chair **SR 170**, entitled:

A Resolution establishing a task force on services for veterans, including the coordination of services in this Commonwealth among Federal, State, local and nonprofit programs aimed at serving veterans, and directing the Joint State Government Commission to establish an advisory committee to the task force and conduct a comprehensive review and analysis of services for veterans.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, June 17, 2019.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bills for concurrence, which were referred to the committees indicated:

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HB 3 -- Committee on Banking and Insurance.

HB 355, 356, 357 and 358 -- Committee on Education.

HB 374 -- Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy.

HB 448 and 1461 -- Committee on State Government.

HB 596, 783 and 786 -- Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 849 -- Committee on Labor and Industry.

HB 1232, 1437 and 1549 -- Committee on Finance.

HB 1298 -- Committee on Transportation.

HB 1524 -- Committee on Law and Justice.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

2017 ANNUAL LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE PROGRAM REPORT

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
P.O. Box 2063
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

June 5, 2019

Ms. Megan Martin
Secretary -- Parliamentarian of the Senate
Senate Post Office Box 203053
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

Dear Ms. Martin:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is pleased to present to you its Annual Low-Level Radioactive Waste Program Report to the General Assembly and the Appalachian Compact Commission. This report covers the calendar year 2017.

The report provides a summary of the current activities of the Appalachian States Low-Level Waste Compact (compact), a list of all low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) generators in the compact, and the amounts of LLRW disposed by volume. It also contains a discussion of LLRW generation trends, LLRW in storage, waste minimization and financial statistics relating to all aspects of the compact.

The Pennsylvania Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Act (35 P.S. §§ 7130.101-7130.905) requires that this report be prepared each year. The enclosed report is based on data from the U.S. Department of Energy's Manifest Information Management System (MIMS). MIMS is a national database that contains the actual volume and radioactivity of LLRW disposed of at four existing LLRW disposal facilities in the country. The information on waste in storage was obtained directly from the LLRW generators.

DEP is providing a link for accessing the report online. The report can be found in the DEP eLibrary at www.dep.pa.gov. Select Data & Tools; eLibrary; Publications; Radiation Protection; Low-Level Radioactive Waste Program Annual Reports. If you have any questions, please contact Gregory Kauffman, Director of Legislative Affairs, by email at grekauffman@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.783.8303.

Thank you for your interest in this report and for continuing to partner with DEP to promote a clean environment and safer communities for all Pennsylvanians.

Respectfully,

PATRICK McDONNELL
Secretary

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

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 Yaw.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Stefano, and a legislative leave for Senator Yaw.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Blake.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of April 8, 2019, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of April 8, 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-49

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

GUESTS OF SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, our World War II veterans are very precious people. There are not too many left, when you think the war ended over 75 years ago. Today, I have from my district one of the veterans of World War II, Frankie DiSanti. Frankie fought in the Philippines, and he was on a convoy ship on his way to the Philippines, which was hit by a Japanese U-boat and 168 people perished that day on that boat. Frankie was fortunate enough to have survived. He continued to fight in

the Philippines for this country and is here with us today. In addition, we need to understand that when Frankie was injured and his hand was infected, they offered him a Purple Heart in the hospital. He refused the Purple Heart, saying that there were those who had worse injuries than he, and he went back to fight. That is what American veterans are all about. I thank the Leadership for allowing Frankie and his family to be on the Senate floor today. With Frankie are his children, their spouses, and some of his grandchildren.

My brother, Colonel James Dinniman, fought three tours of duty in Vietnam, and he reminds me that you have to understand there are some very bad people in the world, and each of us can go to bed at night and sleep because there are the first responders, there are the Armed Forces out there protecting us from those bad people. Frankie helped protect this nation, and that is one reason why we are here today. By the way, Frankie is going to be 97 in September. He played softball with a senior team until he was 80 at shortstop. Frankie is quite a person. I hope that we, by honoring Frankie, can honor all of our veterans, especially those who fought in World War II, a generation which will soon pass from our midst, and we need to understand that each and every member of that veterans group of World War II is a most precious soul and someone we, and every government body, needs to recognize and respect. So, Frankie represents all of those veterans of World War II and represents, in some ways, all veterans who have served this nation from the very beginning of our country.

So, it is my hope that the Senate will give a very warm welcome to Frankie DiSanti and his family. Thank you so much.

The PRESIDENT. Would everybody please rise to welcome the guests of Senator Dinniman.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR LAWRENCE FARNESE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Rachel Boe, who is a senior at Juniata College and interning with my office this summer. She has come a long way to join us, not only in Harrisburg but in Pennsylvania. A northern California native, Rachel came to attend Juniata College through a volleyball scholarship, where she is currently majoring in politics with a minor in history. Her choice of academic study reflects her passion to address key policy issues, including gun control, reproductive rights, and women's health. Her choice of academic study reflects her passion to address key policy issues, including those that she is passionate about. She will also be gaining experience working directly with constituents to address their concerns as well. This is a great opportunity for Rachel to learn about the process and how government works. My staff and I are happy to have Rachel here with us this summer.

I ask my colleagues in the Chamber to give her a warm welcome as they are accustomed to doing.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Farnese, Rachel, please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR CAMERA BARTOLOTTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to welcome members of the Strong Mom Strong Baby Coalition to the Senate. Strong Mom Strong Baby is a statewide coalition of moms, families, healthcare providers, nonprofit organizations, insurers, and early childhood development specialists who recognize that our Commonwealth's early intervention program can offer a critical lifeline to at-risk infants and their mothers when that mother is experiencing postpartum depression.

I recognize Gateway Health for its leadership on this issue and its steadfast support for the Strong Mom Strong Baby campaign. Gateway Health currently serves approximately 285,000 Pennsylvanians eligible for Medical Assistance and nearly 50,000 of the Commonwealth's dual-eligibles in Medicare Advantage. In their own words, they are here today because Gateway Health is deeply committed to improving the overall health status, productivity, and quality of life for its plan members. Meaningful human services policy to appropriately address the dangers posed by postpartum depression positively impacts multiple generations.

Joining us in the gallery is Gateway's Vice President of Community Development, Marcia Martin; Medical Director, Dr. Lakshmi Reddy; and Government Affairs Director, Joe Glinka. I also recognize the Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association (RCPA), which represents Pennsylvania's providers of health and human services committed to effective, efficient, and high-quality care. Joining us is the association children's division director, Jim Sharp.

The Strong Mom Strong Baby campaign itself is staffed by long-time advocates for infants, mothers, and families impacted by maternal depression. Also seated in the gallery are campaign leads, Ray Firth and Charlie Lotz. Finally, I would like to especially recognize a remarkable woman, a mother, and a champion for all families experiencing postpartum depression. Kim Manfredi is here with us today from the 46th Senatorial District. She has transformed her own experience and struggle with depression following the birth of her son into her life's mission, helping, educating, and supporting other moms through her organization, the Postpartum Depression Project.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to extend a very warm Senate welcome to my very special guests.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Bartolotta 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 today to introduce two people who have become the face of criminal justice reform. One is the hardest working advocate I know, and the other is an exemplary individual who has changed his life for the better and is living proof that our corrections system should be reformed. Mr. President, and Members of the Senate, please welcome Mr.

George Trudel, who was an inmate at the State Correctional Institution at Graterford, where he served 30 years of life without parole, sentenced for his involvement in a murder for a person he did not kill.

On the night of November 14, 1986, a 20-year-old George Trudel and his friend, Robert, were hanging out at a party in Frankford in Philadelphia. George later heard his friend outside arguing with another man. Not long after the argument, a knife fell from the man's pocket and George picked it up. According to the testimony, his friend Robert stabbed the man with the knife and they ran. They later learned that the man's wound had been fatal. Mr. President, Robert, who stabbed and killed the man he was fighting with, was later convicted of third degree murder. George, however, was convicted with second degree murder for his role accompanying Robert during this crime. While George did not actually take a life, at the age of 53, he had been in prison for over 30 years, while Robert served only 7 years before being released.

Mr. President, throughout his time in prison, George worked hard to become a model inmate, and just a few weeks ago, after years of strong advocacy by many organizations--and one particular advocate who is here today--George's sentence was commuted by the Governor just a few weeks ago. Mr. President, we thank you for your work in that regard. He is now a free man and is dedicated to telling the story of those like him who deserve a second chance. With him today is his number one advocate, his girlfriend, Liz Geyer. Liz is a passionate advocate fighting for criminal justice reform. She has worked closely with my office to pass legislation which would reform how parole is handled for those serving a life sentence.

Mr. President, please welcome George Trudel and Liz Geyer.

The PRESIDENT. Would George and Liz please stand to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN M. DiSANTO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator DiSANTO. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce today's guest Chaplain, Sandra Lee Gonzalez, pastor at Sonshine Ministries in Loysville, Perry County. Reverend Gonzalez, and her husband, Joseph, also a pastor, have both been at Sonshine for 12 years. Reverend Joseph Gonzalez joins us on the floor as well this morning. They reside in York Haven and are constituents of Senator Folmer, but have their ministry in my district.

Please join me in welcoming Reverend Sandra Lee and Reverend Joseph Gonzalez to the Senate.

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

(Applause.)

CALENDAR

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

SB 661 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 661 (Pr. No. 950) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 10 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator CORMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 661 (Pr. No. 950) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the Commonwealth Specialty Crop Block Grant Program and establishing the Commonwealth Specialty Crop Block Grant 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.

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 immediately in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, upon recess, the Senate Democrats will meet in our caucus room in the rear of the Chamber.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Stefano, Senator Blake, and Senator Yaw have returned, and their respective leaves are cancelled.

LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman has returned, and his personal leave is cancelled.

RECESS

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

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

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 91 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 93 (Pr. No. 882) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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, for nearly a decade, our Commonwealth has been caught in a war on heroin and opioid addiction, with tragic consequences for far too many individuals and families. In the area I represent, it feels like you cannot pick up a newspaper or visit a social media platform without reading another heartbreaking story about a promising young life taken from us too soon. Behind each and every story, there are mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, children and friends who are left with a void in their lives that can never be replaced. More than 4,200 lives were lost last year to addiction, and even that statistic does not tell the whole story. For every life lost, there are others who suffer long-lasting, permanent disabilities resulting from overdoses. A troubling development in the illegal drug trade is the lacing of heroin with a powerful opioid such as fentanyl, which, unfortunately, has caused the rate of overdoses to skyrocket in the last several years.

While we have taken a number of very promising steps to stem the tide of an addiction crisis, it is far past time for lawmakers to target the drug dealers who cause this pain and suffering in the first place. In current practice, when someone suffers an overdose, it creates a serious bodily impairment, such as loss of bodily function or organ failure, and local prosecutors cannot pursue a punishment that truly fits the crime. This is because Pennsylvania does not have a statute pertaining to serious bodily injury resulting from an overdose. In order for these criminals to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, local authorities are forced to hand the case off to an overburdened United States Attorney's office, which is already trudging through a massive backlog of cases. Creating this statute would finally help the judicial system keep the worst drug dealers off the streets and behind bars, where they belong.

Mr. President, the toll inflicted by the opioid crisis is staggering, and we can never replace all of the beautiful lives that were stolen, or forever changed, by the scourge on our communities. However, it is within our power to offer our communities new weapons to fight and help save even more lives from being lost to addiction. It is worth noting that this bill is only one piece of a larger puzzle. This body will vote on a number of bills this week designed to help save lives, rebuild families, and help more individuals suffering from addiction to finally defeat their demons.

I offer my heartfelt thanks to all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle who are working to stop the bleed of the opioid crisis by providing new pathways for people at risk of addiction. We have taken a number of extremely positive steps over the past three Sessions, but we are not finished yet. Today, I urge my colleagues to take the next step and cast an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 93, which will provide a much-needed tool for prosecutors and judges to combat the Commonwealth's drug problem.

Thank you very much, 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-50

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 112 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER TEMPORARILY

SB 118 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order temporarily at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 174, SB 200, SB 223 and HB 318 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

SB 321 (Pr. No. 717) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the option to prohibit the location of an establishment license within a municipality.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator MARTIN offered the following amendment No. A2088:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 2 through 6, by striking out ", based upon county" in line 2 and all of lines 3 through 6 and inserting:
which has a population, based on the most recent Federal decennial census, of at least 500,000.

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 27 through 30; page 3, lines 1 through 30; page 4, lines 1 and 2; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

(3) A prohibition under this subsection shall not be affected by a reclassification of counties as a result of a Federal decennial census or pursuant to an act of the General Assembly or by a change in the population of a county.

(b) Rescission of prohibition.--

(1) A municipality that prohibits the location of an establishment licensee under subsection (a) may rescind that prohibition at any time by delivering a new resolution of the municipality's governing body to the board.

(2) A municipality that rescinds its prior prohibition according to this subsection may not subsequently prohibit the location of an establishment licensee in the municipality.

(3) A municipality's ability to rescind under this subsection shall not be affected by a reclassification of counties as a result of a Federal decennial census or pursuant to an act of the General Assembly or by a change in the population of a county.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 384 (Pr. No. 354) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for classes of licenses.

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-50

Table listing names of senators who voted YEA-50, including Argall, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Blake, Boscola, Brewster, Brooks, Browne, Collett, Corman, Costa, Dinniman, DiSanto, Farnese, Folmer, Fontana, Gordner, Haywood, Hughes, Hutchinson, Iovino, Kearney, Killion, Langerholc, Laughlin, Leach, Martin, Mastriano, Mensch, Muth, Phillips-Hill, Pittman, Regan, Sabatina, Santarsiero, Scarnati, Scavello, Schwank, Stefano, Street, Tartaglione, Tomlinson, Vogel, Ward, Judy, Williams, Anthony H, Williams, Lindsey, Yaw, and 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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 432 and SB 456 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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 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-50

Table listing names of senators who voted YEA-50, including Argall, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Blake, Boscola, Brewster, Brooks, Browne, Collett, Corman, Costa, Dinniman, DiSanto, Farnese, Folmer, Fontana, Gordner, Haywood, Hughes, Hutchinson, Iovino, Kearney, Killion, Langerholc, Laughlin, Leach, Martin, Mastriano, Mensch, Muth, Phillips-Hill, Pittman, Regan, Sabatina, Santarsiero, Scarnati, Scavello, Schwank, Stefano, Street, Tartaglione, Tomlinson, Vogel, Ward, Judy, Williams, Anthony H, Williams, Lindsey, Yaw, and 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

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

BILL AMENDED

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.

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration? Senator AUMENT offered the following amendment No. A2003:

Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 15 and 16: (v) The nonopioid treatment options available for treating chronic noncancer pain, if applicable, that are consistent with the best practices per the Pennsylvania Opioid Prescribing Guidelines. Amend Bill, page 7, line 8, by striking out "30" and inserting: 90

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the amendment? It was agreed to. Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 575 and SB 669 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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 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-41

Table with 4 columns of names: Argall, Aument, Bartolotta, Blake, Boscola, Brewster, Brooks, Browne, Collett, Corman, Dinniman, DiSanto, Folmer, Gordner, Haywood, Hutchinson, Kearney, Killion, Langerholc, Laughlin, Leach, Martin, Mastriano, Mensch, Muth, Phillips-Hill, Pittman, Regan, Sabatina, Santarsiero, Scarnati, Scavello, Stefano, Street, Tartaglione, Tomlinson, Vogel, Ward, Judy, Ward, Kim, Williams, Anthony H, Yudichak

NAY-9

Table with 4 columns of names: Baker, Costa, Farnese, Fontana, Hughes, Iovino, Schwank, Williams, Lindsey, Yaw

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER TEMPORARILY

SB 724 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order temporarily at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SB 118 CALLED UP

SB 118 (Pr. No. 937) -- Without objection, the bill, which previously went over in its order temporarily, was called up, from page 2 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

SB 118 (Pr. No. 937) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration? Senator LANGERHOLC offered the following amendment No. A2086:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 17 and 18; page 2, line 1; by striking out "AS THE" in line 17, all of line 18 on page 1 and all of line 1 on page 2 and inserting:

A board established under section 101 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Public Law 113-128, 29 U.S.C. § 3122).

Amend Bill, page 2, line 30; page 3, line 1; by striking out "(PUBLIC LAW 113-" in line 30 on page 2 and "128, 29 U.S.C. § 3122)" in line 1 on page 3

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 22 and 23, by striking out "QUALIFIED TO PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS IN RECOVERY" and inserting:

that provides drug and alcohol treatment or recovery supports Amend Bill, page 5, lines 19 through 24, by striking out "PRIORITY SHALL BE GIVEN TO LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT" in line 19 and all of lines 20 through 24 and inserting:

The department shall establish priority workforce areas based on substance use and unemployment statistics.

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

It was agreed to.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 733 (Pr. No. 945) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund Capital Budget for 2019; itemizing projects to be assisted by the Department of Community and Economic Development, together with their estimated financial costs; authorizing recurring payments for certain projects; and making appropriations.

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-50

Table with 4 columns of names: Argall, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Blake, Boscola, Brewster, Brooks, Browne, Collett, Corman, Costa, Dinniman, DiSanto, Farnese, Folmer, Fontana, Gordner, Haywood, Hughes, Hutchinson, Iovino, Kearney, Killion, Langerholc, Laughlin, Leach, Martin, Mastriano, Mensch, Muth, Phillips-Hill, Pittman, Regan, Sabatina, Scarnati, Scavello, Schwank, Stefano, Street, Tartaglione, Tomlinson, Vogel, Ward, Judy, Ward, Kim, Williams, Anthony H, Williams, Lindsey, Yaw, 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 724 CALLED UP

SB 724 (Pr. No. 894) -- Without objection, the bill, which previously went over in its order temporarily, was called up, from page 4 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

SB 724 (Pr. No. 894) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes as follows: In Title 24: for retirement for school employees, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in membership, contributions and benefits, further providing for payments by employers and providing for nonparticipating employer withdrawal liability and further providing for actuarial cost method; in School Employees' Defined Contribution Plan, further providing for vesting; in administration and miscellaneous provisions, further providing for Public School Employees Retirement Board; and, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions. In Title 71: for retirement for State employees and officers, in membership, credited service, classes of service and eligibility for benefits regarding administration of the State Employees' Retirement Fund, further providing for election to become a Class A-6 member or solely a participant in the plan and for eligibility for death benefits; and, in benefits, further providing for maximum single life annuity.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator BROWNE offered the following amendment No. A2115:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 13, by inserting after "Board;":
in administration and miscellaneous provisions, providing for the establishment of the Public Markets Emerging Investment Manager Program;

Amend Bill, page 12, by inserting between lines 23 and 24:

Section 4.1. Chapter 85 of Title 24 is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

**SUBCHAPTER D
PUBLIC MARKETS EMERGING INVESTMENT MANAGER
PROGRAM**

Sec.

8541. Definitions.

8542. Establishment.

8543. Funding.

8544. Participation criteria.

8545. Preference.

8546. Requirements and limitations of firms.

8547. Administration.

§ 8541. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Program." The Public Markets Emerging Investment Manager Program established under section 8542 (relating to establishment).

§ 8542. Establishment.

(a) Fiduciary duty of board.--Consistent with the board's fiduciary responsibilities, the board shall establish a Public Markets Emerging Investment Manager Program.

(b) Location of managers.--The board shall locate fund managers

with a history of generating positive risk adjusted returns.

(c) Source list.--After location of fund managers, the board shall provide a source of potential managers for the main fund.

(d) Assistance with marketing.--In order to grow public market emerging investments firms, the board shall assist in using the system's name in the manager's marketing efforts.

§ 8543. Funding.

The board shall allocate an amount of at least \$250,000,000 and not more than \$1,000,000,000 to the program. Funding for each investment manager shall come from assets allocated within the main fund, similar to or most closely related to the investment manager's mandate. The maximum number of investment managers in the program at any one time may not exceed 10, except that the program may be implemented and run with less than 10 investment managers.

§ 8544. Participation criteria.

In order to be considered to participate in the program, an investment manager must meet the following criteria:

(1) Be registered under the Investment Advisors Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 847, 15 U.S.C. § 80b-1 et seq.) or be exempt from the Investment Advisors Act of 1940.

(2) Have the ability to demonstrate real and contented transparency of positions and transactions.

(3) Have the ability to provide and show quarterly liquidity.

(4) A firm, portfolio manager or any combination of firm and portfolio manager must have a five year historical performance record verified by at least one consultant or accounting firm in accordance with the Global Investment Performance Standard in effect on the effective date of this section.

§ 8545. Preference.

Preference shall be given to investment managers deemed to meet the objectives, goals and required criteria contained under this subsection, plus demonstration of at least one of the following characteristics:

(1) Be an investment management firm headquartered or incorporated within this Commonwealth.

(2) Be a:

(i) veteran-owned investment management firm, with proper DD 214 verification and honorable discharge; or

(ii) service-disabled veteran-owned investment management firm with a letter from the United States Department of Veteran Affairs.

(3) Be a minority-owned or women-owned investment management firm approved by the Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprise in accordance with the criteria established by Executive Order No. 1987-18 and 4 Pa. Code § 68.204 (relating to eligibility standards).

§ 8546. Requirements and limitations of firms.

(a) Equity, commodity or absolute return exposure firms.--Firms considered to provide equity, commodity or absolute return exposure may not have more than \$1,500,000,000 of total assets under management when hired. If the total assets under management exceed \$3,000,000,000, the investment managers shall be terminated in a reasonable period of time.

(b) Fixed-income exposure firms.--Firms considered to provide fixed-income exposure shall have no more than \$3,000,000,000 of total assets under management when hired. If the total assets under management exceeds \$6,000,000,000, existing investment managers shall be terminated within a reasonable period of time.

(c) Performance-based fee accounts.--For performance-based fee accounts, a manager must exceed both a hurdle rate and a high water mark before the manager can earn the performance-based fee.

(d) Transition to main fund.--Investment managers hired into the program may continue in the program for a period of at least three years, but not more than five years. If the investment manager generates strong risk adjusted returns, the Investment Office shall use best efforts to make a place in the main fund for the investment manager. The Investment Office shall consider things such as the investment manager's assets under management and projected ability to continue generating strong risk adjusted returns in the future.

§ 8547. Administration.

(a) Authority to hire.--The board and the Investment Office may hire and fund any investment manager meeting the objectives, goals and criteria under this section.

(b) Prohibition of investment.--An investment may not be made into an investment vehicle that primarily includes private equity, private debt, venture capital or private real estate instruments. An investment

in an absolute return strategy shall be subject to manager selection requirements within the absolute return policy.

(c) Emerging manager portfolio manager.--The Investment Office shall appoint an Emerging Manager Portfolio Manager who shall be responsible for administering the program. The Emerging Manager Portfolio Manager shall meet with managers that appear to meet the objectives, goals and criteria of this section. The Emerging Manager Portfolio Manager shall recommend qualified investment managers for inclusion into the main fund and shall further advise the Investment Office if termination of an investment manager is recommended. An investment manager may be terminated by the Emerging Manager Portfolio Manager, with approval from the Investment Office, if the investment manager is underperforming, not generating strong risk adjusted returns, not meeting the criteria to move into the main fund, changes investment processes, has personnel turnover or any other reason which is deemed by the Investment Office to be in the best interests of the system.

(d) Internal Review Committee.--An investment manager considered for hiring into the program shall meet with the Internal Review Committee. The Internal Review Committee shall review each manager considered for inclusion in the program and provide feedback to the Emerging Manager Portfolio Manager. Investment Office approval shall be required to hire a manager into the program, including the Emerging Manager Portfolio Manager, the Emerging Manager Portfolio Manager's supervisor and the Chief Investment Officer.

(e) Approval for exceptional investment manager.--If the Emerging Manager Portfolio Manager, the Chief Investment Officer or other qualified staff have located an exceptional investment manager that does not meet the required criteria established under this section, the Investment Office shall obtain board approval for hiring. The Investment Office shall present to the board the specific reasons for hiring the investment manager.

(f) Contract requirements.--Each investment manager shall manage its portfolio within the constraints of the contract entered into between the investment manager and the board, the Investment Policy Statement, Objectives and Guidelines, any applicable addendum and any applicable amendments to the contract and Investment Policy Statement, Objectives and Guidelines. The Investment Office and board shall have authority to negotiate the investment contract with the investment manager, including the investment guidelines.

(g) Insurance.--Each of the standard insurance provisions in the Investment Policy Statement, Objectives and Guidelines, except for the maximum deductibles, shall apply to the investment manager until the investment manager is either managing over \$100,000,000 for the program or is moved out of the program into the main fund. The maximum deductible for both the error and omissions insurance and the fidelity bond shall be the greater of 10% of audited retained earnings or the following:

	Asset Size	Maximum Deductible
1.	\$0 - \$50,000,000	\$50,000
2.	\$50,000,000 - \$75,000,000	\$100,000
3.	\$75,000,000 - \$100,000,000	\$200,000

(h) Funding.--Board approval shall be required for total capital allocations exceeding \$100,000,000. Investment strategy limitations shall be consistent with Investment Policy Statement constraints. The Emerging Manager Portfolio Manager, the Emerging Manager Portfolio Manager's supervisor and the Chief Investment Officer shall determine the amount of the initial allocation and each subsequent allocation to each investment manager.

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

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 22, SB 28, SB 60, HB 64, HB 65, SB 66, SB 81 and SB 94 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 107 (Pr. No. 883) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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, AMENDED

SB 123 (Pr. No. 504) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?
Senator SABATINA offered the following amendment No. A0654:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 14 and 15, by striking out "as defined"
Amend Bill, page 2, line 1, by striking out "§" and inserting:
§§ 9799.24 (relating to assessments) and

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 140 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 149 (Pr. No. 127) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 217, HB 233 and HB 235 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 276 (Pr. No. 284) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

HB 297 (Pr. No. 2093) -- 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, providing for career information and recruitment.

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

HB 315 and SB 320 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 325 (Pr. No. 307) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, providing for the definition of "certified registered nurse anesthetist"; further providing for registered nurse, clinical nurse specialist, use of title and abbreviation "R.N." or "C.N.S." and credentials and fraud; and providing for certified registered nurse anesthetist and qualifications.

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

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in forgery and fraudulent practices, further providing for bad checks.

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 337, SB 351, SB 356 and SB 396 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 404 (Pr. No. 380) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in controlled plants and noxious weeds, further providing for noxious weed list.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 454, SB 481, HB 502 and HB 504 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

HB 522 (Pr. No. 2094) -- 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 the Career and Technical Education Investment Incentive Program.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 531 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 538 (Pr. No. 529) -- 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, in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income.

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 569, SB 601, SB 607 and HB 615 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 619 (Pr. No. 857) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 22, 1937 (P.L.1987, No.394), known as The Clean Streams Law, in general provisions and public policy, further providing for definitions; and, in other pollutions and potential pollution, providing for notice of discharge endangering health or the environment.

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 729, SB 742, SB 743, SB 744, SB 745 and SB 746 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 748 (Pr. No. 925) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 50 in Independence Township, Washington County, as the Lt. Col. Juanita L. Warman Memorial Highway.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 751 (Pr. No. 876) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in powers and duties, further providing for power of commission to order acquisition of small water and sewer utilities; in procedure on complaints, further providing for service of complaints on parties; and, in rates and distribution systems, further providing for computation of income tax expense for ratemaking purposes.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1065 (Pr. No. 1226) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 3033 over Redbank Creek in Brookville Borough, Jefferson County, as the CPL James Slagle 2nd Ranger Battalion Army Ranger WWII Memorial Bridge.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 34, TABLED

Senator CORMAN, without objection, called up from page 12 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 34**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution establishing a Global Education Task Force.

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

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 34
TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that **Senate Resolution No. 34** be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator BROWNE, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bills:

SB 166 (Pr. No. 985) (Amended)

An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

SB 235 (Pr. No. 986) (Rereported) (Amended)

An Act making appropriations from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account and from restricted revenue accounts within the General Fund to the Department of State for use by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs in support of the professional licensure boards assigned thereto.

SB 236 (Pr. No. 987) (Rereported) (Amended)

An Act making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide for the expenses of administering the Workers' Compensation Act, The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act and the Office of Small Business Advocate for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

SB 237 (Pr. No. 988) (Rereported) (Amended)

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

SB 238 (Pr. No. 989) (Rereported) (Amended)

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Consumer Advocate in the Office of Attorney General.

SB 239 (Pr. No. 990) (Rereported) (Amended)

An Act making appropriations from the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund and from the PSERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide for expenses of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

SB 240 (Pr. No. 991) (Rereported) (Amended)

An Act making appropriations from the State Employees' Retirement Fund and from the SERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide for expenses of the State Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

SB 241 (Pr. No. 992) (Rereported) (Amended)

An Act making appropriations from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund and the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

SB 242 (Pr. No. 993) (Rereported) (Amended)

An Act making appropriations from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

SB 243 (Pr. No. 994) (Rereported) (Amended)

An Act making appropriations from the restricted revenue accounts within the State Gaming Fund and from the restricted revenue accounts within the Fantasy Contest Fund and Video Gaming Fund to the Attorney General, the Department of Revenue, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

SB 634 (Pr. No. 995) (Rereported) (Amended)

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

SB 661 (Pr. No. 950) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the Commonwealth Specialty Crop Block Grant Program and establishing the Commonwealth Specialty Crop Block Grant Fund.

HB 1166 (Pr. No. 1344) (Rereported)

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.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1**

BILL AMENDED

SB 661 (Pr. No. 950) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the Commonwealth Specialty Crop Block Grant Program and establishing the Commonwealth Specialty Crop Block Grant Fund.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator SCHWANK offered the following amendment No. A1951:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 10, by striking out "approved applicants" and inserting:

recipients
Amend Bill, page 2, lines 20 and 21, by striking out "for horticultural" and inserting:

to give priority to

Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 21 and 22:

§ 10502.1. Establishment of program.

The Commonwealth Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is established in the department.

Amend Bill, page 4, line 26, by inserting after "the":

the

Amend Bill, page 6, lines 28 and 29, by striking out "APPROVED applicants" and inserting:

recipients

Amend Bill, page 7, line 10, by striking out "APPROVED APPLICANTS" and inserting:

recipients

Amend Bill, page 7, line 15, by striking out "APPROVED APPLICANTS" and inserting:

recipients

Amend Bill, page 7, line 22, by striking out "APPROVED applicants" and inserting:

recipients

Amend Bill, page 7, line 27, by striking out "approved applicants" and inserting:

recipients

Amend Bill, page 8, line 4, by striking out "APPLICANTS" and inserting:

Recipients

Amend Bill, page 8, lines 4 and 5, by striking out "APPROVED APPLICANTS" and inserting:

recipients

Amend Bill, page 8, line 30, by striking out "an approved applicant" and inserting:

a recipient

Amend Bill, page 9, line 1, by striking out "approved applicant" and inserting:

recipient

Amend Bill, page 9, line 1, by striking out "applicant's" and inserting:

recipient's

Amend Bill, page 9, line 3, by striking out "AN APPROVED APPLICANTS" and inserting:

A recipient

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Berks, Senator Schwank.

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, this is an agreed-to amendment.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, HUGHES, BLAKE, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, TARTAGLIONE, MENSCH, AUMENT, BROWNE, KILLION, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, SCAVELLO and J. WARD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 172**, entitled:

A Resolution commending the Pennsylvania Academy of Audiology for its efforts to educate Pennsylvanians about the importance of having regular hearing screenings, and recognizing the month of May 2019 as "Better Hearing Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I offer this resolution recognizing May as "Better Hearing Month." At least 20 percent of U.S. adults, at some point in their lives, experience significant difficulty in hearing, balance, smell, voice, speech, or language. These challenges can affect physical and mental health and impact the social, educational, vocational, and recreational aspects of life. Hearing loss and communication disorders affect approximately one in three adults ages 65 to 74, and nearly half of those older than 75. Hearing loss can lead to feelings of social isolation and loss of connection from family, friends, and the community.

Although hearing aids and other devices can improve quality of life, only about one in four adults who can benefit from hearing aids has ever used them. Similar disorders in young children can delay development of voice, speech, and language skills. Children with development speech and language problems are at risk for learning disabilities and for social problems. Due to this fact, Mr. President, it is important to encourage all Pennsylvanians to be more aware of their hearing health. Audiologists are the qualified healthcare professionals who can best determine the course of treatment for hearing loss, which may include hearing aids, assisted listening devices, and listening rehabilitation.

Therefore, I thank my Senate colleagues for joining me in designating May as Better Hearing Month here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

BILL ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of the bill reported from committee for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bill was as follows:

SB 166.

And said bill having been considered for the first time,

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019

10:00 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider House Bills No. 3 and 1016)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:00 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (public hearing to consider the nomination of Mary Isenhour to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; to consider Senate Bill No. 61; and House Bills No. 131, 423, 947 and 1524)	Senate Maj. Caucus Room

10:00 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 493, 494, 495, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691 and 692)	Room 8E-A East Wing
10:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bill No. 751; and House Bill No. 265)	Room 8E-B East Wing
11:00 A.M.	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (to consider Senate Bill No. 277; and House Bill No. 786)	Room 461 Main Capitol
11:30 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Bills No. 92 and 447; Senate Resolutions No. 169 and 170; and House Bill No. 1324)	Room 8E-A East Wing
12:00 P.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 300, 411, 414, 418, 421, 422 and 693; and House Bills No. 448 and 1461)	Room 8E-B East Wing
12:30 P.M.	FINANCE (to consider House Bills No. 262, 1232 and 1549)	Room 461 Main Capitol
12:45 P.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 114 and 778; and House Bills No. 915 and 1077)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 147, 325, 485 and 590; and House Bills No. 195, 276, 330, 370, 751 and 826)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
<u>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019</u>		
9:30 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider Senate Bills No. 31, 352 and 438; and House Bill No. 407)	Room 461 Main Capitol

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise today, as I have done in recent weeks, to focus on the fact that it has been 4,726 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last raised our minimum wage. I am sure many Pennsylvanians have been reading the recent news reports and social media posts about my pending legislation to raise the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$12, and they have been wondering, is it really going to happen this time? Finally? I am also certain that Pennsylvanians have been asking the same question that I have been asking myself: Why are we not getting a higher minimum wage when 70 percent of us say we want it? The best way to answer that question is to look at the main argument that has been offered by those who seem most averse to raising the minimum wage: They say it will cause employers to lay off low-wage workers, or reduce their hours.

Consistently, these critics point to an analysis offered by the State's Independent Fiscal Office, which reported in March that a \$12 minimum wage could result in thousands of job reductions. That prediction, which is based largely on a variety of academic studies, each with their own unique parameters and potential biases, can make some compelling tweets and sound bites when it is taken on its own and out of context. Just to be perfectly clear

on this point, I do not, and I have never, proposed or endorsed policies that would hinder the ability of working people and poverty-stricken people to support their families. On the contrary, my minimum wage proposal, as detailed in Senate Bill No. 12, would directly benefit millions of Pennsylvania workers with pay raises.

To borrow the argument of our detractors, it is all right there in the IFO report. The data is irrefutable. A \$12 minimum wage would result in pay raises for over 1.1 million Pennsylvania workers. That is how many people now make less than \$12 an hour, including 641,000 part-time employees and 470,000 full-time employees. Based on that data, we know that 25 part-time workers will get a raise for every single job that may be affected if the IFO prediction is correct, and we know that 59 full-time workers will get a raise for every single job that may be affected. Furthermore, Senate Bill No. 12 would pave the way for a raise for almost a million or more Pennsylvania workers who now earn between \$12 and \$15 an hour. These figures do not include those workers who would benefit from the spillover effect that the IFO says would typically extend to those who make up to \$3 or more than a new minimum wage.

Before I conclude, I would like to briefly touch on one more argument that minimum wage detractors often cite. They say that employers will not be able to manage the additional payroll cost on top of Pennsylvania's 9.99 percent corporate net income tax rate, which is among the highest in the nation. That is one of the key points offered by the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry on its Web page dedicated to fighting any minimum wage increase, even after the 2017 Federal tax legislation that slashed corporate taxes from 35 percent to 14 percent. We are keenly aware of Pennsylvania's relatively high corporate net rate. That is why I have repeatedly introduced legislation to reduce the CNI by more than a third, which would make Pennsylvania's rate one of the lowest in the nation. Meanwhile, Senate Bill No. 12 would establish the Commonwealth as a national leader on minimum wage and would grant millions of Pennsylvanians the financial independence that they have worked so long and so hard to earn.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Berks, Senator Schwank.

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, in the run-up to the budget, oftentimes we make policy decisions by passing legislation that has some type of fiscal impact. The bill that I am going to talk about today I do not think is going to be on the agenda for this year's budget, but it is one that is an important issue to me, because just 3 weeks ago I became a grandmother again. My daughter had another baby. The issue that I am talking about is Senate Bill No. 648, the Early Intervention Services System Act. I have a great interest, no matter my own personal family situation, but I know that the facts tell us that 21,000 mothers in Pennsylvania experience postpartum depression every year. That means 21,000 babies are impacted as well. When a mom has postpartum depression, and, by the way, we often call that the baby blues, but the fact of the matter is that in many cases, it is more than just the baby blues. It is an issue of mental health. If a mother is suffering from a mental health issue, she is not in a position to take care of her infant and to help nurture and grow that infant in a way that is appropriate. There are so many extra costs associated with it. So, Senator Bartolotta and I, on a biparti-

san basis, have introduced this legislation that would refer these women to early intervention services. Right now, this is not one of the qualifying factors for early intervention.

Each year in the budget, by the way, we do support early intervention, and this should be an item that is also considered as we support early intervention. A mother's mental health is not a partisan issue. This legislation features an extensive list of co-sponsors from both sides of the aisle. Finally, it eliminates a persistent stigma. Many moms are not aware, or are afraid to come forward, or do not know where to turn to get help. Senate Bill No. 648 would make a huge difference and save us dollars in further costs going down through the lives of both these mothers and kids. I am hopeful that when we come back in the fall and we look at legislation, that we will be able to move this bill forward.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I will be brief. First of all, I support the comments of both of my colleagues, but, more specifically, the comments from the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, who has consistently brought forward this issue regarding minimum wage and how important it is that we advance that issue. Today, I rise again to talk about an issue that is occurring in western Pennsylvania, and I assure my Members and colleagues in this Chamber, it will be a story that is coming to you as well, which relates back to the UPMC Highmark situation with respect to the ending of the consent decree on June 30 of this year.

Mr. President, oftentimes we measure the work that is done by individuals and we ask the question, what did you do when you had the opportunity to help people? What did you do when you had the opportunity to assist people and provide them, in this particular case, with healthcare? Mr. President, as my colleagues know, we have introduced Senate Bill No. 310 and Senate Bill No. 311 that would address two things. One, it would allow and require that these integrated delivery healthcare systems be required to contract with one another, and if they do not reach an agreement, they would then be required to enter into binding arbitration. The second piece of legislation addresses the issue of making certain that we properly monitor, regulate, and understand the impact and the consequences of these integrated healthcare delivery systems. That is something that is very important. I have asked the chairman of the Committee on Banking and Insurance on two occasions to move the bill at least to the floor for a vote, or at least to the committee for consideration, possibly a hearing or a vote. To this date, it has not happened. We have 2 weeks left here. We still have time to rectify the situation.

As my colleagues may know, the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court, again, denied the request from our Pennsylvania Attorney General to allow for an extension of the contract date. That matter will be on appeal before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in the coming days, if not already. I intend to continue to support the Attorney General in his effort to be able to extend that date and to work toward a solution that allows for the folks in western Pennsylvania right now, and Allegheny County, more specifically, the opportunity to be able to visit and go to the doctors whom they choose to go to without having to deal with exorbitant out-of-network costs.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in asking their Leadership and our Leadership on both sides of this aisle to advance those measures I just made reference to, because at the end of the day, we are all measured by what we did when we had the opportunity to do something. I am asking my colleagues, and particularly the folks on the other side of the aisle, to join me in advancing the measures that I just referred to so that people in western Pennsylvania have a fair and appropriate access to high-quality, affordable healthcare as they go forward.

Thank you, Mr. President.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill as a member of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

Dr. Arthur S. Levine as a member of the Health Research Advisory Committee.

BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor John K. Fetterman) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bill:

HB 619.

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, June 18, 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 4:13 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.