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**SENATE**

THURSDAY, June 27, 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 DR. JOSHUA ROBERTS, Senior Pastor of the Christian Life Center, Lincoln University, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Creator God, You are so gracious to us. You tell us in Your Scriptures that Your mercies are new every morning; not every month, not every week, not every year, but every morning Your mercies are made new to us. So, we receive those and, God, we find great confidence in knowing that these prayers that are offered will be either answered in the way that we pray them, or the way that we would pray them if we could see all things as You see things, and know all things as You know all things. So, thank You for hearing our prayers.

God, I am privileged to stand before some really amazing folks, seeing in Your Scriptures that You tell us that You ordained government. You ordained the leaders and got exactly the folks in this room for exactly today for whom You have assembled for the purpose that You have assembled them, which we believe is to care for and to protect the people in the State of Pennsylvania, this Commonwealth, whom You have made every single one, every single human being, God, You have made in Your image, in Your likeness, and Your promise to Jesus. You tell us that You came to give us life to the fullest. So, God, we know that Your goal is life to the fullest for all people in this Commonwealth, and You have ordained these folks to help provide that, and find clarity in that. Jesus, You also tell us that whoever asks for wisdom with a pure heart You give it to them. So, God, we ask for wisdom. Would You give us the wisdom to know how to serve Your people, to make the right decisions to protect Your people, how to communicate in a way that honors Your people. So, God, would You tell us, Lord, that You will give wisdom whenever they ask, if they ask with a pure heart.

Jesus, in Your famous Sermon on the Mount, You tell us that blessed are the pure in heart, not the clever, not the educated, not the wealthy, not the smart, not the religious, but blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see You. God, would You fill this place with pure hearts, with the desire to take care of Your people, provide for Your people, to protect Your people. And so,

Jesus, would You give us wisdom, we ask. And, God, would You also grant not just the wisdom to know what to do and the decisions to make, but would You also grant the courage to actually follow through, and would You put these prayers with hands and feet to them, Lord, so Your people can be loved, protected, and they can have an abundant life. We pray and we ask all these things in Your name, Jesus. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Dr. Roberts, who is the guest today of Senator Dinniman.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

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

June 27, 2019

Senators BARTOLOTTA, BREWSTER, K. WARD and KILLION presented to the Chair **SB 765**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, providing for sale of e-liquids and vapor products to minors prohibited; in trade and commerce, providing for the offense of illegal sales of e-liquids and vapor products; and providing for vapor products regulation and licensing and establishing the Vapor Products Compliance Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 27, 2019.

**GENERAL COMMUNICATION**

**RESIGNATION OF MEMBER  
FROM JOINT COMMITTEE**

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO: Senator Joseph B. Scarnati  
President Pro Tempore

FROM: Senator SCOTT E. HUTCHINSON

DATE: June 27, 2019

RE: Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee

I hereby resign, effective immediately, from the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee and step down as Chairman of said Committee.

**APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

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

Senator Scott Martin as a member of the Board of Governors for the State System of Higher Education.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I ask for temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator Langerholc.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Yudichak and Senator Leach.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Gordner requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator Langerholc.

Senator Costa requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Yudichak and Senator Leach.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**JOURNALS APPROVED**

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of June 3, 2019; June 4, 2019; and June 5, 2019, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of June 3, 2019; June 4, 2019; and June 5, 2019.

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

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

The yeas and nays were required by Senator GORDNER 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.

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED**

The PRESIDENT. Senator Langerholc and Senator Yudichak have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

**GUEST OF SENATOR JAKE CORMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce my summer intern, Mr. Riley Compton. Riley is the son of Leeann Sherman and Mark Compton. He is a 2016 graduate of Hershey High School and is currently a senior at Penn State Main Campus, where he is majoring in political science and economics. While there, he has been active in many campus groups, serving in various roles for the Penn State College Republicans, and being instrumental in bringing two national political figures to the university as part of an annual great debate. After graduation, Riley is looking to pursue law school. In his time with us, he has demonstrated a real enthusiasm for all things in State government. It is a passion he shares with kids in our community, serving as an advisor and volunteer for the YMCA Youth and Government program. Riley has been a great help in my office, especially during this very busy budget season. So, please join me in welcoming Riley to the Pennsylvania Senate.

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

(Applause.)

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I am honored today to introduce two exceptional legal interns who are working with us this summer as part of our legal staff. Both are rising second-year law students at Widener Law School in Harrisburg.

My first guest is Larissa Wright. She is a graduate of Penn State, where she majored in political science, and labor and employment relations. She has interned in human resources for Amazon, and also worked and interned with the Fund for the Public Interest. On campus, Larissa is very active with mock trial and the Black Student Law Association. She has volunteered with Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, and is a tour guide at the Susquehanna Art Museum.

Our second legal intern is Jen Larson-Thompson, who graduated from Indiana University in South Bend, Indiana, where she majored in psychology and criminal justice. Before going to law school, Jen worked for a variety of nonprofit organizations, including the American Heart Association and Pack Away Hunger. In the past year at Widener, she has become very active as a member with the Public Interest legal society and has assisted with a Wills For Heroes Foundation event in the fall and winter terms.

Larissa and Jen are both bright, young, and talented individuals who have already brought major contributions to our legal team here in Harrisburg. I look forward to working with them as we move forward with the rest of the summer.

I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming these two fine law student interns in the Senate Democratic Caucus to the Pennsylvania Senate.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

(Applause.)

#### **GUESTS OF SENATOR ELDER A. VOGEL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, it is a great pleasure to rise to introduce my Harrisburg office intern, Dustin Zerby. Dustin is the son of Donald and Janet Zerby. His mother, Janet, works for Senator Browne. He began his internship with us in May and finishes in August. I am taking a moment to acknowledge him and all of his hard work over the past month. Dustin is from West Hanover Township in Dauphin County and is a constituent of Senator DiSanto. He is a graduate of Central Dauphin High School and is a sophomore at Penn State University Main Campus, where he is majoring in political science and history. Dustin was one of 24 to receive the Weiss Breakthrough Scholarship. He was also named to the dean's list his freshman year. While on campus, he also finds time to participate in the Penn State GOP and The Navigators, which is a faith-based group. In the past month, Dustin has assisted the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs with numerous bills and attended meetings with myself and staff. He also spent much of the time researching legislative issues and attending multiple Senate committee meetings.

Mr. President, I ask my Senate colleagues to give Dustin and his mother, Janet, a warm Senate welcome.

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

(Applause.)

#### **GUEST OF SENATOR TIMOTHY P. KEARNEY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator KEARNEY. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce my summer intern, Taryn Ashby. Taryn is a rising junior at Villanova University majoring in communications, with a specialization in journalism, and minoring in education. She currently interns for both our office and for Brian Communications. She is passionate about journalism and hopes to have a successful career as a broadcaster. Taryn throws the javelin for the Villanova Track and Field Team, a skill that I think will be very useful for us in the Senate office this summer. I am excited to have Taryn as an intern in our office, and I look forward to seeing what lies ahead for her in her career. I ask that the Senate give Taryn our usual warm welcome.

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

(Applause.)

#### **GUEST OF SENATOR ANTHONY H. WILLIAMS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Anthony Williams.

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I am recognizing my summer intern in my Harrisburg office today, Lavet Henderson. Lavet has a little bit of a different story than most that we normally hear, and, frankly, one that I am excited to tell because it is a story of human perseverance in the face of extraordinary challenges. Currently, Lavet is attending Hagerstown Community College, where she is double majoring in human services and political science. She is a graduate of Central Dauphin East High School. Lavet comes from a family of generational poverty. Her father was addicted to heroin for much of her life and is currently HIV positive. Her mother raised her and her two siblings with little formal education by working multiple minimum wage jobs, including housekeeping and cleaning airplanes. Lavet has four children of her own whom she raises with the assistance of her mother and family benefits. Having been through the criminal justice system herself, and the probation system following a domestic dispute, Lavet has brought a unique perspective to my office on probation reform, specifically Senate Bill No. 14.

During her time as an intern, Lavet has been a valuable member of our staff. She plans to continue her education by pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science and to become an advocate for women who have been incarcerated and who have struggled to navigate the public benefits system. I rarely have been able to tell such a story because, frankly, most of the time we spend politely exchanging considerations of our young people, as we should, and other professions, as we should, but rarely do we come face-to-face with such an extraordinary human being who recognizes the limitations but, regardless of that, has pursued the promise of the American dream. So, let us please rise and give a warm Senate welcome to Lavet Henderson.

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

(Applause.)

#### **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, it is my privilege to introduce our guest Chaplain today. I want you to understand something about this church, the Christian Life Center. This church goes back to 1726. Three signers of the Declaration of Independence were members of this church. This was originally the New London Presbyterian Church. Not only were there three signers who were members of this church, the pastor formed what was called the New London Academy. The New London Academy later became the University of Delaware. So, we are talking about the contribution of a church which has made a tremendous difference in this Commonwealth. Further, this church has about 800 people showing up every Sunday. It has several hundred young people showing up. Why? Because the church has made the transition. It has understood that faith remains, as it well should, a central core of who we are as Americans. But,

we change, times change, and the church itself needs to change, keeping its fundamental principles, but needs to change to meet the needs of today.

This church is transformational. This church's leadership under the pastor, the Reverend Dr. Joshua Roberts, has, for example, understood that if we do not have to pay taxes as a religious institution, then we owe something back to the community. So, this church offers free counseling. It is not necessarily religious-based counseling, but free counseling for those who are under the stress of mental illness, for those teenagers for whom we know the suicide rate is the highest ever in this country. So, friends, Pastor Roberts went to Liberty University, got a doctorate degree in transformational leadership, was pastor at churches in Georgia, then was a pastor of a mega-church in Montana, and then, we are very happy to say, came to our county, came to my district, came to the Christian Life Center.

Finally, let me say, my unity with Pastor Roberts is this: I might be of a different faith tradition, but I understand that all of our faith traditions need to man the wall, need to understand that we have to come into the breach, and when any tradition, as this church comes into the breach to aid and help and assist our communities, who understands that our communities, in desperate need of faith traditions, who unite together for the good of the community, then I say, amen. So, with my pleasure, I hope you will give a warm welcome to the pastor of one of the most historic churches in our Commonwealth, Reverend Dr. Joshua Roberts, who is with his wife and their three children. Thank you.

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

(Applause.)

#### **LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

#### **GUEST OF SENATOR JOHN R. GORDNER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, it is my privilege to introduce my summer intern, Max Melito, who is from Berwick. Max is a student at Penn State University majoring in political science and minoring in economics and global security. He has actively sought out internships. He previously interned for Representative Aaron Kaufer in Luzerne County when he was a student there, and also interned with Judge Tom James, who is a Common Pleas judge in Columbia County. Max previously played basketball, he is involved with amateur boxing, and is going to meetings in my office, as well as working on some legislation. I ask that we give our warm welcome to Max Melito.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Gordner 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, earlier today the Committee on Judiciary considered six well-qualified men and women to serve and are recommended to be parts of their Courts of Common Pleas in their respective communities. These individuals hail from Allegheny, Lehigh, Lycoming, Elk, Cameron, Washington, and Pike Counties. The one I would like to introduce is my constituent and longtime friend, attorney Kelly Gaughan, who won both nominations in May. She will be filling in a long-standing vacancy on our Pike County Court of Common Pleas. When a two-member bench goes down to just one judge with a capital murder case, it has been several years that constituents have been waiting for some of their cases to be heard. She will fill a tremendous void and a tremendous need in our community.

Like the other candidates, she is eminently qualified and extremely active in our community. She serves as the president of our United Way. She has been active with the Center for Developmental Disabilities, which helps children with special needs and disabilities, and she has raised money through our organization called VetStock to help veterans and their families throughout the region. Kelly is compassionate, hardworking, knowledgeable, and I know that she will serve our county with fairness and integrity. She is joined in the gallery with her husband, Marty Gaughan. They actually celebrated their 20th anniversary yesterday. He is a former Trooper and now a school resource officer, so she understands the law from that perspective as well. I am pleased to say that we will all be voting later today on six well-qualified men and women for the bench and the Courts of Common Pleas in the Commonwealth, but it is my distinct privilege to introduce attorney Kelly Gaughan of Pike County and ask for our usual warm Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

(Applause.)

#### **LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

#### **RECESS**

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I ask for a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room on the first floor to begin at noon.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Anthony Williams.

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I ask that Democrats recess immediately to the greatest caucus room ever created, in the back.

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

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Stefano and Senator Scavello.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Stefano and Senator Scavello. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CALENDAR

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS AS AMENDED

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS AS AMENDED

SB 144 (Pr. No. 1078) -- 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, further providing for definitions; in school directors, further providing for school director training programs; in intermediate units, providing for school safety and security enhancements; in certification of teachers, further providing for continuing professional development, providing for trauma-informed education and further providing for postbaccalaureate certification and for Pennsylvania school leadership standards; in safe schools, further providing for Office for Safe Schools; in school safety and security, further providing for definitions, for School Safety and Security Committee, for survey of school safety and security, for School Safety and Security Grant Program, for Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Teams, for school safety and security coordinator and for school safety and security training and providing for trauma-informed approach; in Safe2Say Program, further providing for judicial proceeding and for annual report; providing for threat assessment; in school health services, further providing for confidentiality, transference and removal of health records; in early learning programs, further providing for duties of department; providing for the Keystone Telepresence Education Grant Program; in the State Board of Education, further providing for powers and duties of the board and for powers and duties of Council of Basic Education and Council of Higher Education; and providing for references to area career and technical school in statute and regulation.

On the question, Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House, as further amended by the Senate, to Senate Bill No. 144?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House, as further amended by the Senate, to Senate Bill No. 144.

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-50

Table with 4 columns: Argall, DiSanto, Leach, Stefano, Aument, Farnese, Martin, Street, Baker, Folmer, Mastriano, Tartaglione, Bartolotta, Fontana, Mensch, Tomlinson

Table with 4 columns: 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, Langerhole, 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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 700 (Pr. No. 1074) -- 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; providing for construction and renovation of buildings by school entities; and establishing a grant program for maintenance projects.

On the question, Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 700?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 700.

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-50

Table with 4 columns: 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, Langerhole, 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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

**SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

**SB 724 (Pr. No. 1046)** -- 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; in administration and miscellaneous provisions, providing for the establishment of the Public Markets Emerging Investment Manager Program; and, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions. In Title 71: for retirement for State employees and officers, in preliminary provisions relating to retirement for State employees and officers, further providing for definitions; 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 concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 724?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 724.

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-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	Loughlin	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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL ON  
THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**HB 790 (Pr. No. 2215)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An act to provide appropriations from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools 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; to provide appropriations from special funds and accounts to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I rise today to ask my colleagues for their enthusiastic support of House Bill No. 790, which will provide for the 2019-20 Pennsylvania General Fund budget. In doing so, I reflect on the difficult budget experiences of the past years and boast proudly on all of our behalf that it is truly satisfying to stand here today to endorse this spending plan for the upcoming fiscal year knowing that the Commonwealth faces a much brighter financial outlook than it has for more than a decade. Even 9 months ago, we were still projecting fiscal imbalance, and it is truly amazing what 9 months in the world of public finance can sometimes make, thanks in large part to years of financial discipline by this General Assembly. During challenging financial years, I saw year after year of revenues underperforming estimates. Coupled with the recent dramatic improvements in our State's economy, Pennsylvania's fiscal position is stronger today than it has been in years. In fact, for the first time in over a decade, actual revenues will end the current fiscal year ahead of projected estimates by over \$800 million, and this Commonwealth is on pace to finish our 2018-19 fiscal cycle with a surplus of nearly \$300 million. After 9 years of struggle with consistent financial deficits year after year, it even became hard for a lot of us to remain confident that we would eventually see positive ending numbers on our State's financial statement anytime in the near future.

As good as this is, though, Mr. President, it is important that we keep in mind the past challenges the State has faced and the

inevitability of an economic downturn in the near future. With that in mind, we are, for the first time, depositing 100 percent of the budget surplus in the Commonwealth's Rainy Day Fund. Last year was the first time since the recession that the Legislature has made investments in this important fiscal stabilization fund, and fiscal prudence dictates that we should continue that course.

The budget that we are about to consider and advance, with the support of this Chamber, which spends just under \$34 billion of State dollars, accomplishes both our long-term goal of not spending more than is deposited in our treasury while still providing programs and services to worthy Pennsylvanians. The budget increases spending by \$600 million, just a 1.8-percent increase over the previous year, below, as we have for many years, the rate of inflation, and very importantly, of course, it does not raise taxes on our hardworking citizens and job creators.

Building on our efforts to insure that all students receive a quality education and have an opportunity to succeed, this budget invests in all areas of Pennsylvania's outstanding educational system. For primary and secondary education, a \$160-million increase. For special education, a \$50-million increase, the largest increase in many years. For programs for our youngest at-risk children, pre-K counts and Head Start, \$25 million and \$5 million respectively. For vital early intervention programs, a \$15-million increase. For higher education, our world-class State-related institutions, our Pennsylvania State System schools, and community colleges, an average 2.5-percent increase; and for our community libraries, a \$5-million increase, the first increase in many years.

One very important initiative that we have developed as part of last year's budget, Mr. President, and one that we propose to continue investing in 2019-20, is school safety. This budget includes \$60 million for school safety programming, a \$50-million increase over previous years, and the safe schools initiative program in the Department of Education will receive a 10-percent increase.

Care for our most at-risk individuals, and our growing aging population, will, again, be a priority in this year's budget, too. Community care programs will receive approximately \$30 million additional dollars to service an additional 2,000 older Pennsylvanians. Programs for individuals with disabilities in our communities will receive approximately \$50 million, to service an additional 3,000 individuals. Our community-based family centers will receive a \$5-million increase, expanding important home visiting services to an additional 800 families in need, and family support for our vital personal care workers will be provided a 2-percent increase.

We are also proposing a significant increase in funding for important programs to combat domestic violence and rape in our communities, programs serving this important priority both are receiving a 10-percent increase. In serving the needs of our present and future State economy, the needs of our first-class Pennsylvania workforce, of course, are paramount. Towards that end, the budget proposal in House Bill No. 790 also builds on the Legislature's and the Governor's commitment in workforce development and job placement. An additional \$10 million in career and technical education is included in this proposal, along with increases for our excellent schools of higher education that focus on career training, some of the best in the nation. The Penn College of Technology and the Thaddeus Stevens School of Technology, both of which are unmatched in their record of ful-

filling market needs with qualified workers to match them, will both receive significant new financial commitments in this budget. Our longstanding vocational rehabilitation programing, which allows our citizens with disabilities to develop and execute on their talents in the marketplace, will receive a \$2.3-million increase. And Pennsylvania's one-of-a-kind New Choices/New Options program will receive a 50-percent increase.

One of Pennsylvania's largest industries, agriculture, is receiving the largest new financial commitment from State government in many years with a \$19.5-million increase in funding in multiple areas; the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, a 2-percent increase; agricultural business and workforce investment, \$4.5 million; animal health and diagnostic commission, \$2 million; and Livestock and Consumer Health Protection, a \$1-million increase; and a significant increase to capitalize on Pennsylvania's second-in-the-nation's leadership in organic farming. Given all of these new and important investments in key priority areas for State government, Mr. President, I am pleased to be supporting a financial plan today with my colleagues, as many as possible, hopefully, that builds on our solid record of providing vital services and programs for our citizens most in need, while, at the same time, encouraging job creation, expansion, and investment in Pennsylvania.

Now, Mr. President, as we finish this year's financial budgeting process, our improved financial position provides us all with an opportunity not only to put into action the investments included in this plan, but to look back at the last 10 years and reflect on decisions made and lessons learned. Collectively, this General Assembly, along with the chief executive of the Commonwealth, has steered the ship of State through 10 years of some of the most turbulent financial waters in our history. Performing very difficult navigation moves along the way, our focus was always, for these 10 years, on the horizon, with the determination to have a sound, sturdy vessel in which to continue our perpetual voyage together once the storm has cleared. Like any prudent and responsible crew, the calmer waters we find ourselves in today provide a valuable opportunity to lay anchor and perform a vital, timely inspection to insure the long-term security of our fellow passengers. In the case of our vessel, our 12 million Pennsylvania citizens.

An honest and thorough inspection would reveal that although the last 6 months of tremendous physical growth has provided us positive cash flow to both meet our collective priorities and begin preparing for the next storm, our long-term financial position is still very precarious. Although, as I have mentioned, we are projecting a fiscal surplus in the budgeting year we are about to enter, through which we are about to set sail together, projected recurring expenditures in the following year 2020-21, just one year away, are estimated to, again, exceed our revenue capacity beyond the amounts we are putting in the Rainy Day Fund this year. In just one year, we are looking at a fiscal position that will use up the amounts we are putting in the Rainy Day Fund.

Although we have reduced a 5-year projected deficit, as estimated by our Independent Fiscal Office, a \$4-billion cumulative hole still remains. Across the nation, States have set aside an average \$2.5 billion in reserves, which will keep them secure against a future inevitable financial downturn for approximately 36 days. After today's financial navigation, Mr. President, our ship of State will stay afloat in rough financial waters for only 3 days. Due to these unsecure fundamentals, Pennsylvania is still

ranked by our rating agencies near the bottom of all States in terms of long-term fiscal stability. But with prudent fiscal management, at least in the short term, we are floating in calmer seas as we look to advance our 2019-20 fiscal plan. That management includes not only responsible cash practices, but many difficult choices which have left much of State government smaller than it was 10 years ago, including a reduction in our State workforce by over 6,000 employees. Only in our unwavering commitment to our children, public safety, and the overall needs of our most vulnerable citizens and human services has grown significantly over that time.

There, of course, have been claims made in this Assembly, given our recent short-term positive fiscal circumstances, that we should reconsider some of the spending priorities we have reset over the last 10 years, particularly in human services. In this we must, to insure the long-term financial stability of this Commonwealth and the well-being of all our citizens, move forward with an abundance of caution. Even with 10 years of positive fiscal growth since the huge downturn we experienced in 2008, we have seen surpluses in our fiscal position for only 6 months. A recession sometime in the future, as we all know, is inevitable, and we still must address our remaining cumulative deficits and shore up our reserves before we can really be certain of fiscal stability.

We can be collectively proud of the progress we have made in improving our fiscal position, Mr. President, the important investments we have made in education, the important investments we have made in human services, and in maintenance of our relative competitive position, our relative economic position in this country, even during the deepest of economic challenges. But in order to provide certainty and security to our citizens and the commitments that we make for the long term, we should make sure our financial position is truly sustainable before we reconsider any of the programmatic changes and sacrifices we have made over the last decade.

Even now, Mr. President, sitting in calm seas after the storm, a truly responsible crew will always make sure that all the water is bailed out of the ship before we can truly be confident of clear sailing for all of its passengers. After 10 years of navigating the Commonwealth's ship of State through the storm of financial stress and instability, this Assembly will present to our Governor a financial plan for 2019-20 that not only provides the key investments needed to continue a voyage with certainty and purpose, but insures increased confidence to weather the next storm beyond the horizon.

Let us together, Mr. President, continue to navigate our financial obligations today, and in the future, with prudence and confidence to make certain that our Commonwealth, our proud ship of State, will truly provide a successful perpetual voyage into the bright horizons, which are in the vision of all of our fellow Pennsylvanians, our 12 million worthy Pennsylvania citizens and their families.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, over the last few days, there has been a lot of talk about the budget, about what is not in it, things that have not been included, and some of the things that have. An amount of folks have spoken on the other side of the Chamber, probably more eloquently than I can, about those

things that are missing. We know it does not have a minimum wage increase. We know there is no funding for general assistance, something that I think is disgraceful. On that issue, I plead with the Governor to tell us now, because even up until this moment, there are people reaching out who want to know what is going to happen with that bill. Let them know. Tell them. I plead that you veto it. There is no funding for urgent emergency school repairs and not enough funding for working families to send their kids to high quality pre-K programs. That is what we all know is not in it.

There is something else, for me, that is not here. The budget, Mr. President, does not have guts. It does not have courage. It does not have heart. I do not mean heart in the way that we talk about in terms of compassionately, but I guess when you look at some of the things that are not there, yeah, you can make that argument it does not have that. It does not have the desire, the innovation, the boldness to take us, to take Pennsylvania where we know we want to go. Our Caucus has worked hard, not just in the last 6 months, Mr. President, but for years and years, decades, in some manner. The hard work and the time that our leadership team - Senator Costa, Senator Hughes, and Senator Anthony Williams - have put for the issues that our Caucus has advocated for, not here.

Maybe the problem, Mr. President, starts at the top. When we unveiled the budget on February 5, it was not really inspirational. It did not propose a bold plan, for example, to keep general assistance. It did not take a lot of innovative ideas to tackle the many problems that we all have here in Pennsylvania. I understand that this is a process. I know that. I understand the way it goes. You start in February, and you work your way through to a vote. I thought that there would be an opportunity to get it better, but it did not come up. It did not come up. Again, despite the efforts of what our leadership team has done, and Leaders on the other side of the aisle as well, too. It is a budget that sort of just keeps pace, just keeps pace with the tough issues. It is not a budget that drives us to be more innovative, to be more bold, to be more courageous. I know it is not easy. I understand that. I know that.

I have learned here, over time, that budgets are about priorities. They are about more than just numbers on a line item. They are about people; ideas that those people have to come to the table and be bold. Mr. President, I can tell you that there are people here on this side of the aisle and in that Chamber over there who are willing to stand with this Governor, fight for the things he wants, and fight for a legacy of accomplishments that sets Pennsylvania on the right way to accomplish the things that we have been talking about in this Chamber, on this side of the aisle, for over a decade. They are ready to go to war with you. You saw it yesterday. You saw it in this Chamber that was hungry for debate, hungry to fight for the things that our constituents care about, and hungry, Mr. President, my God, just to be heard. About this budget, we stood together as a Caucus and talked about why we had to rail here. Everyone together, everyone except one who was not with us. I will say it again, you want to go to war? Are you are ready to fight? I am with you, and I know there are people right here who are willing to put up that fight, to fight for the issues and a budget that we, the people who sent us here, at least my people sent me here, care deeply, deeply about.

You know, I remember, budget time for me is always a time when we would get budgets done in years past and sometimes it would be very late at night, and I would drive down and see my



dad and he would say to me, how did it go? What did you get done? I said, we had numbers back then, Mr. President, 17, 18, 19 on our side. He said, well, I saw you fight. You had heart. That is when I won. That is what we worked hard to do here. Last year, a year ago, there were 16 people on this side of the aisle and there are 22 now. Lead us. We are here for you, Mr. Governor. We are here for you. We will fight with you. We will stand next to you, and we will have your back. Lead, because we are ready.

So I will be voting "no," Mr. President, and I ask again, on behalf of the constituents of PA's 1st Senatorial District, to let us know that you are going to issue a veto and stop that madness in House Bill No. 33.

Thank you, Mr. President.

#### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

And the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, I rise in support of the 2019-20 State budget. As chair of the Committee on Labor and Industry, I am very pleased to see that this budget makes significant investments in workforce development programs to help insure citizens gain the training and skills they need to be prepared for the jobs of today and the jobs of the future. This includes an additional \$7 million in funding for career and technical education. These investments in job training programs will give even more Pennsylvanians the chance to train for high-paying, family-sustaining jobs. Just as importantly as promoting job growth and workforce development is building stronger and safer communities. This budget accomplishes that goal by improving student safety and reducing community violence. School safety was a big part of last year's budget, including the creation of a \$60-million program to improve safety and reduce violence. In this year's budget, we took that a step further. We not only restored the Governor's proposed \$15-million cut to the program, but we were successful at boosting the safe schools initiative within the Department of Education by a full 10 percent.

We have succeeded at providing critical protections for our communities and most vulnerable citizens, as well as for victims of crime and domestic violence. Mr. President, I was raised by a single mom with only a ninth grade education. She was a single mother at the age of 18 with two children under the age of 4. She worked three jobs, and she picked up empty Coke bottles along the highway to redeem for food money. I get it. I understand what a lot of my constituents are going through. Not only that, Mr. President, but when I was 6 years old, my mother was abducted and brutally raped for 2 days. My sister was the victim of years of domestic violence. I have cousins who were victims of domestic violence and incest, Mr. President, and I am very grateful that this budget includes more funding for rape crisis and domestic violence services, and a substantial increase for our child welfare programs on the county level. Organizations like

those in my district, the Patriot House, is a veterans' homeless shelter inside the Washington City Mission. This facility has 22 beds in honor and recognition of the 22 veterans who commit suicide every day in our country. Avis Arbor is a women's shelter and a children's shelter inside that same Washington City Mission that is a godsend to women looking for a safe place to go with their children when facing some of the most horrific experiences of their lives.

This budget also takes an important step in tackling the Commonwealth's growing heroin and opioid epidemic by investing additional funding in drug and alcohol programs. A total of \$47.3 million is dedicated to these programs overall. No doubt, this additional funding, coupled with the package of bills recently approved by this Chamber, including my bill to properly punish drug dealers causing serious bodily harm to users, will play a crucial role in the battle against opioid addiction and overdose deaths. And as chair of a bipartisan, bicameral criminal justice reform caucus, I am thrilled with the broader changes which we have been advocating for to the criminal justice system to reduce prison costs and help more nonviolent offenders find jobs, thereby reducing the crime rate, returning citizens to their families, and ultimately cutting costs to taxpayers. Funding in this budget to both address addiction and encourage gainful employment through workforce development training is an important part of reducing our crime and recidivism rates.

Mr. President, for all of these reasons, I will cast my vote in the affirmative for this budget because it holds the line on spending, avoids painful tax increases, and addresses a long list of priorities for the communities which I represent, including job training, school safety, and victim protection. Mr. President, I support funding what works, and I am proud to support this budget.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I rise to speak on why I cannot support this budget today. First, this budget contains no increase to the minimum wage, not even a dime. Minimum wage workers in Pennsylvania have not been given a raise in 10 years. Every single State around us raised their minimum wage. Our families cannot afford to wait any longer.

This budget also contains massive cuts to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Protection. As much as I applaud the investment in the State's Rainy Day Fund, rainy days in Pittsburgh have resulted in catastrophic flooding and landslides all throughout my district. Maintaining these funds are not enough. We must increase our contributions to protect our communities from these environmental disasters.

Lastly, this budget contains less in education spending than the Governor proposed in February. Despite the rising costs of higher education and having the highest student debt in the country, this budget does very little to alleviate the financial burden both students and their parents are facing. We are throwing pennies at drowning students. Despite hearing from educators, administrators, and reading study after study, this budget does nothing to tackle the rising costs of charter school tuition payments and employee benefits, which will shift this financial burden onto local property taxpayers.

I was elected to this body on three issues: helping working families of the 38th Senatorial District, improving the quality of life for the residents of the 38th Senatorial District, and, finally, to be an education advocate for students and families in the 38th Senatorial District. In my opinion, this budget does not do enough for my constituents or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Thank you.

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, I rise today in support of House Bill No. 790, our 2019-20 budget. I am extremely pleased for the citizens of the 13th Senatorial District that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will not be raising any of its broad-based taxes on our citizens and will stick on the path of its economic policies that are really starting to show as we are creating a budget pathway to prosperity in the future.

What I would like to talk today about, Mr. President, are a lot of the things that we do not often get to highlight when we talk about the work of what we do here in the General Assembly. In order to be true leaders, we are tasked with those moneys that we are taking from families and businesses across the Commonwealth and investing it very wisely. Part of leadership is analyzing: are programs working or are they not? That is an ever-changing dynamic. But, there is no doubt in my mind that the Members working in this institution thoroughly are looking out for the best interests of those who are least among us, those who are struggling, those who are going through domestic violence issues.

So, today, I would like to highlight a couple of the items that we do not often think about when we first think about the work that the State does. First, we are providing \$2.8 million to provide home and community-based services for individuals with mental health issues currently residing in State hospitals. We are investing \$15 million for community-based services for 100 individuals on the intellectual disabilities emergency waiting list into the consolidated waiver, and 765 individuals on the intellectual disabilities emergency waiting list into the community living waiver. We are also applying another \$5 million in the Early Intervention appropriation to provide a 3-percent increase in service rates, which are so desperately needed.

Finally, Mr. President, in terms of the theme of funding what works, Harrisburg, for a long time, has been talking about the benefit of career and technical education and talking about the needs of our economy and the needs of individuals to have family-sustaining jobs. Over time, we have been biting away at the edges, making changes to policy to emphasize the importance of career and technology education. But, I am happy to report from my Lancaster County community, and also the broader central Pennsylvania community, that an institution like Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, located in Lancaster, PA, which has been funding not only jobs that are needed in our local community but throughout the entire region, who have been turning away thousands of applicants who have a desperate need to want to better themselves and move up the economic ladder but were turned away because of lack of capacity. What is even more devastating, Mr. President, is that at the very same time that they are denying enrollees to get that education in trade skills, we have thousands of employers bringing jobs, some starting at \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year, saying we need these skills, and they could not graduate enough people to keep up with that.

So, I am happy to report that this budget is adding an additional \$4 million which will enable Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, an institution that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania owns, to, in essence, double its enrollment, which means that there are going to be more families moving up that economic ladder, given that economic opportunity to improve themselves and take care of their families. For me, it is just one more additional reason that I am proud of the work that has been put into this 2019-20 budget, and I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on its passage.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, unfortunately, today I stand here and it is 4,736 days since Pennsylvania's low-wage earners got a raise. It is unconscionable that we are walking out of here without doing that. Any business in anybody's district, if they had an employer who did not give their employee a raise in 13 years, they would not have an employee. People are choosing between food on the table, medicine, or rent. They need this. Every State bordering Pennsylvania has raised their minimum wage, and some of them have raised it twice. Now is the time to do it. I am very, very, very upset that we were not able to do that. We are not asking for much. Most of those folks are heads of households and they have children who they need to take care of, but they are working two and three jobs just to keep food on the table. Mr. President, I urge that when we come back in the fall, that I do not have to stand here day after day to beg for a higher minimum wage. For that reason, I will be voting "no" on this budget. Thank you.

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, in regard to the issue that the previous speaker brought up and the previous speaker before that, and let me say that I have the most tremendous respect for the individual who just spoke, I served as chair of the Committee on Labor and Industry with her for 6 or 7 years and we worked tremendously well together. But, I want to make sure that the viewers understand, you do not pass the minimum wage as part of the budget. The minimum wage is an issue that is dealt with in a separate bill. As a matter of fact, I recall that when the last minimum wage was done, the previous speaker was the prime sponsor of the legislation that got that done, and it was done in a separate bill, completely separate of the budget. The gentleman who sits just a little in front of me was the chair of the Committee on Labor and Industry at that time who helped negotiate and broker that deal. But, as the previous speaker just mentioned, that effort can be taken up in September, or December, or February, or March, or next year because it is not part of the budget. It was not part of last year's budget, or the budget before that, or even when Governor Rendell was Governor. Minimum wage increases are not a part of the budget. So, for everyone looking and anyone participating in a final vote here, they need to understand that minimum wage is not connected to this budget. This budget is not connected to minimum wage. They are separate issues.

In regard to the budget, though, let me mention a couple of issues as to why I am supporting this year's budget. I have to mention that I am still involved in a law practice back in my community, and two of my partners are involved with the local domestic violence shelter. They represent victims in regard to

orders of protection from abuse. I am very pleased that in this year's budget there is 10 percent more funding going for domestic violence efforts around this State. We have tremendous shelters locally that help battered women to gain dignity and to get the PFAs in order to get on with their lives. There is 10 percent more funding for rape crisis, which is needed. I should mention that those same two partners who I have talked about are both assistant DAs who have to prosecute these types of crimes and complaints. We should be proud of that in this year's budget with the 10-percent increase for domestic violence funding and 10 percent more funding for rape crisis. There is always a need from county commissioners in regard to the welfare and health and human services programs that they provide. In this year's budget there is \$1.3 billion for county child welfare, helping those kids who are in bad situations to hopefully get into better ones. That is a \$34-million increase in this year's budget, and I would hope that any of us would be proud to see that number going to additional county child welfare.

Let me just single out one other program that is very important, and I think was important to a number of us, and that is PHEAA grants. When I was a student and went to Dickinson College, I could not have gone without financial assistance in the PHEAA grant that I got. Many of us are aware that there was a change last year where PHEAA was going to have to start funding those who were participating in online programs. That funding for online programs meant that those people already at private institutions or public institutions were going to see a reduction in their PHEAA grant. I am so proud that, because of the advocacy of students who came to the Capitol on advocacy days, they told us about how devastating that would be for them in regard to their college funding expenses and, as a result of that, this budget puts the money back in. That is very important. This budget puts the money back in to make sure that none of those students are going to get less than what they got in previous years. So, those students who are sophomores, or juniors, or seniors and were expecting to get that amount, this budget takes care of that funding for our college students who depend upon PHEAA grants. Mr. President, I support this budget. Mr. President, I support funding what works.

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

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, this is my first budget. It is a fascinating process. A budget, in my mind, would show our values, would show our priorities, would show what we need to improve, what we need to continue improving, and it would show our plan for the future. As a State Senator who was elected with not a single cent of special interest dollars, I came here on one mission and one mission only, and that was to fight for the people. This budget is not people-centered. This budget does not help enough people. As a public servant, I take that responsibility very seriously. Not just because my salary is funded by taxpayer dollars, like all of my colleagues, but because, as a public servant, we have an obligation to fight for what is morally right. I am not here on ceremony, Mr. President, and I am not here to entertain political courtesy. I am here to fight for clean air and water. I am here to make sure the Earth is saved for our future. I am here to fight for fair wages, tax fairness, to help pick up the little guy, the small business. I am here to fight for students with student loan debt, for public education. PHEAA grants do not cover Penn State tuition. I can add that math up for you with my

own student loan debt, which I am glad to pay off, unfortunately with an interest rate higher than any corporate loan would get.

So, until this budget becomes a document that shows what we value, which means people not profit, not special interests, we failed. If you are okay going home tonight feeling good about this budget, the people on August 1 who do not have general assistance anymore, they do not get to share that same feeling of security. We have to do better. This is just my first budget. I will not be silenced, I will not back down, and I will continue to fight for a moral budget.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I rise in support of this funding plan. One of the first lessons in budgeting we all learned is that you never walk away from a signed State budget fully satisfied. Each of us, given the chance, probably would move money around to programs and services that we consider higher priorities. The problem, of course, is that we would have 50 different adjustments needing to be reconciled. That is why months, months, and months, are devoted to budget negotiations, discussions, evaluations, input, review, and compromise. There is never enough money for programs or services to satisfy advocates for every area of endeavor, whether it be for education, human services, community safety, healthcare, child protection, or dozens of other State concerns. We are responsible to take all the wants, all the lists, and boil them down into the needs lists and figure out how many and how much fits within our expected revenues. This budget is a responsible and reasonable effort.

We all say that we are devoted to the public interest and the taxpayer interest, but we frame our debate in terms of dollars, intentions, and politics. The taxpayers are constantly reminding us that they want more oversight, more rigorous evaluation of what works and what does not work. We constantly hear how a better job needs to be done with the money currently being spent. Too many times they hear State officials define success with how many programs are in place and how much money is being spent. Much more, they believe, is required for us to look at reform and efficiency. Occasionally, we meet taxpayer-directed responsibility, and there is a very notable example underway through a bipartisan effort to overhaul our criminal justice system to begin to achieve cost savings and significant improvement in results. As chair of the Committee on Judiciary, we will be focused on this for the future as we build to make sense, to fund what matters, what works.

As chair last Session of the Committee on Health and Human Services, I got a deep look at the extensive array of programs that Pennsylvania offers. Although the public might not be able to tell from the rhetoric of the budget season, this budget is strong and progressive in respect to funding for human services. Funding what works. Look at how closely funding increases are included in this budget, how they line up with the serious needs that we confront year-round: child protection; child care; domestic violence; rape crisis; services for physically, intellectually, and visually disabled; home care; assisted living; nursing home care; early intervention; increased facility inspections to insure licensing standards are in compliance; and reductions in the waiting list for crucial services. The priorities for increases are in places that will benefit the 20th Senatorial District that I represent: schools, worker skills, farm assistance, community safety,

enhanced services for crime victims, and many, many will be glad to hear that a tax on municipalities directed at very small communities utilizing State Police coverage was rejected. So this is impressive in direction and in discretion.

Most Pennsylvanians are not going to be perusing the State budget at their breakfast table drinking their coffee, but we can give them an honest assessment of what many virtues are in this State budget. We can talk about not just how we want to spend their tax dollars, but about the choices we make to distinguish what works and what has discernible results. Every State budget may be imperfect, but this budget reflects an inordinate amount of care and concern in its treatment of Pennsylvanians whose circumstances cause them to depend on quality and accessible programs and services. So I say thank you to Senator Browne, our chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, and his staff, to Senator Scarnati, Senator Corman, and our Leadership. They put much attention into funding what works.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I am not going to belabor the issue. We have talked about numerous budgets in the past, and there has been enough conversation, I think, at this point on the floor, and given the environment yesterday and today, I think it is appropriate that we move on. The reality is, Mr. President, there are some significant accomplishments in this budget, but there are some missed opportunities as well. Those missed opportunities have been addressed so far. Some of those opportunities were not--this budget process does not allow us to address, specifically, the opportunity to raise the minimum wage. We would like to have a vote on that, but there is no bill in front of us to vote on that. That circumstance is a reflection of the political reality of the moment. The GOP is in the majority in the House, the GOP is in the majority in the Senate, and they control the Calendar, they control the flow of bills coming in front of us, and I will submit that if we had the opportunity to vote for an increase in the minimum wage, the good will of this body would have seen us to increase the minimum wage, and that would have been a positive thing for this budget because more dollars would have come toward the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and definitely for the pockets of the people in Pennsylvania.

But this budget reflects the political reality that we are in, a GOP-controlled Senate, a GOP-controlled House. In that political reality, however, there are movements forward. There are movements forward in basic education. There are movements forward in higher education. There are movements forward in career and technical education. There are movements forward in our library funding. I must raise the reality of the 10-percent increase in domestic violence funding, something that this Caucus, this Senate Democratic Caucus, has been a champion of in this process and has led the effort in the internal conversations to make sure that we advance. That movement forward in that particular spending category is clearly necessary given some of the actions taken around the general assistance program and the unwillingness to provide support for women who are suffering under domestic violence. So, as a result, the need to increase by such a large number, 10 percent increase in domestic violence, is necessary because, clearly, that network of services must be strengthened because women are going to be even more challenged to get the services that they need.

This budget realizes an increase of protection of the school and community anti-violence money, something that we put in place last year, again, something that this Caucus was the leading advocate for, and we made sure that \$60 million was inserted in last year's budget and protected, while some of us wanted to cut those dollars, and is protected in this budget. There is an increase of \$2.5 million in the gun violence task force, which clearly is necessary given the proliferation of guns and the success of the current gun violence task force that needed more investment so we can do a much better job. This budget includes more funding for school safety and the Safe2Say Something Program. There are a number of progresses made in this budget in the various lines that should be reflected, but it is, again, a reflection of the political season that we are in, a season that has a majority in the Senate, a majority in the House, with a Democratic Governor, and a need to negotiate at this level.

At the same time, as I speak toward this budget, Mr. President, I also understand that there are a number of other initiatives that will be coming in front of this body that will have a tremendous positive impact on the health realities of the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that issue cannot be taken away from this overall conversation. So, as we look in the collective, as we look at the reality that we are in right now, as we understand that the dynamics, the circumstances, the situation, as we understand the conversation from yesterday and the need to protect defenseless citizens, and while the Governor offered that protection, the safety and security of the general assistance program that was taken away, but in our negotiations over the last several weeks, we believe that we have a situation in place that will provide some level of security and protection in services for those individuals who will be impacted by the cut in the general assistance program. There are positives here, Mr. President. There are enough positives here that, given the political dynamic that we are in, moves the ball forward for the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. To that end, I suggest and encourage an affirmative vote on the budget that is in front of us on this day.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, I rise today to support the budget for fiscal year 2019-20. One of the many reasons I support this budget is because it funds programs which will help the most vulnerable in our communities. One of the many programs I am pleased to see positively impacted by this budget is the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement, or the PHARE Fund. I worked with former Senator Kitchen on establishing this program in 2010. In 2015, we placed a funding cap of \$25 million on PHARE by directing 1 percent of the realty transfer tax to the program. As the program took off and grew, it went well beyond what had been hoped for, helping people from all walks of life and corners of the Commonwealth achieve the dream of homeownership. Last year, PHARE's funding was closing in on the \$25 million cap. Earlier this year, Senator Haywood and I sponsored a bill to lift that cap. I am extremely pleased to see this year's budget increase the PHARE cap to \$40 million, a \$15-million increase. Lifting the cap will insure more people receive help with payment assistance, counseling, and construction, as well as transforming blighted neighborhoods. This will help veterans, people with disabilities, the el-

derly, as well as first-time home buyers. It is a great program which helps worthy recipients who need it. Mr. President, this is funding what works, and I am proud to support it. Thank you.

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, I stand here today to support this year's budget. It is a good budget. No one would ever call it a great budget, but I am going to comment on that, if I may, Mr. President. I spent 35 years in business, managing budgets throughout my 35 years. I never met a good budget. There was never quite enough. I grew up in a home where I was the oldest of five sons. We lived on a blue collar working man's income. There was never enough in the budget. So here we are in government, and here again, there is just not enough. Maybe the constant with budgets, Mr. President, is that there is just never enough. We have something in this government, in Pennsylvania, that some of those other budgets did not have, and that is that we have what I will refer to as watchdogs, people assuring the accountability of the budget - the Inspector General, the Auditor General - and they help us understand, sometimes, what are effective programs and what are not effective programs. So, to the best extent that we can, we follow guidance that they provide, and, with that, this year's budget accommodates some of those past conversations.

I want to talk about one area in the budget that is dear to my heart, and that is dealing with the intellectually disabled. As the father of a son with difficulties, I appreciate every bit that this government provides to children of need. Sometimes when we enter into these debates, one side characterizes the other side as just not caring, and they color everybody with the same argument. But I can tell you on both sides of this aisle, Mr. President, there are parents who have had similar experiences to my own. It is a very personal, very difficult choice sometimes that we make when we vote on these budgets because we are not, in the abstract, just voting against somebody else, we are building our own personal experiences under these votes, Mr. President. So, for the intellectually disabled, I recognize that we have increased the home- and community-based services by \$2.8 million this year. We have added \$15 million for community-based services for 100 individuals on the intellectual disability emergency waiting list into the consolidated waiver, and there are 765 individuals on the intellectual disabled emergency waiting list into the community living waiver. Mr. President, those are extremely important steps for us to take in this budget. Extremely important. These are the neediest of the needy. I do not know how many of you have ever gone to a workshop where you see children with trachs. I do not know how many of you have ever dealt with a child who cannot walk or cannot talk, cannot speak, and cannot communicate. Those are needy people. Mr. President, we accommodate them in our budget, never enough, but we accommodate them.

One of the other areas in this budget that we have expanded is \$5 million into the early intervention program. That is a 3-percent increase in the program this year, Mr. President. That is trying to accommodate the growth of these children as well. We have expanded by 20 percent in this year's budget the adaptive equipment grants. Again, these are children very often using devices very similar to the laptops that we use, or the tablets that we use today, and with very creative software coming from wonderful manufacturers, these men, women, children are able to

communicate. They use touch talkers. They use electronic wheelchairs, they use exoskin devices so that they can reach and walk, to become more mobile. These are the kinds of things we are doing for people, Mr. President. It is an extremely important role that we fill in this area.

Before I close, I want to say that by extension, the education budget comes into play with these people, because when they enter school age, up until the age of 21, our school systems help to tend to these children. We do that through the education program. We also do it through our intermediate programs. So, it is not just a line item that we can single out and say that this is helping someone with a disability, we have an educational budget that is also contributing to the same community. These are important things that we do. It is very difficult to look at the budget and say this area is good and that area is not. You need to consider this in the totality of its impact on the entire society, 12.5 million people, Mr. President. This is a good budget. This budget provides the necessary services. This budget represents funding that works, and I am proud to support this budget.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, here we are, 3 days before the end of the current fiscal year, and that June 30 budget deadline has crept up on us very quickly. There has been an incredible flurry of activity over the last 6 months here in the Senate, but our number one responsibility as legislators is to approve an operating budget each and every year. And here we are, debating whether or not to support House Bill No. 790, the General Appropriation Act for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Mr. President, it is quite simple: there are over 33 billion reasons to oppose this bill; there are over 33 billion reasons to support this bill. In my brief but eventful tenure as a House Member and now in the Senate, I have yet to see the perfect budget. I am sure those who have been here much longer than me can say there is no such thing as a perfect budget. It is true. I am sure with most in this Chamber there are things that you like and things that you do not like about this General Appropriation bill.

I approach my vote today with two key questions. One, is this budget respectful to the taxpayers, the people who pay our bills? And two, does the good outweigh the bad with this bill? There are a lot of factors that went into this year's final budget. Our State's revenues are exceeding expectations, thanks in part to the decisions that we have made over the years to avoid joining other States in the northeast to hike broad-based taxes. Plus, we have made a concerted effort to pay our bills and meet our obligations. Finally, with great gratitude to the strength of the Federal economy over the last 2 years, that has lifted our State's financial outlook. I agree with many of my colleagues that there is more work to be done on a lot of issues and many reforms, but let us look at House Bill No. 790. This budget includes \$300 million that will go into our Rainy Day Fund. This budget increases year-over-year spending by only 1.8 percent, when you count the Governor's supplemental spending. Yes, we fund all of the services that our constituents, whom we represent, have come to expect. We have made historic investments in our next generation, including basic education, special education, higher education at proven institutions, as well as record investments into grants for students. We are continuing our commitment to strengthening and making our schools safe.

Mr. President, specifically, this bill adds \$8 million to assist high Medicaid-populated nursing homes all over my district and the Commonwealth. It provides a 2-percent rate increase for homecare workers and personal care assistants, because we know that people want to be in their homes. It includes a 20-percent increase in funding for services for the visually disabled. All of this, and more, without raising taxes on the hardworking Pennsylvanians who pay our bills. Yes, there are things that we would love to see added, or maybe even removed, from this budget from both sides, but, Mr. President, that is why, while many of us look at this as the end of a fiscal year, we need to look at this as the start of the opportunity to address future reforms to our budgetary process come July 1. There are a lot of people asking us, please support this, or add this, or oppose that, or subtract this. I do not disagree, but we are moving a \$33.9-billion budget today, and tomorrow, you had better believe we are going to be pushing out new reforms to this process.

We all know, Mr. President, that our economy is cyclical. Will it get better? Will it get worse? We do not know. I have often said that the two things I have always wished that I could have in this building was a crystal ball and a magic wand. But what I do know is that we must do everything in our power to insure that Pennsylvania is in the best position to take full advantage of what we are seeing at the Federal level and experiencing to an extent here in the Commonwealth, and that starts with our decision today. Holding the line on spending, providing critical services, putting away \$300 million into the Rainy Day Fund - I commend our Leaders and the staff who crafted this budget. This budget exercises the right mix of fiscal restraint with impactful investments that are critical not for today or tomorrow, but for years down the road.

We have a lot of work to do, Mr. President, and we may adjourn for summer in the next few days, but today, I will be casting an affirmative vote for House Bill No. 790. I say, let us get to work, because the people of Pennsylvania deserve that, and the next generation is counting on us to fund what works.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, I rise to support House Bill No. 790, the 2019-20 budget. I stand here today to talk about funding programs for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I am here as a Senator, a husband, a father, a grandfather, and a citizen who lives in a community and understands their needs, and we must work to help our friends and neighbors in need. I am going to tell a personal story before I continue my prepared remarks. I am an immigrant. I was 5 years old when I came to this country. My dad worked on the railroad, my mom was a domestic. At 9 years old, I was shining shoes. If someone had holes in their shoes, I put cardboard inside the shoes to hide the holes. I did that for a reason, because I care about people. I always have. I say that today because I do not want to see people live in that particular way.

So, what do I do? I try to help schools, technical schools, to put money into the schools to help create jobs. We need, Mr. President, to reach out, to get rid of the job-killing regulations, work together, help create jobs, put people into the technical schools, expand those programs, like the Governor wants, and we have started it. We put in more money. We need to continue to do more of that. Give people that opportunity. People want to

work. If we do that, we will have even more dollars to help the people who are in need. I am not going to go through the list of who they all are here because we have already heard that list. It is over \$200 million. I was here when we took away those grants. I was here when I saw that report from the Auditor General. It was disgusting. We were handing out money and there was no accountability. But in this particular budget, we are looking at that. We are addressing those issues.

As a legislator in my community, I have worked hard to provide for the most neediest in the population. I am a strong supporter of community-based and county-based programs that provide for seniors, veterans, the homeless, victims of domestic violence, those suffering from substance abuse, mental health issues, and individuals with disabilities, and the list goes on and on. We all have a common goal to serve others because we care. Let us stop the rhetoric, or we would not be here. This is a fundamental truth that keeps our hearts in the right place while we continue to govern and make financial decisions in a responsible manner. We stand and understand the needs of constituents across the Commonwealth and we are focused on funding that works.

There has recently been a push to focus on what is not in the budget. I am not going to go through that list. All of the Members here have said it and I believe they have been right on with all of those programs, especially domestic violence, but we are committed to help those in need while respecting the hardworking taxpayers who have earned their money, and this budget delivers on both those issues. Responsible governing is about balance and compromise. You have heard from some of the earlier speakers that you will never have a perfect budget. There will always be something we could have added or taken out, and it is always back and forth, but guess what, this budget does work. This budget does address the needs of our communities. Let us work together in the next few months when we come back to get rid of these job-killing regulations, get our people the opportunity to work. Let us go into the schools. Give them that option of the career technical schools. They are not getting it. We are pushing them off one way towards college and they are crippled with debt and nowhere in sight. Let us help them. Let us work together and address this, because if we do, we are going to be a much better Pennsylvania and a much better America.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I rise to support House Bill No. 790. This is my third budget. Two years ago when we were here, and there are many in this Chamber who were here as well, we faced a much different situation. I think it bears mentioning the deficit that we faced was \$1.6 billion, but through sound fiscal policy, we are here today and we propose a much different budget, a budget that increases agriculture, our number one industry, by \$19 million, after a proposal in February to cut it by \$4 million. \$19 million. That is a \$23-million swing. Everyone in this Chamber, and everyone in this Commonwealth, is affected by agriculture, whether it is the farmland in your district or the food on your dinner table.

This is a budget that increases school safety back to \$60 million from a proposed cut of \$45 million to protect our children. These are real dollars that will protect our children every day as they attend school. As chairman of the Committee on Education,

I am proud that this budget increases basic education by \$160 million, including vital help for career and technical schools. Not a day goes by that I travel my district that there are not jobs available or employers who beg me and tell me we have more work, we could hire 10 more welders today. This money will go to those who desperately need it and help to fill those jobs to help further bolster our economy.

This is a budget that provides a 10-percent increase for rape crisis and domestic violence. All the while, this budget is well within an inflation growth of 1.8 percent and deposits \$300 million into our Rainy Day Fund. That is a far cry from where we were 2 years ago. I support this budget. It is truly funding what works and it is truly funding what will continue to work to continue to help and benefit the residents of this Commonwealth. Thank you.

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

Senator YAW. Mr. President, as I travel about my district, the biggest complaint that I hear is that we do not have a trained workforce. There have been several speakers who have alluded to this, but this is something that is very, very real. We have jobs, but we do not have people to fill them in Pennsylvania. For years, I have been an advocate for technical education. I think last year we fell really short. We talked a good game at times but we did not fund it. This year we have really done a very good job in addressing the issue of career and technical education. In that field alone, the funds, we have increased them by \$7 million from \$92 million to \$99 million. That is a 7.6-percent increase. We have increased career and technical education equipment grants by 118 percent. We are really addressing this.

But the one that really brings it home to me, specifically, is the increased funding for the Pennsylvania College of Technology, which is in the heart of my district. A little bit about Penn College, and I know many of my colleagues here have taken the opportunity at our invitation to visit Penn College and find out what it is all about. This is a Pennsylvania school, it trains Pennsylvania residents for Pennsylvania jobs. We have about 5,500 students there, 96 percent placement rate, 82 percent of the students stay in Pennsylvania. I cannot think of a better way to help our citizens than to provide the facilities to obtain an education and the skills to enter the workforce and become a productive member of society. This is funding what works, and that is why I support House Bill No. 790.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, this is my ninth budget, and I have been here long enough to know that there is always a reason to vote "no." It is easy to find a reason to vote against any bill, but certainly a budget. Mr. President, that is not governing.

This is a very good budget; a compromise effort between the House, the Senate, and the Governor. It is what the people expect us to do. Mr. President, this is a pro-growth budget that protects taxpayers, that prioritizes funding that works for the people of Pennsylvania. Specifically, this budget provides \$15 million in funds to allow an additional 970 infants and toddlers to be served off the childcare waitlist. This budget provides \$10 million for growth in a childcare STAR 2, 3 and 4 programs, and an estimated 28-percent increase for infants, young toddlers, and older

toddlers. This budget provides an additional \$5 million in State funds to expand evidence-based visiting services to an additional 800 families.

I am pleased to report to the folks of Lancaster County, and all across this Commonwealth, that this is a budget that prioritizes agriculture, boosting funding by more than \$19 million. This funding will support a variety of new programs championed by the Senate Republican Caucus as part of the Farming First initiative, as well as measures supported by Members of the House, as well as the Governor. These new programs will support youth in agriculture, meet the growing demand for specialty crops, improve disaster response, provide low-interest loans for the implementation of agricultural and conservation best management practices, boost livestock and consumer health, assist with agricultural business development and succession planning, and bolster the Healthy Farms and Healthy Schools program. This is a terrific budget for the agriculture industry and for families all across Pennsylvania.

Mr. President, I am pleased with the strategic investment that this budget makes in higher education. My colleagues have already talked about the significant investment, the important investment, that has been made with respect to Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in Lancaster County. Senator Yaw has discussed the important investments made to support the great work being done at the Pennsylvania College of Technology. I have had the privilege of visiting Penn Tech, and I encourage my colleagues to visit us in Lancaster County at Thaddeus Stevens or travel to Williamsport to see the phenomenal work that is being done there. These are young men and women who are earning degrees with very little debt who remain in Pennsylvania, become employed in Pennsylvania, become employers in Pennsylvania, or entrepreneurs in Pennsylvania, and raise families and involve themselves in the broader life of our communities.

While we make these important investments, I am pleased that we have sent legislation to the Governor to establish a Public Higher Education Funding Commission so we can take a look, in a comprehensive way, as to how we prioritize funding for higher education so that we are insuring that our young people are earning degrees with little debt and are able to contribute to the broader life of their community and be productive citizens here in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, this is a budget that prioritizes funding that works, a budget that will insure that each and every resident of this Commonwealth has the opportunity to experience earned success and upward economic mobility.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, we may have differing views on individual line items and departmental appropriations, but we all know that men, women, and children are the faces behind the numbers. We are all dedicated to investing in what works for the people of Pennsylvania and in the future prosperity of our Commonwealth, though our strategies may differ. This budget succeeds in making significant and smart investments to lift up the people who need our help. Victims of domestic violence, children who have suffered abuse and trauma, those who seek the skills to find a good, family-sustaining job, educating our littlest learners, and so many more Pennsylvanians for whom we all care.

I believe we are all devoted to giving help where it is needed most. We are giving support to our number one industry, agriculture, so that our farmers who work day and night to raise food for our tables can preserve that proud heritage. We are also investing and combating the spread of the spotted lanternfly so that Erie County, and all of Pennsylvania, can preserve their strong hardwoods and our important vineyards. We are making historic investments in our veterans' homes, more than any other State, in fact. That commitment is longstanding and worthy of the heroes who have fought in giving so much for all of us.

This budget contains funding that is targeted, effective, accountable to our taxpayers, and reflective of our shared compassion. It reflects our priorities and our fiscal embrace of those in need. The dollars represent our dedication to our farmers, our children, our seniors, crime victims, foster children, those fighting addiction, those seeking career and technical education, and so many more. This budget has not only dollars and cents, but it has heart. It embodies our values and our priorities. It is, indeed, a people-centered budget that succeeds without increasing the burden of taxes on our hardworking Pennsylvania families. This budget truly is dedicated to funding what works.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator DiSANTO. Mr. President, I rise to support House Bill No. 790, which is the 2019-20 budget, a responsible budget that funds education, agriculture, business, and workforce development. However, I am most proud that it increases county child welfare spending by \$34 million and provides an additional \$25 million for quality childcare for low-income families. It increases funding for homecare workers who have some of the toughest jobs caring for seniors in poor health and individuals with disabilities. It provides tens of millions of additional dollars to support those with intellectual disabilities, physical and development disabilities as well. It gives a 50-percent increase for the New Choices and New Options program, which in my district has helped hundreds of displaced homemakers, single parents, and survivors of abuse get the skills they need to enter the workforce and become financially independent. It does so without increasing taxes.

Mr. President, I thank my Caucus leadership, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, Senator Browne, and his staff, and especially my staff, in preparing this budget in funding what works, and I encourage an affirmative vote. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin, Senator Mastriano.

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, I rise to support House Bill No. 790, the 2019-20 budget. Looking across the generations, I see that each life matters, and what you do in life echoes across the generations and into eternity. Thus is the case of today's budget, which impacts every single person in our Commonwealth. It is imperative that we get it right and that we act responsibly and fund what works. This is our sacred honor and pledge that we all made when we took the oath in this august Senate.

The key thing to remember, although this is my first budget, it is not the first budget in my life, and every single Pennsylvanian has to balance a budget and make ends meet and spend what they have and save a little bit on the side to come out on top at the end of the year. For me, I have to keep in mind the hardwork-

ing Pennsylvanians whose money this is - it is not ours, it does not grow on trees - and we have to be wise and discerning in spending other people's money. This budget provides what is required for our most vulnerable while exercising good stewardship. Although it is not perfect, as Benjamin Franklin said in Philadelphia during the Constitution debate, he said, "Politics is the art of the possible." This budget is a demonstration of a fair, reasonable compromise that takes care of our most vulnerable while being good stewards of our citizens' money.

With that, I encourage my colleagues to join me in voting for and supporting House Bill No. 790 and continue to fund what works. Thank you.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, we all shared a lot of personal stories here today as we come to a finality of this debate dealing with the General Fund budget. Before I share a few of my own, I want to talk in generalities that we are in a far different place. We lived through some difficult times here in Pennsylvania with our budget. We are at a time in Pennsylvania where we have record low unemployment, we have record high employment, and maybe most importantly, we have record high salaries and wages in Pennsylvania. That is all a tremendous positive, because at the end of the day, if we are going to support our communities and our families, we need good jobs. Because of that, Pennsylvania government has benefitted because of people working, making more money, corporations are doing better, more taxes are rolling into the State, and it puts us in a much better position than we were several years ago. I am proud that we are here, and we are here on June 27 finishing up as opposed to July 5 or July 15 or August or September. We are actually going to finish on time, which has not been the usual or the norm for Harrisburg. This is a sign of much better times.

As our chairman of the Committee on Appropriations laid out, over the years, some of the difficult decisions we have made here have put us in this position, and we are benefitting from it here today. It is a much better day today than some of our budget debates in the past. As mentioned, are there some things that did not get done that we would have liked to have gotten done? Absolutely. But this is not sine die. There is still work to be done, and we will be back after this budget is passed to continue to work on some of the major problems dealing with the people in Pennsylvania.

If I could share a few personal stories, as every budget is personal to the people we represent, I would start initially with my largest employer, the great Penn State University, which I happen to be an alumni of, my alma mater, and I live about 10 miles away from Old Main. All our higher education institutions of the State-relateds in Pennsylvania I am talking about at the moment - Penn State, Pitt, Temple, and Lincoln - have done a great job partnering with the Commonwealth. This administration, to their credit, has stepped up. The previous two administrations embodied full, significant cuts to these institutions. Knowing that we do have a student debt crisis, these institutions have partnered with the Commonwealth, with the administration, and with us to address some of their funding needs, some of their capital needs. In Penn State's case, they have frozen tuition 2 of the last 3 years. The other institutions have done similar. That is a great way to begin dealing with the student debt, by keeping the costs down. If we keep the costs down, that is the first way to keep the debt



down. That is very personal to me because I have three children heading towards college probably someday. No one has more investment in keeping college tuition down than myself. In fact, my daughter and I, after I get home from this week of budget negotiations, will be heading out across Pennsylvania on our first trip to look at schools and where she may want to attend. I am very much looking forward to that process. I want to thank the administration and the institutions for partnering with the General Assembly to work on that issue and keeping tuition at a lower rate so they can be more affordable for all.

Mr. President, I have a facility in State College, Pennsylvania, which I represent called the Women's Resource Center. Its director is a woman by the name of Anne Ard. Anne is a hero of our community, and she is a wonderful friend. She and I probably do not agree a lot politically on things, but what we do agree on is the importance of the Women's Resource Center in Centre County. I have three older sisters and, fortunately, Mr. President, none of my sisters have ever had to use this facility. Unfortunately, hundreds, if not thousands, have had to use this facility. In my 20 years, Ms. Ard has been the director there the whole time, and we have been able to work together to address some of the capital needs they have had. Last year, with the direction of our colleague from Delaware County, we were able to deal with security issues for those who have had to file protection from abuse orders. This year, we were able to come home with a 10-percent increase in domestic violence funding. That is a huge help for that facility and a huge help for the people who are unfortunate and have to use that facility. I am looking forward to seeing my good friend and telling her about more success that we have been able to achieve here in Harrisburg.

Annually, I am sure like all of us, I get a visit from my librarians and the people on the boards of the libraries. One of the issues we have been talking about that we have not been able to solve yet is the issue of broadband. Where do people who do not have the ability to afford broadband go to use the Internet? They go to the library, which is very important. They go there for other reasons as well, but that is a significant reason. For the first time, we have been able to have a significant increase in our library funding to the tune of \$5 million. That is very exciting for them.

Early childhood education is extremely important to all of us. I remember complaining here one year, years ago, when my three children were all still in preschool, that my daycare bill was higher than my mortgage. Fortunately, I was able to afford that. Because I was able to afford that, I think they got a great education before they got into school and it has really benefitted them while they were in school. But not everyone is as fortunate to have the means to afford that, so the money we continue to put into pre-K counts and the money we continue to put into all our pre-K education is extremely important, and we had a significant increase again this year. This is one area of the budget that, despite difficult times, we have continued to step up and try to continue to fund, and this is something that I am very happy about.

Mr. President, lately I have been trying to avoid my Farm Bureau picnics and so forth, because we have not been able to come home with very good news. It has been difficult, so you are sort of sheepish. Do I really want to show up there and give yet another story about our failures here in Harrisburg to support the agriculture industry? Well, this year I am in. I will be there with bells on to talk about our successes. I am so proud of this administration, this General Assembly, particularly our Caucus, step-

ping up and really hitting a home run for agriculture this year. That is just so important. As I have mentioned on many occasions, I look at agriculture as a national security issue. If we do not provide the opportunities to provide our own subsistence and have to rely on foreign sources, we put ourselves in a very, very vulnerable position. There is no one who works harder in our communities than farmers. It is nice that, for a change, we are able to come home with some good news.

Mr. President, like everyone has said before me, there are things you like, things you do not like, but by and large, on this particular budget, I think there is a lot to like. I think what we tried to do, Mr. President, is fund what works. Mr. President, that is why we are here.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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 Anthony Williams.

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

And the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-42

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

NAY-8

Dinniman	Haywood	Leach	Tartaglione
Farnese	Kearney	Muth	Williams, Lindsey

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.

NONPREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**HB 1350 (Pr. No. 2233)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of April 1, 1863 (P.L.213, No.227), entitled "An act to accept the grant of Public Lands, by the United States,

to the several states, for the endowment of Agricultural Colleges," making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations, for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure; and making an appropriation from a restricted account within the Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-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 two-thirds 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.

**HB 1351 (Pr. No. 2234)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of July 28, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.87, No.3), known as the University of Pittsburgh--Commonwealth Act, making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; and providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations, for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

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-44

Argall	Dinniman	Langerholc	Scavello
Aument	DiSanto	Laughlin	Schwank
Baker	Farnese	Leach	Stefano
Bartolotta	Folmer	Martin	Street
Blake	Fontana	Mensch	Tartaglione
Boscola	Gordner	Muth	Tomlinson
Brewster	Haywood	Pittman	Vogel
Browne	Hughes	Regan	Williams, Anthony H

Collett	Iovino	Sabatina	Williams, Lindsey
Corman	Kearney	Santarsiero	Yaw
Costa	Killion	Scarnati	Yudichak

NAY-6

Brooks	Mastriano	Ward, Judy	Ward, Kim
Hutchinson	Phillips-Hill		

A constitutional two-thirds 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.

**HB 1352 (Pr. No. 2235)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of November 30, 1965 (P.L.843, No.355), known as the Temple University--Commonwealth Act, making an appropriation for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of such appropriation; and providing a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

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

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 two-thirds 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.

**HB 1353 (Pr. No. 2236)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of July 7, 1972 (P.L.743, No.176), known as the Lincoln University--Commonwealth Act, making an appropriation for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of the appropriation; providing for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated; and providing for certain fiscal information disclosure.

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

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	Langerhole	Scavello	
Dinniman	Laughlin	Schwank	

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

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 Leach.

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

NONPREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL ON  
THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1354 (Pr. No. 2237) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making appropriations to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.

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

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	Langerhole	Scavello	
Dinniman	Laughlin	Schwank	

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the 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 TEMPORARILY

HB 3 and HB 24 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order temporarily at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 91 (Pr. No. 724) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 131 (Pr. No. 2264) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for wine and spirits auction permits, for malt and brewed beverages manufacturers', distributors' and importing distributors' licenses, for breweries and for rights of municipalities preserved; in distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees for hire and transporters for hire, further providing for limited wineries, for distilleries and for records to be kept; in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for construction and applicability; and abrogating regulations.

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

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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 174 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 195 (Pr. No. 167) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for medication synchronization.

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

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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 200 (Pr. No. 943) -- 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, further providing for definitions; in school directors, further providing for school director training programs; in certification of teachers, further providing for continuing professional development, providing for trauma-informed education and further providing for postbaccalaureate certification and for Pennsylvania School Leadership Standards; in school safety and security, further providing for definitions, for School Safety and Security Committee, for school safety and security coordinator and for school safety and security training and providing for trauma-informed approach; in early learning programs, further providing for duties of department; and, in the State Board of Education, further providing for powers and duties of the board and for powers and duties of Council of Basic Education and Council of Higher Education.

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 235 (Pr. No. 2265) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in petition for adoption, further providing for consents necessary to adoption; in support matters generally, further providing for costs and fees and for State disbursement unit; and, in child protective services, further providing for employees having contact with children, adoptive and foster parents and for volunteers having contact with children.

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-32

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

NAY-18

Collett	Haywood	Muth	Tartaglione
Costa	Hughes	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H
Dinniman	Iovino	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Farnese	Kearney	Schwank	
Fontana	Leach	Street	

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 with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**

**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED**

**BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**HB 262 (Pr. No. 2266)** -- 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 sales and use tax, further providing for definitions, for imposition of tax, for exclusions from tax, for licenses, for persons required to make returns, for tax held in trust for the Commonwealth, for assessment, for collection of tax and for crimes and providing for class actions; in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income, providing for contributions for Veterans' Trust Fund, further providing for returns of married individuals, deceased or disabled individuals and fiduciaries and providing for paid tax return preparers and required information on personal income tax returns; in corporate net income tax, further providing for manufacturing innovation and reinvestment deduction; in realty transfer tax, further providing for definitions and for excluded transactions and providing for transfer of tax; in entertainment production tax credit, further providing for definitions, for carryover, carryback and assignment of credit, for limitations, for film production tax credit districts, for definitions, for carryover, carryback and assignment of tax credit and for limitations; in resource enhancement and protection tax credit, further providing for definitions, for Resource Enhancement and Protection Tax Credit Program, for tax credits, for project certification and for annual tax credits; in historic preservation incentive tax credit, further providing for definitions and for tax credit certificates, establishing the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Administration Account, further providing for carryover, carryback and assignment of credit, for pass-through entity, providing for annual report to General Assembly, further providing for application of Internal Revenue Code and for limitation and providing for recapture; in coal refuse energy and reclamation tax credit, further providing for definitions, for application and approval of tax credit and for limitation on tax credits; in tax credit for new jobs, further providing for application process; in city revitalization and improvement zones, further providing for definitions and for restrictions; in manufacturing and investment tax credit, further providing for definitions, for rural growth funds, for requirements, for rural growth fund failure to comply, for reporting obligations, for business firms, for tax credit certificates, for claiming the tax credit, for prohibitions, for revocation of tax credit certificates and for exit; in neighborhood assistance tax credit, further providing for definitions, for public policy and for tax credit; in keystone opportunity zones, keystone opportunity expansion zones and keystone opportunity improvement zones, providing for additional designations; in mixed-use development tax credit, further providing for mixed-use development tax credits; in inheritance tax, further providing for inheritance tax; in table game taxes, reenacting provisions relating to table game taxes and further providing for expiration; in strategic development areas, further providing for sales and use tax and for local sales and use tax; in computer data center equipment incentive program, further providing for limitations; providing for independent public schools; 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 yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

**YEA-44**

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

**NAY-6**

Farnese	Mastriano	Phillips-Hill	Tartaglione
Kearney	Muth		

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 with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

**HB 265 (Pr. No. 2241)** -- 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; in terms and courses of study, further providing for Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence; in vocational education, further providing for advisory committees, providing for Pasmart online career resource center and for a workforce development program clearinghouse, further providing for career and technical education equipment grants and providing for utilization of credits; establishing the Schools-to-Work Program and providing for powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry; providing for classification of program code; in transfers of credits between institutions of higher education, further providing for definitions, for duties of public institutions of higher education and State-related institutions, for Transfer and Articulation Oversight Committee and for duties of department; and providing for references to "area vocational-technical school" in statute or regulation.

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**

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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 318** and **HB 330** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**HB 423 (Pr. No. 2175)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in general provisions applying to both liquor and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for local option.

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

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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 485, HB 716, SB 723** and **HB 1170** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**HB 1324 (Pr. No. 2179)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

**HB 1461 (Pr. No. 2267)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in administrative organization, repealing provisions relating to employees with access to Federal tax information and providing for criminal history background checks of employees and contractors with access to Federal tax information; in organization of independent administrative boards and commissions, providing for Center for Rural Pennsylvania; in Office of State Inspector General, further providing for powers, purpose and duties and for

criminal charges; in Commonwealth budget procedures, further providing for submission of budget to General Assembly; in Commonwealth agency fees, further providing for Department of State; in Independent Fiscal Office, further providing for revenue estimates; providing for Joint Underwriting Association accountability; in powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry, its departmental administrative and advisory boards and departmental administrative officers, providing for Bureau of Occupational and Industrial Safety; providing for legislative agencies and the continuation of Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing; and making editorial changes and related repeals.

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-29

Argall	Folmer	Mensch	Vogel
Aument	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Baker	Hutchinson	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Bartolotta	Killion	Regan	Yaw
Brooks	Langerholc	Scarnati	Yudichak
Browne	Laughlin	Scavello	
Corman	Martin	Stefano	
DiSanto	Mastriano	Tomlinson	

NAY-21

Blake	Farnese	Leach	Tartaglione
Boscola	Fontana	Muth	Williams, Anthony H
Brewster	Haywood	Sabatina	Williams, Lindsey
Collett	Hughes	Santarsiero	
Costa	Iovino	Schwank	
Dinniman	Kearney	Street	

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 with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

**HB 1614 (Pr. No. 2214)** -- 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 firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms and for sale or transfer of firearms; and, in commencement of proceedings, further providing for Statewide municipal police jurisdiction, for nonmunicipal police extraterritorial jurisdiction and for agents of the Office of Attorney General and providing for interpretation.

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

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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

**HB 1615 (Pr. No. 2268)** -- 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, further providing for Special Education Funding Commission; in school districts, providing for full academic year requirements; in school finances, further providing for annual budget, additional or increased appropriations and transfer of funds; in grounds and buildings, further providing for limitation on new applications for Department of Education approval of public school building projects; in district superintendents and assistant district superintendents, further providing for eligibility; in pupils and attendance, further providing for definitions and for nonprofit school food program; in Drug and Alcohol Recovery High School Pilot Program, further providing for audit required; establishing the Innovation Schools Program; in community colleges, further providing for financial program and reimbursement of payments; in educational tax credits, further providing for definitions, for qualification and application by organizations, for application by business firms, for tax credits, for limitations and for opportunity scholarships; adding provisions relating to postsecondary institution sexual harassment and sexual violence policy and online reporting system; in school districts of the first class, further providing for board of public education and additional duties; in ready-to-succeed scholarship, further providing for agency duties relating to eligibility criteria; in funding for public libraries, providing for State aid for fiscal year 2019-2020; in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, further providing for payments on account of pupils enrolled in vocational curriculums, for student-weighted basic education funding, for payments to intermediate units, for assistance to school districts declared to be in financial recovery status or identified for financial watch status, for Ready-to-Learn Block Grant and for payment of required contribution for public school employees' social security and providing for advanced placement and International Baccalaureate exam fees; providing for fostering independence through education; and providing for references to "area vocational-technical school" and "vocational curriculums" in statute or regulation.

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 Allegheny, Senator Lindsey Williams.

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I rise to speak in opposition to House Bill No. 1615. I know every Code bill is a balancing act. There are a number of good things in this bill, including a bill that I am the prime sponsor of, Senate Bill No. 642, the compulsory school age bill. However, I cannot, in good conscience, vote for a bill that increases EITC another \$25 million with no additional transparency or accountability. We have spent \$1 billion on EITC and OSTC since the beginning of the program in the name of poor students. Disturbingly, there is very little public data on the students who benefit from the program. In fact, State law prohibits DCED from tracking students. Of course, there are stories of students who make the front cover of the brochures, and that is great for those students, I take nothing away from them, but we cannot prove that these are more than anecdotal stories. The data that we do have on this bill does not look good.

Yesterday, WITF published a story that included a study of 151 schools that administer their own tax credit scholarship programs and the demographic data of those same schools as reported to PDE. Of those schools, 57--more than a third--report enrolling zero low-income students, or said they could not determine how many low-income students they have. Another 15 schools told the State that less than 5 percent of their student body was low income. The study pointed out that many of these schools are located in the State's wealthiest suburbs, where students have access to some of Pennsylvania's highest rated public schools. We are not talking about the accountability of \$1 billion in spending. But yesterday, a discredited study on general assistance was cited as a justification to take \$200 a month away from our most vulnerable citizens.

Now, let us talk about how we define low-income families under this program. A family with two kids can make up to \$116,000 a year, double the State's median income. We are proposing to increase those already high limits today. We are doing that despite failing for 10 years to raise the minimum wage. This is the height of hypocrisy. We should be spending this \$25 million on our public schools that are still some of the lowest and most inequitably funded in the country. We should be spending this \$25 million in a way that takes the burden off of local property taxpayers and benefits all students. Thank you.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I rise, reluctantly, to support this and to explain why so that when we come back, we can make some corrections that I will work hard to achieve. The first is, if anyone thinks that \$160 million is going to end the disparity in the schools, they are wrong. Especially when so much of that money is not going out under the new education funding formula, and especially since what we have done to make it appear that we have given more money for education is we took all the learning block grants and put them as part of the increase in education when they were listed separately previously, and we have taken Social Security payments, which we have always paid for, and made them appear, or the House, I should say, made them appear as if they were part of the school.

So, hopefully, we will have a more honest and full discussion of solving, in Pennsylvania, the disparity of school funding per student, which is the greatest in this nation, and we have to do something about it. As I said, I will vote for this, but I am going to work hard next year with my co-chairman, Senator Langerholc, and others to correct it.

The second thing is, eligibility for superintendents or assistant superintendents, allowing a chief recovery officer or financial administrator to be elected as superintendent. Listen, I am all for having other options, having a variety of people be superintendents, because we have a closed market on superintendents now. That is why they get the salaries they sometimes get, because you can only be a superintendent if you meet all the eligibility. But I do think we need to refine this to require certain courses that they take after they get appointed. This is what we did when one of our former Senators allowed people in the military to become superintendents. We said, fine, take the position, but later on you have to take some more courses.

Let me also, if I may, in terms of EITC, I think everyone would feel a little better about it if we also said that we are increasing the other portions of the EITC program. Remember, we did it in a wonderful way so everyone could get something out of it, but we have not increased the pre-kindergarten portion, and we have not increased the portion that the public schools get through various foundations, and when you get everyone into it, then you get the support, because everyone thinks they have a share.

Two other things. One, I think the excellent part of this is we are now going to help poor students with advanced placement and baccalaureate testing exams, and that is good. That will help people who do not have the money to take these exams get college credit and move forward. But one of my major concerns is this, and I will try to have this corrected next year: it is about time that we lowered the school age. There are only two States in the whole nation that start at 8 years old. We are one of them. Myself, Senator Fontana, and some of our Republican colleagues also worked to get the age lowered, but I think that what we have left out is that it should have been lowered to 5 years old, and let me just briefly explain why so we can consider this. Every school district has kindergarten. Believe it or not, 93 percent of the school districts in this Commonwealth have all-day kindergarten, 93 percent. Some even have programs for 4-year-olds, or pre-kindergarten. Forty-two percent have programs for kids who are even less than 5 years old. Almost every school district says, if you are 5 years old by September 1, you start school in kindergarten. So, we sit here forever talking about early childhood education, putting all this money into early childhood education, but think about it for a second, we already have an infrastructure that exists for early childhood education, it is called kindergarten. It exists in every school district, 93 percent have all-day. So if you are going to lower the school age, and if we really believe in the importance of early childhood education, then you start school at 5, not at 6, and I will work with my colleagues to see if we can make that a reality.

But listen, like any other Code, there is good and there is bad in it. I have always worked with the Majority, and we have worked together to try to correct some of the problems, or what I might consider a problem, and we will. One of the other things I hope we will do, one last thing here, if I may say--I see some smiles here asking if it is the last thing, but it is this: the report on



SAT tests came back and it says quite clearly that the SAT is a better test than the Keystone. It is 1 day, it costs less money, and you get the results back in 30 days. Thank you, Senator Aument, for allowing us to get this done. We did it together, and we are going to make sure that we end the Federal accountability for the keystones and use the SAT. By the way, what we have already spent in contracts, we have contracts to corporations for this testing of over \$1 billion. Think of what that would have done in the classroom. If you are going to audit the police radio, why not start to audit the \$1 billion, two of which were no-bid contracts, for the Keystone exams as well. Thank you.

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-37

Argall	Costa	Martin	Stefano
Aument	Dinniman	Mastriano	Tomlinson
Baker	DiSanto	Mensch	Vogel
Bartolotta	Folmer	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Blake	Fontana	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Boscola	Gordner	Regan	Yaw
Brewster	Haywood	Sabatina	Yudichak
Brooks	Killion	Scarnati	
Browne	Langerhole	Scavello	
Corman	Laughlin	Schwank	

NAY-13

Collett	Iovino	Muth	Tartaglione
Farnese	Kearney	Santarsiero	Williams, Anthony H
Hughes	Leach	Street	Williams, Lindsey
Hutchinson			

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Martin.

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

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 60, SB 67, SB 81, SB 217, SB 256, SB 258, SB 284 and SB 337** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

**SB 351 (Pr. No. 341)** -- 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.

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

SB 351 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 351, Printer's No. 341, 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 352, HB 407, SB 438, SB 447, SB 473, SB 493, SB 494, SB 495, SB 531, SB 569, SB 601, SB 694, SB 722, SB 763 and HB 1016** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**HB 1557 (Pr. No. 2193)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 24, 1968 (P.L.1040, No.318), known as the Coal Refuse Disposal Control Act, further providing for designating areas unsuitable for coal refuse disposal.

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.

**HOUSE MESSAGE**

**SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 733**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The PRESIDENT. Pursuant to Senate Rule 13(c)(2)(i), the bill will be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

**RECESS**

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations 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 Rules and Executive Nominations, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

**AFTER RECESS**

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

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

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

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY

June 18, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mary McGinley, Esquire, 1763 Beechwood Boulevard, Pittsburgh 15217, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Ronald W. Folino, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
ELK COUNTY/CAMERON COUNTY

June 18, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Shawn McMahon, Esquire, 811 Stonehedge Meadows Drive, Ridgway 15853, Elk County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Elk County/Cameron County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Richard A. Masson, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
LEHIGH COUNTY

June 18, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Anna-Kristie Morffi Marks, 2862 Allison Lane, Allentown 18104, Lehigh County, Sixteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Lehigh County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Carol K. McGinley, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
LYCOMING COUNTY

June 18, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Ryan Tira, Esquire, 708 Broad Street, Montoursville 17754, Lycoming County, Twenty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Lycoming County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Richard A. Gray, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
PIKE COUNTY

June 18, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Kelly Anne Gaughan, Esquire, 114 Mill Ridge Drive, Milford 18337, Pike County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Pike County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Joseph F. Kameen, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
WASHINGTON COUNTY

June 18, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Traci McDonald-Kemp, Esquire, 100 Castle Street, McDonald 15057, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Washington County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice addition to complement.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT  
COMPENSATION BOARD OF REVIEW

June 18, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Marguerite Quinn, 37 Bridle Drive, Furlong 18925, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Unemployment Compensation Board of Review, to serve until July 1, 2023, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Poprik, Doylestown, deceased.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

**NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE**

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

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be laid on the table.

**EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Senator AUMENT,

That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering nominations made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

**NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

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

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

MEMBER OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT  
COMPENSATION BOARD OF REVIEW

June 18, 2019

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TOM WOLF  
Governor

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

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

YEA-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 Governor be informed accordingly.

**NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

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

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY

June 18, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mary McGinley, Esquire, 1763 Beechwood Boulevard, Pittsburgh 15217, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Ronald W. Folino, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
ELK COUNTY/CAMERON COUNTY

June 18, 2019

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

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TOM WOLF  
Governor

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LEHIGH COUNTY

June 18, 2019

To the Honorable, the Senate  
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TOM WOLF  
Governor

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LYCOMING COUNTY

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TOM WOLF  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
PIKE COUNTY

June 18, 2019

To the Honorable, the Senate  
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TOM WOLF  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
WASHINGTON COUNTY

June 18, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Traci McDonald-Kemp, Esquire, 100 Castle Street, McDonald 15057, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Washington County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice addition to complement.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

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

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

YEA-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
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Collett	Kearney	Santarsiero	Yaw
Corman	Killion	Scarnati	Yudichak
Costa	Langerholc	Scavello	
Dinniman	Laughlin	Schwank	

NAY-0

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES**

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

**BILLS SIGNED**

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor John K. Fetterman) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bills:  
**SB 700 and SB 724.**

**RECESS**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.  
Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess to the call of the President pro tempore.  
The motion was agreed to by voice vote.  
The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the Senate stands in recess until the call of the President pro tempore.

**AFTER RECESS**

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

**LEAVE CHANGE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.  
Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request that Senator Leach's leave be changed from a temporary Capitol leave to a legislative leave.  
The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa requests that Senator Leach's leave be changed from a temporary Capitol leave to a legislative leave. Without objection, the leave will be changed.

HOUSE MESSAGES

SENATE BILLS RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate SB 48, SB 621, SB 695 and SB 712 with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The PRESIDENT. Pursuant to Senate Rule 13(c)(2)(i), the bills will be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

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 Rules and Executive Nominations to be held immediately 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 Rules and Executive Nominations, 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 RESUMED

HB 3 CALLED UP

HB 3 (Pr. No. 2211) -- 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 ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 3 (Pr. No. 2211) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for health insurance markets oversight; and establishing the Pennsylvania Health Insurance Exchange Fund.

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 Monroe, Senator Scavello.

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, House Bill No. 3 was developed to provide a better service to consumers by offering a State-based exchange. This initiative is also constructed to

improve stability and affordability of health insurance coverage in the individual market. Other States have already implemented State-based exchanges, and Pennsylvania now has the ability to learn from those States and implement a quality State-based healthcare exchange. This is a bipartisan effort, and House Bill No. 3 is the product of that effort in working with the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, House staff, Senate staff, and all stakeholders, including insurers on the exchange and the Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania. In addition, this is an effort that is welcomed and supported by the Federal administration and the Wolf administration. Another part of this legislation is the reinsurance program cost savings from implementation of this State-based exchange that will go toward the reinsurance program. This is a defining moment for our Commonwealth that we are taking the responsibility rather than depend on the Federal government for us here at the State level. I believe we will see better insurance premiums for our residents, and I urge the Members for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, let me say I, too, rise for an affirmative vote on House Bill No. 3. For the benefit of the Members, particularly new Members here, this Chamber has a long history of being very active and very supportive of measures that enhance healthcare across this Commonwealth, whether it be the CHIP Program, which originated here, as well as Medicaid expansion work that we did a number of years ago, to a variety of other healthcare programs. This is another one of those things in that line of succession of things that we are able to do working together, Democrats and Republicans, the House and Senate. This State health exchange will result in premium savings anywhere from 5 percent to 10 percent for consumers in Pennsylvania. It is a thoughtful piece of legislation. I applaud Senator Scavello, the gentleman from Monroe, as well as the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Street, for working with the Committee on Banking and Insurance, and I ask my colleagues 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-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
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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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

**HB 24 CALLED UP**

**HB 24 (Pr. No. 1735)** -- 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 ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**HB 24 (Pr. No. 1735)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 9, 1999 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, in capital facilities, further providing for bonds, issue of bonds and notes, maturity and interest.

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**

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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator CORMAN, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following bills:

**SB 48 (Pr. No. 1080)** (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in ballots, further providing for form

of official election ballot and for number of ballots to be printed and specimen ballots; in voting machines, further providing for requirements of voting machines and for form of ballot labels on voting machines; in electronic voting systems, further providing for requirements of electronic voting systems, for forms and for election day procedures and the process of voting; providing for voting systems and for voting systems bonds; establishing the County Voting System Reimbursement Account; in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, further providing for instructions of voters and manner of voting in districts in which voting machines are used, for count and return of votes in districts in which ballots are used and for what ballots shall be counted, manner of counting and defective ballots; and, in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for date of application for absentee ballot, for approval of application for absentee ballot, for voting by absentee electors, for canvassing of official absentee ballots and for public records.

**SB 621 (Pr. No. 1081)** (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

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, school resource officers and school security guards; and imposing powers and duties on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

**SB 695 (Pr. No. 1084)** (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

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 and for nonemergency medical transportation services and providing for uniform Statewide preferred drug list; in nursing facility assessments, further providing for definitions, for calculation, for remedies, for repayment and for time periods; in intermediate care facilities for persons with an intellectual disability assessments, further providing for definitions and for time periods; and making a related repeal.

**SB 712 (Pr. No. 1085)** (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

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; in oil and gas wells, further providing for Oil and Gas Lease Fund; in transportation network companies, motor carrier companies and parking authority of a city of the first class, providing for transportation network company extension; in special funds, further providing for funding, for State Workers' Insurance Board, for expiration, for definitions, for other grants and for Commonwealth indebtedness; in additional special funds, further providing for definitions, for establishment of special fund and account, for use of fund, for distributions from Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund, for Workers' Compensation Security Fund, for definitions, for use of funds, for amount of grant and for guidelines for applications and providing for Enhanced Revenue Collection Account, Environmental Stewardship Fund and Recycling Fund; in general budget implementation, providing for block grants and for reports to General Assembly, further providing for Department of General Services, for Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, for Department of Human Services, for Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, for surcharges, for Multimodal Transportation Fund, for State Gaming Fund and providing for Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee; in 2018-2019 budget implementation, further providing for Department of Revenue; adding provisions relating to 2019-2020 budget implementation; making related repeals; and making editorial changes.

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

**SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

**SB 48 (Pr. No. 1080)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), know as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in ballots, further providing for form of official election ballot and for number of ballots to be printed and specimen ballots; in voting machines, further providing for requirements of voting machines and for form of ballot labels on voting machines; in electronic voting systems, further providing for requirements of electronic voting systems, for forms and for election day procedures and the process of voting; providing for voting systems and for voting systems bonds; establishing the County Voting System Reimbursement Account; in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, further providing for instructions of voters and manner of voting in districts in which voting machines are used, for count and return of votes in districts in which ballots are used and for what ballots shall be counted, manner of counting and defective ballots; and, in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for date of application for absentee ballot, for approval of application for absentee ballot, for voting by absentee electors, for canvassing of official absentee ballots and for public records.

On the question,  
Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 48?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 48.

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-31

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

NAY-19

Blake	Fontana	Leach	Street
Brewster	Haywood	Muth	Tartaglione
Collett	Hughes	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H
Costa	Iovino	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Farnese	Kearney	Schwank	

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

**SB 621 (Pr. No. 1081)** -- 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, school resource officers and school security guards; and imposing powers and duties on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

On the question,  
Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 621?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 621.

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, very briefly, in caucus, we had a discussion with regard to Senate Bill No. 621, more specifically with respect to the amendments made in the House. Those amendments caused a lot of concern for our Members as it related to diluting or diminishing their rights and powers related to school police officers. So, for that reason, and other concerns that were raised regarding new language in this bill, I ask for a negative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,  
Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YEA-30

Argall	Corman	Mastriano	Tomlinson
Aument	DiSanto	Mensch	Vogel
Baker	Folmer	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Bartolotta	Gordner	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Boscola	Hutchinson	Regan	Yaw
Brewster	Langerholc	Scarnati	Yudichak
Brooks	Laughlin	Scavello	
Browne	Martin	Stefano	

NAY-20

Blake	Fontana	Killion	Schwank
Collett	Haywood	Leach	Street
Costa	Hughes	Muth	Tartaglione
Dinniman	Iovino	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H
Farnese	Kearney	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

**SB 695 (Pr. No. 1084)** -- 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 and for nonemergency medical transportation services and providing for uni-

form Statewide preferred drug list; in nursing facility assessments, further providing for definitions, for calculation, for remedies, for repayment and for time periods; in intermediate care facilities for persons with an intellectual disability assessments, further providing for definitions and for time periods; and making a related repeal.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 695?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 695.

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

NAY-1

Farnese

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

**SB 712 (Pr. No. 1085)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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; in oil and gas wells, further providing for Oil and Gas Lease Fund; in transportation network companies, motor carrier companies and parking authority of a city of the first class, providing for transportation network company extension; in special funds, further providing for funding, for State Workers' Insurance Board, for expiration, for definitions, for other grants and for Commonwealth indebtedness; in additional special funds, further providing for definitions, for establishment of special fund and account, for use of fund, for distributions from Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund, for Workers' Compensation Security Fund, for definitions, for use of funds, for amount of grant and for guidelines for applications and providing for Enhanced Revenue Collection Account, Environmental Stewardship Fund and Recycling Fund; in general budget implementation, providing

for block grants and for reports to General Assembly, further providing for Department of General Services, for Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, for Department of Human Services, for Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, for surcharges, for Multimodal Transportation Fund, for State Gaming Fund and providing for Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee; in 2018-2019 budget implementation, further providing for Department of Revenue; adding provisions relating to 2019-2020 budget implementation; making related repeals; and making editorial changes.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 712?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 712.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, we think of the Fiscal Code as being anti-environment. I realize there is nothing about our work towards a carbon-free environment in it. That is very important, at least to my constituents. The members of the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee see an end in 2 years. There is no reason for that. This committee has been one of excellence. Certainly, when it came into my county, it helped us a great deal to develop our whole program using mushroom substrate. I thank the chairman of this committee for his leadership, and I hope in 2 years we will see the wisdom that when you have committees work and you gain knowledge, you make better legislation.

Also, many of us realize the crisis coming from plastic, and we do not particularly appreciate the temporary stopping of local initiatives on this issue, while this is being further looked into. But, in general, those of us who come from regions where the environment is considered one of the most essential issues, where our citizens have made it clear they want us to solve the problem of plastics, they want us to work towards a carbon-free environment, the Fiscal Code creates problems for us.

Finally, I thank people who have helped us, if not right now, at least by fall, secure the resolution that the bill that we have been trying to get that would fund us to help nonprofit organizations, including churches, synagogues, mosques, temples, et cetera, through their nonprofits in terms of security. Remember that the killings in Pittsburgh was the largest killing of Jews in American history. Remember that 2 weeks ago a bomb was to be placed in a church in Pittsburgh and, thank goodness for our good people in Homeland Security, that was stopped. This is a problem. We need to solve it and provide security. That is a fundamental portion of government. This bill put together by myself, Senator Schwank, and Senator Costa deserves to be passed. What has occurred is it was on the way to be put in the Fiscal Code, but it was taken out at the last minute and we now have a commitment from Representative Saylor. We are asking this to be put in writing by the chair of the Committee on Appropria-



tions in the House that he will move this bill, or, at least, the appropriations and the concept of the bill, come fall. We will make sure over the summer, with a series of letters from all religious organizations and nonprofits that feel the need for security, that this will be done.

I thank Leader Corman and I thank the Senate Republicans for their support of us. I thank the Senate and House Democrats. Hopefully, with this, we will get the fourth Caucus, we have the Governor, and we get something done on this. And, remember, it is appropriate, as we get to the last of these bills, to note that Pennsylvania was the first place in all of the world to declare religious freedom and tolerance. I hope and pray that this fall our Legislature will follow through and protect this religious freedom and tolerance through the passing of the bill designed to do so and the appropriation with it. Thank you so much, and I rise, as I say, to oppose the Fiscal Code. Thank you.

And the question recurring,  
Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

**YEA-29**

Argall	Corman	Mensch	Vogel
Aument	DiSanto	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Baker	Folmer	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Bartolotta	Gordner	Regan	Yaw
Blake	Langerholc	Scarnati	Yudichak
Brewster	Laughlin	Scavello	
Brooks	Martin	Stefano	
Browne	Mastriano	Tomlinson	

**NAY-21**

Boscola	Haywood	Leach	Tartaglione
Collett	Hughes	Muth	Williams, Anthony H
Costa	Hutchinson	Sabatina	Williams, Lindsey
Dinniman	Iovino	Santarsiero	
Farnese	Kearney	Schwank	
Fontana	Killion	Street	

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

**The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Elder A. Vogel) in the Chair.**

**HOUSE MESSAGES**

**HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 786, HB 1520 and HB 1590.**

**BILLS SIGNED**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair wishes to announce the following bills were signed by the President (Lieutenant Governor John K. Fetterman) in the presence of the Senate:

**SB 48, SB 621, SB 695, SB 712, HB 195, HB 786, HB 790, HB 1350, HB 1351, HB 1352, HB 1353, HB 1354, HB 1520 and HB 1590.**

**RECESS**

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess to the call of the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate stands in recess until the call of the President pro tempore.

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

**AFTER RECESS**

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

**RECESS**

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Friday, June 28, 2019, at 12:05 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 10:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.