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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, June 25, 2014

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend DAVID BISER, Pastor of CrossPoint United Methodist Church, Harrisburg, offered the following prayer:

As we share the order of business for this day, let us join together in first settling our hearts and our minds before God.

Our heavenly Father and gracious King of all things, we thank You for this day and the privilege of serving You first and foremost in our lives, in our families, and in everything that we do. Lord, You have placed us in a position where we serve Your people here in the Commonwealth. Give us direction, Lord, give us wisdom, give us guidance for we desperately need it, especially in these days as we speak about the finances of our Commonwealth. We ask, O Lord, that You give direction that is clear, that You give us words to say, minds to think with, and, more importantly than that, hearts to feel. We thank You for the privilege of being on this floor this day. We ask that in all of our conversations, Lord, that what we say and do, our thoughts and our hearts will be honorable and valuable to You. May we put a smile on Your face at the end of this day, Lord.

We ask also that You be with those who are serving in harm's way, those who are serving with our military, those who are giving their lives, Lord, on the front lines for our behalf. We know that freedom is not given freely. So we ask, Lord, that today they would be kept safe those who serve us in our military. We thank You, Lord, for all of those who serve on this side and on the other side. We thank You for all of those who give their lives to serve Your people. We pray, Lord, that what we do this day may be found acceptable in Your sight. We pray this, Lord, on behalf of all citizens here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and in every faith represented by those who live in our great State. On behalf of my faith in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. And all of God's people said, amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair thanks Pastor Biser, who is the guest today of Senator Teplitz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE INDUSTRIAL BOARD

June 24, 2014

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, Cathy A. Mary, 1734 Queens Drive, South Park 15129, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Industrial Board, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2015, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph Bush, Jr., Langhorne, deceased.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON PROBATION**

June 24, 2014

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, Mark J. Wilson, 738 Westover Drive, Lancaster 17601, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Advisory Committee on Probation, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 25, 2014

Senators LEACH, FONTANA, HUGHES, WILLIAMS and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 1446**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, providing for alternative campaign financing option, administration and requirement; establishing the Clean Election Fund; providing for terms of participation, for the power of Department of State to adopt rules and for study report; imposing duties on the Department of State and a duty on the Department of Revenue; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 25, 2014.

Senators SCHWANK, WASHINGTON, FONTANA, WILLIAMS, KASUNIC, COSTA, HUGHES, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, FARNESE and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SB 1447**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, in public assistance, further providing for determination of need.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, June 25, 2014.

Senators McILHINNEY, COSTA, ERICKSON, SCHWANK, SMITH, VULAKOVICH, ALLOWAY, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, FARNESE, HUTCHINSON, BRUBAKER, BREWSTER and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 1448**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, June 25, 2014.

Senators FOLMER, DINNIMAN, TOMLINSON, TEPLITZ, WHITE, ALLOWAY, ERICKSON, PILEGGI, HUTCHINSON, BREWSTER and VULAKOVICH presented to the Chair **SB 1450**, 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 implementation of scores from Keystone Exams.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 25, 2014.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 25, 2014

Senators SMUCKER, ARGALL, SCARNATI, WILLIAMS, EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, SCHWANK, PILEGGI, WOZNAK and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SR 414**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of alternative methods of authorizing charter schools and regional charter schools.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 25, 2014.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 1261** and **SB 1287**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS BY AMENDING SAID AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate by amending said amendments to **HB 1945**, in which concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

June 25, 2014

HB 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287 and **2288** -- Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair wishes to announce the following bills were signed by the President (Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley) in the presence of the Senate:

SB 1261 and **SB 1287**.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator WHITE, from the Committee on Banking and Insurance, reported the following bills:

SB 1268 (Pr. No. 2192) (Amended)

An Act regulating navigators, assisters in the education and promotion of health insurance exchanges.

SB 1432 (Pr. No. 2193) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for limits on copayments and coinsurances for insured medical services provided by a physical therapist, chiropractor or occupational therapist.

Senator YAW, from the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, reported the following bills:

SB 1310 (Pr. No. 2190) (Amended)

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Development Advisory Council; and providing for duties of the Pennsylvania Grade

Crude Development Advisory Council and the Department of Environmental Protection and for administrative support.

SB 1378 (Pr. No. 2191) (Amended)

An Act requiring the Environmental Quality Board to differentiate regulations relating to conventional oil and gas wells and unconventional gas wells in this Commonwealth.

SB 1443 (Pr. No. 2171)

An Act amending the act of October 8, 2012 (P.L.1194, No.147), known as the Indigenous Mineral Resources Development Act, further providing for definitions.

Senator VANCE, from the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, reported the following bills:

HB 278 (Pr. No. 813)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, further providing, in general budget implementation, for the Department of Public Welfare.

HB 1298 (Pr. No. 3840) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, further providing for powers and duties of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.

HB 1654 (Pr. No. 2274)

An Act amending the act of September 9, 1965 (P.L.497, No.251), known as the Newborn Child Testing Act, further providing for newborn child screening and follow-up program.

HB 2111 (Pr. No. 3841) (Amended)

An Act requiring certain health care practitioners to disseminate information relating to Down syndrome; and imposing duties on the Department of Health.

Senator MENSCH, from the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, reported the following bills:

SB 1266 (Pr. No. 1885)

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1976 (P.L.424, No.101), referred to as the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act, further providing for certification of death.

SB 1274 (Pr. No. 1818)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in the State Fire Commissioner, providing for light-frame truss-type construction signage and prescribing a penalty.

SB 1423 (Pr. No. 2142)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for assistance to volunteer fire companies, ambulance service and rescue squads; and making a related repeal.

HB 2275 (Pr. No. 3723)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in emergency telephone service, further providing for termination.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Leach.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Williams requests a legislative leave for Senator Leach. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journal of the Session of June 4, 2014, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of June 4, 2014.

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

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

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

YEA-50

Alloway	Farnese	Pileggi	Vogel
Argall	Ferlo	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Baker	Folmer	Robbins	Wagner
Blake	Fontana	Scarnati	Ward
Boscola	Gordner	Schwank	Washington
Brewster	Greenleaf	Smith	White
Browne	Hughes	Smucker	Wiley
Brubaker	Hutchinson	Solobay	Williams
Corman	Kasunic	Stack	Wozniak
Costa	Kitchen	Tartaglione	Yaw
Dinniman	Leach	Teplitz	Yudichak
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	
Erickson	Mensch	Vance	

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journal is approved.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator John C. Rafferty, Jr.) in the Chair.

GUEST OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Jefferson, Senator Scarnati.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, it is a great honor today for me to recognize an individual who is on the floor today who has had a tremendous tenure in public service. Today,

I have a citation which has been prepared by myself and Senator Pileggi to honor her for her many years of service. It is not often we get to honor somebody who has served so many years in such a wonderful capacity here in the Commonwealth and the Senate and, again, Senator Pileggi and I have prepared a citation on behalf of everyone in the Senate to honor this individual. So, I would like to briefly read the citation: (Reading:)

Whereas, Alexandra J. Matthews, Esq., is being honored upon her retirement from the Senate of Pennsylvania as Legal Counsel for the Senate Republican Policy Development and Research Office after more than thirty-one years of dedicated State service; and

Whereas, A graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Ms. Matthews began her career with a clerkship in the State Supreme Court in 1980--**It is the year I graduated**--Two years later, she joined the Office of General Counsel, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, as Legal Counsel to the State Boards of Pharmacy, Osteopathic Medicine, Psychology, Optometry, Architecture, Podiatry and the Pilots on the Delaware River. Ms. Matthews became Counsel and Executive Director of the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee in 1990 and served as Counsel to Senators Jane C. Orié and Bob Regola prior to becoming Legal Counsel of the Senate Republican Policy Development and Research Office in 2007. During her career, Ms. Matthews strove to adhere to the highest standards of service and has earned the respect and admiration of her many friends and colleagues--**here in our Senate family**.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates Alexandra J. Matthews, Esq., on the momentous occasion of her richly deserved retirement; proudly notes that she has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the Senate of Pennsylvania and this Commonwealth; offers best wishes for a most rewarding future;

And directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Joe Scarnati and Senator Dominic Pileggi, be transmitted to Alexandra J. Matthews, Esq.

Would the Senate join in congratulating our newest retiree.
(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley) in the Chair.

GUEST OF SENATOR PATRICK M. BROWNE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I can probably speak for the Members when I say that our ability to be successful as Members of this General Assembly depends on the people around us who work with us, who are committed to the best interests of our constituents and all of the people of Pennsylvania. In my 20 years of service, I have been very fortunate to have a group of people around me who have challenged me and also have pursued the level of excellence that the people of Pennsylvania really want in their State government.

I rise today, Mr. President, with mixed feelings, but with a lot of pride because I have the opportunity to recognize one of these individuals whose 35 years of service truly epitomizes what is the best in State government. With service going back to 1979, Bonita Lane has had the ability to serve multiple communities and constituencies in Pennsylvania. The people of Erie, having served with then Senator Quentin Orlando; the people of Northampton County, having served with longtime Senator Jeanette Reibman; the entire Commonwealth, being on the staff

for Lieutenant Governor Mark Singel; and of course, as a part of our team, both in the State House and in the State Senate for the last 20 years. Besides her technical competence and her crackerjack ability in organizational skills, which I absolutely need, for anyone who knows me, her diversity of service, no doubt, points to an individual who is professional, is affable, and is able to adjust to many different work environments and personalities, which we all agree is not that easy. It is because Bonita has always focused, truly focused on what is important, and that is our collective mission, which is the best interests of our constituents. I often joke with Bonita that no one has had to put up with me longer than Bonita other than my family, which is not easy. But with her retirement, I can truly say that State government is really losing the very best it has to offer, and as a person of deep faith, Bonita knows that the years ahead will not only be brighter for herself but for everyone who crosses her path. It is also important to note that Bonita will leave a permanent legacy behind her because, you may know that she is an artist, and she had done a beautiful portrait of the Capitol Rotunda that sits in many offices across the State Capitol, and that is a permanent legacy that Bonita will leave.

So, Mr. President, on behalf of the House, Senate, all State government, and all of the people of Pennsylvania, I am proud to stand on the Senate floor to recognize Bonita Lane for her 35 years of service with an official citation which reads in most pertinent part: (Reading)

Whereas, The successful conduct of the business of the Senate of Pennsylvania depends, in great measure, upon the dedication of employees such as Ms. Lane, who use their considerable talents and resources for the good of the entire chamber and ultimately for all the citizens of this Commonwealth. She consistently displayed a strong work ethic and discharged her duties in a responsible and efficient manner.

Now therefore,--**on behalf of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, myself, Senator Vance, as Bonita resides on the West Shore in Camp Hill, and Senator Vance has had a long relationship with Bonita**--extends heartfelt congratulations to Bonita Lane upon her richly deserved retirement; expresses the highest of commendation and the deepest of appreciation for the exemplary dedication to duty which she demonstrated throughout her tenure; offers best wishes for every future happiness.

Mr. President, I sincerely ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Bonita on 35 years of excellent service.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR PATRICIA H. VANCE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Cumberland, Senator Vance.

Senator VANCE. Mr. President, I am very pleased today to be able to introduce Derek Snyder, who is a Pennsylvania State Youth Ambassador. He is the son of James and Sue Snyder of Boiling Springs. He recently graduated from Boiling Springs High School and will be attending the main campus of Penn State University this fall. He is a member of the Valley Grange in Lewisberry, York, Adams, Pomona Grange, and Pennsylvania State Grange. He previously served as Junior Grange Prince, so he was here once before in 2012. His extracurricular activities at Boiling Springs High School include band, National Honor Society, president of the Math Honor Society, co-captain of the golf

team, member of the Future Business Leaders of America, manager of the Interact Club, and manager for the boys' basketball team. He is a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Lewisberry. He recently served an internship with a local real estate agent during his senior year of high school. He is a good young man and we will hear a lot more from him in the future. So, please give him a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Senate join me in welcoming Senator Vance's guest.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, I ask the Senate to work with me in greeting the Junior Grange Princess, Rebecca Blatt, who lives with her parents, Eric and Tina Blatt, and brother, Isaiah, in Shoemakersville in Berks County. She attends Hamburg Area High School, where she will be entering 11th grade this fall. She enjoys playing softball and soccer, is an active member of the Ontelaunee Junior Grange, participating in various camping opportunities, Pomona sales, and Family Fest.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Senate join me in welcoming Senator Argall's guest.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, and Members of the Senate, you should recognize by now that today we are recognizing the youth leadership of the Pennsylvania State Grange. It is a very, very important organization in Pennsylvania throughout the Commonwealth, as a matter of fact, not just in rural areas. But it represents the best in family structure and promoting the values for our youth and for adults, as well as community service. I am a proud member of the Grange myself back in Berks County.

So, I am especially delighted today to be here to honor the Grange Junior Prince, Ryan Berger, who is one of my constituents. Ryan is a delightful young man. He is the son of Jen and Mike Berger of Kutztown, Pennsylvania. He will be entering 10th grade at Kutztown Area High School in the fall and, in fact, will be attending the Berks Career and Technical Center to major in auto mechanics. He is a NASCAR fan, but he has other interests, as well. He plays baseball, he is a member of the school's rifle team, and he enjoys hunting and trapping with his father and younger sister on the family's land. Ryan is a member of the Virginville Grange and has participated in many Grange activities both in Berks County, including Pennsylvania State Camp, Pomona—we have a big Pomona sale in Berks County every year—and Family Fest. He really is a young man on the move and one to watch. Would you join me, Mr. President, in welcoming Ryan to the Senate today.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Senate join me in welcoming Senator Schwank's guest.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, we are joined today by the members of the Minersville Area Junior-Senior High School Softball Team, the recent winners of the 2014 PIAA Class A Softball Championship. The athletes, coaches, and guests are seated as our guests in the Senate gallery. Minersville has developed, over the years, an amazing record of success in softball. I am pleased to welcome them back again today.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Senate join me in welcoming Senator Argall's guests.

(Applause.)

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, today I also have the pleasure of introducing Madi Wolfe, who is in the gallery. She is a student at Pine Grove Area High School. She is an aspiring photographer and is spending the summer interning in the Senate Republican Communications Office. Joining Madi is her mother, Penny, who works for the House of Representatives. I ask for her to be welcomed as well today, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Senate join me in welcoming Senator Argall's guests.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR JOHN C. RAFFERTY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, it is my distinct pleasure to be able to introduce to the Senate of Pennsylvania a young lady who is interning in our district office this summer and is a resident of the 44th Senatorial District. Miss Taylor Daily is a political science major entering her senior year at Loyola University in Baltimore, Maryland. She is an honor student at Loyola, and recently studied abroad last semester at University College Cork in Ireland. I have a particular fondness for that, Mr. President, since I studied international law several years ago at University College Cork in Ireland.

Taylor has a deep passion for politics and government and has previously interned for the Republican National Committee and Tennessee Congressman Diane Black in Washington, D.C. She is active in Loyola University's campus ministry program and student government association. Taylor is currently a member of the Green and Grey Society, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, and Alpha Sigma Nu National Jesuit Honor Society. Mr. President, I am very impressed with Taylor's work ethic, and with people like Taylor, our future is in good hands. I ask the Senate to please give our warm welcome to Taylor Daily.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Senate join me in welcoming Senator Rafferty's guest.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR WAYNE D. FONTANA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce Mark Wolfe who is working as an intern in my Harrisburg office this summer. Mark recently completed his sophomore year at Gettysburg College, where he majors in political science and public policy with a minor in peace and justice studies, and maintains a 3.85 grade point average. In addition to his impressive academic record, Mark is a member of the student government, where next year he will be installed as vice president and third-term senator for the class of 2016 leading the academic affairs committee. Mark is also an active member of Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed service fraternity of which he will serve as sergeant-at-arms in the fall, as well as the Gettysburg College Chapter of Free the Slaves, an organization which seeks to raise awareness of domestic and international slavery. Entering his junior year, Mr. President, Mark will be preparing to spend the spring 2015 semester in Morocco, where he will concentrate his studies on the issues of multiculturalism and human rights.

His future plans beyond college possibly include law school and working in or closely with government. To that end, prior to his departure for Morocco next year, Mark will be involved with the prestigious Eisenhower Institute at Gettysburg. Established in honor of President Dwight Eisenhower, the Eisenhower Institute is a distinguished center for leadership and public policy that prepares participants on the responsibility as citizens and stewards of the public good, and trains future generations for careers in public policy. Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in welcoming Mark Wolfe to the Senate Chamber. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Fontana please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.
(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT TOMLINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, before I introduce my guest, I would just like to say a word of appreciation and congratulations and good luck to Zan Matthews, who was the legal counsel and executive director for Senator Clarence Bell for the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. As a young Senator coming in here many, many years ago--we will not talk about how many because that would actually expose Zan to her age and not just mine--she was a great staff person, as I said earlier. We could not be successful around here without great staff people like Zan Matthews and the people with whom we work every day. I cannot help but mention Senator Clarence Bell, who was a great Senator from Delaware County who tutored me a little bit and mentored me a little bit, along with Zan. So, congratulations to Zan Matthews for a wonderful career here and all of the help that she gave everyone in the Senate. Thank you again to Zan.

Mr. President, today, I have friends of yours and mine here with us, Bill and Barbara Kocher from Croydon. Bill served nearly 40 years with the Croydon Fire Department and 2 years as

chief, and actually served 1 year as chief when we were doing a great expansion project at the Croydon Fire Hall. Bill and Barbara have been married for 30 years and have three wonderful children. It is very important for us to recognize and welcome them today because nobody serves their communities more than our first responders. Nobody makes this country, this State, and their communities better than our first responders, particularly those first responders who volunteer, who serve 24 hours a day, 7 days a week serving the people of their community, keeping our community safe, saving our property, and working for us.

Mr. President, it is truly an honor for me to welcome Bill and Barbara today who came up here to visit with you and me, to see this beautiful Capitol, but more so to thank them for their public service to our communities for all of these 40 years.

Thank you, Mr. President. Please welcome my guests.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Tomlinson please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR ROBERT F. TEPLITZ PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, I believe he needed to leave, but I just wanted to formally recognize the presence of today's Chaplain of the Senate, Pastor David Biser, from CrossPoint United Methodist Church in Colonial Park, Dauphin County, in the 15th Senatorial District. I thank him for his service today.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Senate join me in recognizing Senator Teplitz's guest.

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held in the Rules room after a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senate Democrats will meet in caucus in the rear of the Chamber as well.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses, to be followed by a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Williams.

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 324, SB 1036 and HB 1052 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 1085 (Pr. No. 1597) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, further providing for agreements with institutions of higher education; in opportunities for educational excellence, further providing for definitions and for concurrent enrollment agreements; and extensively revising charter school provisions.

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

SB 1085 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 1085, Printer's No. 1597, 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.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1090 (Pr. No. 2005) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for protective custody of newborn children in the areas of criminal liability, child protective services and newborn protection.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Table with 4 columns: Alloway, Farnese, Pileggi, Vogel; Argall, Ferlo, Rafferty, Vulakovich; Baker, Folmer, Robbins, Wagner; Blake, Fontana, Scarnati, Ward; Boscola, Gordner, Schwank, Washington; Brewster, Greenleaf, Smith, White.

Table with 4 columns: Browne, Hughes, Smucker, Wiley; Brubaker, Hutchinson, Solobay, Williams; Corman, Kasunic, Stack, Wozniak; Costa, Kitchen, Tartaglione, Yaw; Dinniman, Leach, Teplitz, Yudichak; Eichelberger, McIlhinney, Tomlinson; Erickson, Mensch, Vance.

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1135, SB 1169, HB 1177, SB 1219 and SB 1220 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1271 (Pr. No. 2774) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the release of all restrictions imposed by the Project 70 Act on a portion of certain lands situated in the Borough of Brentwood, Allegheny County, in exchange for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on other lands owned by the Borough of Brentwood, Allegheny County.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Table with 4 columns: Alloway, Farnese, Pileggi, Vogel; Argall, Ferlo, Rafferty, Vulakovich; Baker, Folmer, Robbins, Wagner; Blake, Fontana, Scarnati, Ward; Boscola, Gordner, Schwank, Washington; Brewster, Greenleaf, Smith, White; Browne, Hughes, Smucker, Wiley; Brubaker, Hutchinson, Solobay, Williams; Corman, Kasunic, Stack, Wozniak; Costa, Kitchen, Tartaglione, Yaw; Dinniman, Leach, Teplitz, Yudichak; Eichelberger, McIlhinney, Tomlinson; Erickson, Mensch, Vance.

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 1316 (Pr. No. 2160) -- 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 pupils and attendance, further providing for exceptional children, education and training, for cost of tuition and maintenance of certain exceptional children in approved institutions; in charter schools, further providing for funding for charter schools; and, in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, further providing for special education payments to school districts and for extraordinary special education program expenses and repealing provisions relating to special education funding for eligible students with disabilities in Cost Category 3.

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

SB 1316 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 1316, Printer's No. 2160, 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 1332, SB 1334, HB 1337, SB 1356 and SB 1357 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1409 (Pr. No. 2176) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.306, No.84), known as the Board of Vehicles Act, further providing for unlawful acts by manufacturers or distributors.

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 Montgomery, Senator Rafferty.

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, very briefly, this is an exciting day for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Tesla automobile will be available now through outlets here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I want to thank Tesla, I want to thank the Automotive Dealers Association for their efforts, and I especially want to thank my friend and colleague, Senator Tomlinson, and his office for working with my office to come up with this bill that all of the sides have signed off on to have the automobile. Some of us have had a chance to test-drive the

all-electric car manufactured in the United States to now be available in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and I urge an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Table with 4 columns of names: Alloway, Argall, Baker, Blake, Boscola, Brewster, Browne, Brubaker, Corman, Costa, Dinniman, Eichelberger, Erickson, Farnese, Ferlo, Folmer, Fontana, Gordner, Greenleaf, Hughes, Hutchinson, Kasunic, Kitchen, Leach, McIlhinney, Mensch, Pileggi, Rafferty, Robbins, Scarnati, Schwank, Smith, Smucker, Solobay, Stack, Tartaglione, Teplitz, Tomlinson, Vance, Vogel, Vulakovich, Wagner, Ward, Washington, White, Wiley, Williams, Wozniak, Yaw, Yudichak

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1714 and HB 1925 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 2072 (Pr. No. 3839) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a portion of County Line Road separating Montgomery County and Bucks County as the SP4 Ronald C. Smith Memorial Highway; designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 233 from the northern corporate limits of Newville Borough to the Cumberland County and Perry County line as the Sergeant Timothy L. Hayslett Memorial Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of US 22/US 322 Eastbound over Interstate 81, Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County, as the Chief Warrant Officer Matthew Ruffner Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 12 in Alsace Township, Berks County, as the Special Warfare Operator Chief (SEAL) Lance M. Vaccaro Highway; designating the bridge on State Route 3023, Johns Road, Johnstown, Cambria County, as the Clara Barton Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge located on State Route 1003, Old York Road, over the Pennsylvania Turnpike, in Fairview Township, York County, as the Staff Sergeant Guy E. Shelley Memorial Bridge; designating the portion of State Route 51, known as Fleming Park Road, that intersects with Coraopolis Road in Kennedy Township, Allegheny County, as the Captain Sean M. Ruane Memorial Highway; and designating the bridge crossing the Lackawanna River along 8th Avenue, also known as U.S. Business Route 6, in downtown Carbondale, Lackawanna County, as the 109th Infantry Bridge.

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

Alloway	Farnese	Pileggi	Vogel
Argall	Ferlo	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Baker	Folmer	Robbins	Wagner
Blake	Fontana	Scarnati	Ward
Boscola	Gordner	Schwank	Washington
Brewster	Greenleaf	Smith	White
Browne	Hughes	Smucker	Wiley
Brubaker	Hutchinson	Solobay	Williams
Corman	Kasunic	Stack	Wozniak
Costa	Kitchen	Tartaglione	Yaw
Dinniman	Leach	Teplitz	Yudichak
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	
Erickson	Mensch	Vance	

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

HB 2110 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 80 and **HB 91** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 118 (Pr. No. 242) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 12, 1986 (P.L.1559, No.169), known as the Whistleblower Law, further providing for the definitions of "appropriate authority," "employee," "employer" and "good faith report," for protection of employees, for enforcement and for penalties.

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

HB 185 (Pr. No. 243) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 12, 1986 (P.L.1559, No.169), known as the Whistleblower Law, further providing for the definitions of "appropriate authority," "good faith report" and "public body," for protection of employees and for penalties.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 473, SB 476 and **SB 918** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1078 (Pr. No. 2187) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 31, 1971 (P.L.398, No.96), known as the County Pension Law, further providing for definitions and for supplemental benefits.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1234 and **SB 1240** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS REREFERRED

SB 1242 (Pr. No. 2166) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization, providing for failure to comply with a code requirement.

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

HB 1317 (Pr. No. 3219) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further defining "emergency vehicle"; in operation of vehicles, further providing for drivers of emergency vehicles; and, in other required equipment, further providing for visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles and for visual signals on authorized vehicles.

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

SB 1319 (Pr. No. 1910) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, further providing for building and

housing regulations; repealing provisions relating to building and housing inspectors; and providing for Uniform Construction Code, property maintenance code and reserved powers.

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

SB 1380 (Pr. No. 2130) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 3, 1959 (P.L.1688, No.621), known as the Housing Finance Agency Law, further providing for the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1402, SB 1405 and HB 1972 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1980 (Pr. No. 2920) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act repealing the act of July 31, 1941 (P.L.616, No.261), known as the Employment Agency Law.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 2107 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 2167 (Pr. No. 3711) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 22, 2005 (P.L.474, No.94), known as the Breach of Personal Information Notification Act, further providing for notification of breach.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 2202 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 2242 (Pr. No. 3833) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, further providing for definitions and for prosthetists, orthotists, pedorthists and orthotic fitters.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators DINNIMAN, WASHINGTON, FERLO, TEPLITZ, ERICKSON, KASUNIC, STACK, BROWNE, FONTANA, SCHWANK, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, PILEGGI, HUTCHINSON, SMITH, SOLOBAY, HUGHES, VULAKOVICH and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 415**, entitled:

A Resolution designating September 2014 as "Mushroom Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, Chester County is the mushroom capital of the world and we are not going to be here before "Mushroom Month" begins, which is in early September, so I wanted to introduce this resolution. Actually, the mushroom industry began in Chester County, and today in Chester County, including Berks County, which my fine colleague who sits right near me would want me to mention, Pennsylvania produces 62 percent of the mushrooms nationally. This amounts to more than 547 million pounds and has a net worth of over \$500 million. Agriculture still remains the number-one business in Pennsylvania, and mushroom agriculture makes a significant contribution to our excellence in agriculture and that agriculture business. I hope that some of my colleagues might want to come to Chester County during Mushroom Month in September. There is a parade, there is a festival. You get to eat mushrooms in every variety. One year, they even had mushroom ice cream, which was actually quite tasty. I see I am getting a reaction from the President about the possibilities of mushroom ice cream.

But let me say one other thing. Believe it or not, in addition to the mushrooms themselves being a preferred Pennsylvania product, the compost in which the mushrooms grow is also a preferred Pennsylvania product. By the way, what we are attempting to do, with the help of Senator Hutchinson and the Joint Conservation Committee, is to find new uses for this compost. In fact, one of the uses we have been speaking about is on the well-heads and on the pipelines that go through Pennsylvania, you need to grow vegetation very quickly and you want to use an organic vegetation, not some fertilizer that has chemicals in it. Mushroom compost provides that organic fertilizer, so it is our

hope that as the gas industry increases, so, too, will we who do not have natural gas wells have a chance to use our products within it.

Mr. President, and my colleagues, I hope you will join us in Chester County in September as we celebrate Mushroom Month. I also hope you will join us as we find new uses not only for mushrooms, which are very healthy, I might humbly add, but for the compost itself, so we turn a waste product into a fertilizer which helps Pennsylvania grow, or at least areas around the well-head grow, anyway.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators DINNIMAN, ERICKSON, WOZNIAK, WASHINGTON, BREWSTER, WARD, TEPLITZ, GREENLEAF, FERLO, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, BAKER, FONTANA, PILEGGI, SMITH, SOLOBAY, GORDNER, HUGHES, VULAKOVICH, COSTA and BOSCOLA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 416**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2014 as "Senior Center Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, all of us, or almost all of us, have senior centers in our districts. They are a great place where people come together not only to socialize but to exercise, to improve their health, get a nutritious meal, and they perform a very valuable service throughout this Commonwealth. I just want to make sure that we all recognize the value and the importance of senior citizens and senior centers throughout Pennsylvania. Thank you so much.

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

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

Senators TARTAGLIONE, FERLO, KITCHEN, BREWSTER, BAKER, TEPLITZ, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, BROWNE, WOZNIAK, GREENLEAF, STACK, FONTANA, BRUBAKER, VULAKOVICH, KASUNIC, SMITH, WHITE, RAFFERTY, HUTCHINSON, ALLOWAY, SCHWANK, COSTA, HUGHES, SOLOBAY and FARNESE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 417**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2014 as "National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, today I am pleased to offer this resolution recognizing September as "National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month." Not only do I advocate for awareness of this issue because of my own spinal cord injury, but also I do it because spinal cord injuries can happen to anybody at any time. Every 48 minutes, another person in the U.S. becomes paralyzed because of a spinal cord injury. The number of Americans living with paralysis grows every year, especially as more men and women in the Armed Forces are returning home from combat. Unfortunately, there is no cure for spinal cord injuries right now. But thanks to organizations like the Buoniconti Fund and the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, major breakthroughs, like nerve cell regeneration, are being made at a miraculous pace. These new technologies and treatments could help individuals with spinal cord injuries tear down the boundaries and leap over the obstacles more than ever before, but we need to make these treatments more readily available to every resident and not just those with celebrity status.

Through awareness, access to treatment, and support, every resident of this Commonwealth who lives with paralysis has the potential to reach their goals and increase their participation in the community workplace. That is why, as we recognize National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month, and as we continue working toward a cure for paralysis, I ask that we recognize the strength and resilience of all persons living with spinal cord injuries and that we take steps to insure every one of these persons can acquire the latest medical treatments and technologies, because every individual with a spinal cord injury deserves the opportunity for a better quality of life.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators TARTAGLIONE, FERLO, KITCHEN, BREWSTER, TEPLITZ, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, BROWNE, WOZNIAK, GREENLEAF, STACK, FONTANA, BRUBAKER, VULAKOVICH, KASUNIC, SMITH, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, SCHWANK, COSTA, WILLIAMS, HUGHES, SOLOBAY and FARNESE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 418**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 10, 2014, as "World Suicide Prevention Day."

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, this year the World Health Organization, an international association for suicide prevention, is sponsoring the 12th year of World Suicide Prevention Day. Suicide remains a global health epidemic resulting in more than 1 million deaths annually. While it can be prevented, it will require awareness, concern, and action for every resident

in this Commonwealth. Health professionals, government agencies, interest groups, family members, and co-workers each play an equally important role in suicide prevention. By working together, we can increase education and awareness about suicide so that individuals at risk are identified, treated, and provided with post-intervention services. We cannot allow the stigma and misconceptions to deter prevention efforts. Now is the time to become aware and engage in this life-threatening issue. Mr. President, I offer this resolution recognizing September 10, 2014, as World Suicide Prevention Day for all of those individuals who are struggling with, who have lost their lives to suicide, and for the family members and friends of those individuals. I would also like to recognize and thank my colleague, Senator Blake, for his comments on the floor 2 weeks ago when he spoke about suicide and the need for greater prevention. At this time, I ask all of my colleagues for an affirmative vote on this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following resolutions, which were read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Mellott by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rosemary Poremba by Senators Argall and Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mary Schuler Kovalchik by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lakemont Lions Club by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kosar and to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Pam Lessman by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ethel H. Pope by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Carl LeSuer by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Salisbury Township Fire and Ambulance, White Horse Station No. 49 by Senator Smucker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Pastoral Care Department of Canonsburg Hospital by Senator Solobay.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Irwin by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Remo Rudolph, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thornton and to Marci Bowers by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Forest P. Whitlow, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Younkin, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Dinges and to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Miller, Jr., by Senator Yaw.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following resolutions, which were read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Sally Breidegam Miksiewicz by Senator Schwank.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Ethel Pauline Canterbury by Senator Solobay.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of all bills reported from committees for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 1266, SB 1268, SB 1274, SB 1310, SB 1378, SB 1423, SB 1432, SB 1443, HB 278, HB 1298, HB 1654, HB 2111 and HB 2275.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2014

9:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bill No. 671; House Bills No. 827, 1163 and 1750; and a hearing to consider the following nominees: Hon. William F. Ward for Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County; A. Joseph Antanavage, Esq. for Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Berks County; Hon. Anthony D. Scanlon for Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Delaware County; Hon. Anthony J. Rosini for Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Northumberland County; Michael Fanning, Esq., Abbe F. Fletman, Esq., Vincent N. Melchiorre, Esq., and Hon. Kenneth J. Powell, Jr. for Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County; Hon. Roger F. Gordon and Stephanie Sawyer, Esq. for Judge, Philadelphia Municipal Court; George W. Wheeler, Esq. for Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Tioga County; and David A. Regoli, Esq. and Harry F. Smail, Jr., Esq. for Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Westmoreland County)	Room 8E-B East Wing
10:30 A.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider House Bills No. 2178 and 2199)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:30 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bill No. 1034)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 819, 922 and 1188; and House Bills No. 272, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288 and 2328)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2014

9:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing on the energy effects of EPA's Clean Power Plan)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider Senate Bills No. 1420, 1427 and 1442)	Room 8E-A East Wing
Off the Floor	LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider Senate Bill No. 1182)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I rise to discuss my concern over the recently unveiled House Republican budget proposal. The plans currently being discussed by our colleagues in the House are sloppy, extreme, and rife with consequences that Pennsylvanians would suffer from for many years to come. While I am hopeful that the Senate will be able to rectify some of these misguided ideas, if and when they come before our Chamber, I am compelled to expose some of the glaring shortcomings relative to the so-called hiatus on several important tax-credit programs contained in House Bill No. 2188. Mr. President, terminating tax credits and incentive programs aimed at creating jobs and promoting economic growth would have a disastrous economic consequence on our State.

I have a newsflash for my House Republican colleagues. Pennsylvania is 47th in job growth. Our economy continues to struggle. We cannot afford to cut the very programs that would help our economy recover. The House Republican spending plan will suspend 13 separate business tax credit programs for 2 years. We should all be alarmed by that fact. Cutting valuable programs like the research and development tax credit, neighborhood assistance tax credit, and the job creation tax credit is a terrible idea. Suspending these programs would stagnate job growth, idle economic development plans, and discourage business growth and investment in Pennsylvania. Worst of all, it hurts working families struggling to get by. I would say this proposed budget is laughable if it were not so potentially destructive and tragic.

Mr. President, we are facing a huge deficit this year. I get that. All of us understand that we are likely going to need to make some tough decisions and cut programs that all of us want to fund, but we should approach this year's budget with a scalpel, not a meat cleaver. We have to be selective. We have to be cautious. We cannot cut proven job training and economic development programs that would help solve the very economic problems that caused this year's budget shortfall. We have to avoid cuts that would only make our economic outlook more difficult and dire. Mr. President, we have a tough job to do on this year's budget. I hope we can avoid politically expedient fake budget initiatives, like the nonsense contained in House Bill No. 2188. I hope the buck stops in the Senate. I hope we can work together on a responsible spending plan that carefully mixes cuts with revenue growth options. My Senate Democratic colleagues and I have proposed numerous ways we can build Pennsylvania's revenue base without raising broad-based taxes or cutting crucial line items.

Mr. President, let us check politics at the door. Let us put our heads together and find a way to make this thing work. Let us face it, our citizens are tired of political posturing, false promises, phony logic, and numbers that do not add up. Let us resolve that the Senate, this year, will not tolerate the kind of partisanship and gamesmanship that has become rampant in the House. Let us show them that the Senate takes its budget obligations seriously, because the seriousness of our State's revenue picture this year demands no less.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the retirement of Bill Moore, who is retiring today after serving as one of my legislative assistants in my district office for the past 7 years. Bill has been an integral member of my staff for more than 5 years while I was serving in the State House and now nearly 2 years while I have been a Member of the State Senate. Throughout that time, Bill has diligently and professionally assisted constituents with all manner of needs and concerns as they interact with State government. In addition to providing exemplary constituent service, Bill has also been vital to the success of many of our events, including our annual senior fair. Due in large part to Bill's efforts, we have been able to provide thousands of constituents, who otherwise may have been unable to connect with the office, with information and resources through these events.

Prior to joining my staff, Bill had a long and successful career spanning 33 years in the Mt. Lebanon Recreation Department where he initiated programs, events, and services that continue to this very day. Taken together, Bill's 40 years of service to the residents of Mt. Lebanon, the 42nd House District, and now the 37th Senatorial District, have earned him not only my respect and admiration, but that of the entire community. As we all know, Mr. President, we are only as good as the staff whom we depend on in both Harrisburg and our district offices. I am grateful every day for the tireless efforts of people like Bill Moore who serve our Commonwealth without fanfare, work very hard for all of our constituents, and deal with all of the challenges presented to them on a daily basis.

Unfortunately, I am not able to join the rest of my district office staff in celebrating Bill's last day today, but I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate him on his retirement, thank him for his service, and wish him health and happiness in the years to come.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I rise to oppose the House Republican version of this year's State budget. Other than moving the budget process along, House Bill No. 2188 offers and achieves nothing. As annual fake budgets go in the House, and I know because I served there for 4 years, this proposal is about as fake as it gets, and it is shameful. Mr. President, in its messy desperation to somehow add up, House Bill No. 2188 would literally bring our economic development and job growth efforts to a screeching halt. The bill would cut 13 different tax credit programs for 2 years. That is unconscionable and unacceptable.

Let me, briefly, give you an example of some of the invaluable tax credit programs that House Republicans want to shut down. Last year, 631 Pennsylvania businesses, mostly

manufacturers--you know, the guys who keep Pennsylvanians working--benefitted from the research and development tax credit. Half of those were small businesses. During the past decade, research and development spending from these manufacturers has more than doubled to nearly \$1 billion. The Keystone Innovative Tax Credit Program is another success story that House Republicans apparently want to ax. Last year, 202 Pennsylvania companies benefitted from this program, which largely encourages entrepreneurship and technology commercialization near colleges. One of these new and growing companies is EchoTech Marine, which was founded by two Lehigh students who got their start by using the KIZ tax credit. EchoTech now has 48 employees and \$4 million in revenue - a success story. The Innovate in PA Tax Credit Program is yet another example of a program that has given far more than it has cost. It is estimated that this program has generated over \$502 million for our State budget coffers, \$502 million. Simplifying it, the program generates nearly \$4 for every \$1 invested. Wise investment. Innovate in PA has generated 7,485 good-paying jobs and its ripple effects have likely given us another 12,715 jobs in Pennsylvania. In a State where we have fallen, like one of my colleagues said, to 47th in job growth, one would think supposedly business-friendly House Republicans would embrace the tax credit programs like these, but they do not.

Mr. President, cutting these investment programs would take away the tools for community revitalization, brownfield redevelopment, blight removal, business growth services for manufacturers, and businesses planning for entrepreneurship, and I could go on and on. I have personally seen the success stories and witnessed the new job growth and investments in Bethlehem City's renaissance. Mr. President, we all know that investment revenues will be hard to come by this year, but we cannot afford to turn our backs on programs that can help turn our economy around and bring people back to work. Even in a so-called fake budget, throwing away proven tax credit programs is a preposterous idea. It is just ridiculous. So, Mr. President, today is June 25. It is time to put the nonsense aside and craft a budget that wisely uses and invests precious State revenues. Now, I am confident that this Senate, Democrats and Republicans working together, we have done it before in the past, we have worked together in the past, we can craft a budget together that mixes strategic cuts with acceptable revenue enhancements. So, let us do our job in this Chamber. We have done it before; I am confident we can do it again, Democrats and Republicans doing the right thing and getting the job done.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about more education funding in Pennsylvania, and specifically in the city of Philadelphia. As many of the Members are aware, Philadelphia is facing a seemingly insurmountable budget shortfall in the city schools, a shortfall that we have already seen the very real and very negative effects over the past several school years. Many schools do not have enough funding to have full-time nurses on staff, full-time counselors, et cetera. Actually, I met with two city principals today from the School District of Philadelphia who told me firsthand the challenges of running a school in Philadelphia and the lack of resources compared to nearby suburban schools, and the safety concerns they confront each and

every day the schools are open without proper resources. These schools have been forced to forego flexible education dollars from the State in providing for these resources. Not only that, but they have not received all of their local education supporting taxes, et cetera.

So that is why this week I introduced a proposal that would help the School District of Philadelphia recoup much-needed liquor-by-the-drink taxes that have gone delinquent over the years. Now, before I get into the substance of my legislation, I think it is important to note that for some time now, at least I hear this back in Philadelphia in my district and I hear it here from my colleagues, we understand and we know the city of Philadelphia needs further support from the State for education funding. We know that. We also understand the billion-dollar cuts that this administration has laid out to public education across the board have devastated school districts not only Philadelphia but school districts across the Commonwealth. But there is also a need for us to do more. I have one constituent in particular who is a strong advocate for public education and is constantly beating the drum to devise new ways. We need to find new ways to bring back additional revenue. New ways, not new taxes, but new ways. Well, this is an idea and this is one of them.

So, with the introduction of my legislation this week, we looked at, again, the collection of delinquent taxes regarding liquor and liquor-by-the-drink taxes. We saw that between 1995 and 2012, over \$34 million in liquor-by-the-drink tax was unpaid by liquor licensees responsible for remitting it to the city of Philadelphia. While the city has stepped up its tax enforcement efforts, and I commend them for that, there are still things we can do to insure that they are not overburdening the taxpayers in the city of Philadelphia. We need to be going after those bad actor licensees in an effort to get every last penny we can back into our schools. Specifically, my legislation would require liquor licensees within the city of Philadelphia to have made all payments of the city's liquor-by-the-drink tax, including any interest and penalties, in order to be approved for a license renewal or transfer. Let me say that one more time: My legislation would require liquor licensees within the city to have made all payments, all payments to the city's liquor-by-the-drink tax, including interest and penalties, in order to be approved for a license renewal or transfer. The LCB currently verifies tax clearances with State departments for the purposing of licensing applications. By requiring a tax clearance for the 10-percent Philadelphia liquor-by-the-drink tax, we would have a statutory tool for compelling payment in order to infuse much-needed resources into our school district. I think it is important to note that my legislation will not, it will not authorize any new taxes in the city or for the State, nor will it raise the liquor-by-the-drink tax.

I will continue to fight for increased education funding like my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. Again, this is not a Republican issue, it is not a Democratic issue, not an Independent issue. We all understand how vitally important education funding is and how critically significant these cuts, these billion-dollar cuts that this administration has taken out on public education in the last 3 1/2 years. We all understand how critically that has hurt the Commonwealth and our most important asset, which is our children. I think we need to be creative. I think we need to get creative, and I will tell you, I think our constituents have demanded that. They have demanded that we come up with new ways, new ways that do not include new taxes, but new ways to

collect outstanding revenue that is currently out there that we are leaving on the table, and this is one such idea. I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to cosponsor this legislation to help the city of Philadelphia fill some of its multimillion-dollar funding gap. I can tell you already that I am very happy within the last 24 hours that this cosponsorship memo has made its way around the Capitol. Many of my colleagues, specifically I know one of them from the other side of the aisle, has already come up to me and voiced his strong support for this. Because, again, it is not a new tax, it is not a new revenue burden upon the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the taxpayers, but it is out there grabbing money, dollars that we are already leaving on the table by licensees who are simply not doing what they are required to do.

So, as always, I would be happy to speak with any Members about this legislation because the kids in Philadelphia schools deserve an education that prepares them for success well into the future. Getting our funding issues addressed in the city will go a long way, Mr. President, in getting those much-needed resources back in the hands of our students, teachers, and administrators. And just to bring this full circle, no new taxes upon the city or the State, collection of unpaid liquor-by-the-drink tax, \$34 million outstanding already, no burden to the taxpayers. No burden. These are the creative ideas that people in the Commonwealth are demanding that we deliver. These are the ideas that my constituents have asked me, have demanded, actually, have demanded upon us to come up with because they, like everybody else in the Commonwealth, can no longer sustain additional burdens. It is just not possible when it comes to public education funding. So, we understand what we need to do and we are ready to do it, and we are ready to do it moving forward. This needs to be done.

So, again, I offer, if any of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, or my colleagues on this side, would like to talk about this, I would be happy to do so. It is going to help the city of Philadelphia begin to lessen that burden that they are, right now, trying to struggle with, trying to insure that our kids have every single opportunity to be successful, to have counselors in the schools, to have nurses on staff in the schools and to protect, Mr. President, our most vital resource in the Commonwealth, which is our children. Thank you.

BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bills:

HB 1144, HB 1574, HB 1575 and HB 1929.

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 3:18 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.