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SENATE

TUESDAY, September 25, 2018

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

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend HERBERT W. PHILLIPS, Pastor of Historical Lahaska United Methodist Church, Lahaska, offered the following prayer:

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Let us turn to God in prayer.

Almighty God, Creator of all things, we ask Your blessing on those gathered here, the leadership of this great Commonwealth. We not only ask for blessings for the Senators but for their dedicated, hardworking staff, and for all of those who help keep this process moving forward. We know that all good things come from Your hand, Lord, and this beautiful State in which we live is one of those gifts. We thank You for all of the bountiful natural resources we have, and for the freedom to work, the freedom to speak, and the freedom to worship. Along with these blessings comes a great responsibility to the people of this great State, and that is to lead them to do the right things by setting an example in our lives, both public and private.

Lord, by Your amazing grace, I humbly ask You to reach out to all in this Senate today. Help these great women and men to do what needs to be done to help Your people. We confess that we need Your guidance, and with Your help, Almighty God, this great State of Pennsylvania will continue to set an example to the leaders of the nations and to the world. We pray all of this in the name of the Creator of this world. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Phillips, who is the guest today of Senator Tomlinson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

September 25, 2018

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, Matthew Steck, 4462 Dunmore Drive, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice B. Michael Schaul, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**CORRECTIONS TO NOMINATIONS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

The PRESIDENT 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:

TREASURER, FOREST COUNTY

September 25, 2018

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

Please note that the letter dated September 21, 2018, for the nomination of Stacey Barnes, P.O. Box 314 Vine Street, Tionesta 16353, Forest County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Treasurer, in and for the County of Forest, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Pamela Millin, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Stacey Barnes, 1546 Route 36, Tionesta 16353, Forest County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Treasurer, in and for the County of Forest, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice the Honorable Pamela Millin, resigned.

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

September 25, 2018

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

Please note that the letter dated September 24, 2018, for the nomination of Christopher Lewis, 1449 Sugartown Road, Berwyn 19312, Chester County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of West Chester University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, should be corrected to read:

Christopher Lewis, 717 South Columbus Boulevard, Unit 902, Philadelphia 19147, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of West Chester University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

HOUSE MESSAGE

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 261**, 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.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

September 25, 2018

Senators BAKER, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, WHITE, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, STEFANO, COSTA, BARTOLOTTA and BLAKE presented to the Chair **SB 1263**, entitled:

An Act providing for licensure of milk banks; imposing powers and duties on the Department of Health; and prescribing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, September 25, 2018.

Senators HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 1264**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for carrying loaded weapons other than firearms.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, September 25, 2018.

Senators STREET, FONTANA and LEACH presented to the Chair **SB 1265**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, further providing for prohibited acts and penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, September 25, 2018.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

September 25, 2018

Senators STREET, SCHWANK, SABATINA, ARGALL, BROWNE, FONTANA, COSTA, GORDNER, LEACH, HUGHES, FOLMER, FARNESE and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SR 421**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to pass the language from the Hemp Farming Act of 2018, as contained in the 2018 Farm Bill, removing industrial hemp from the Schedule I Controlled Substance List and legalizing commercial industrial hemp production in the United States, and urging the Department of Agriculture of the Commonwealth to conduct a study of industrial hemp research pilot programs and prepare recommended draft statutory and regulatory language.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, September 25, 2018.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CITY TRUSTS OF PHILADELPHIA

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CITY TRUSTS
Acting for the City of Philadelphia, Trustee
1101 Market Street-Suite 2600
Philadelphia, PA 19107

September 24, 2018

Ms. Megan Martin
Secretary-Parliamentarian of the Senate
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
462 Capitol Building
Senate Box 203053
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Ms. Martin:

Enclosed is a copy of the 2017 Annual Report for the Board of Directors of City Trusts. This includes previously issued financial statements for the Girard Estate and Wills Eye Health System for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 in addition to financial statements for the Collective Fund, the Sundry Trusts and the Board's retirement plans for the year ended December 31, 2017.

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

BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bill:

HB 1917.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

HB 1228 (Pr. No. 3299)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, providing for sun protection of students, including the application of nonprescription sunscreen.

HB 1386 (Pr. No. 4070) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in certification of teachers, providing for instructional certificate grade spans and age levels and duties of department.

HB 2157 (Pr. No. 3278)

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 Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence; in vocational education, providing for utilization of credits; and providing for classification of program code.

HB 2205 (Pr. No. 3330)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in vocational education, further providing for advisory committees.

Senator TOMLINSON, from the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported the following bill:

HB 2075 (Pr. No. 4071) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rates and distribution systems, further providing for valuation of and return on the property of a public utility.

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

HB 504 (Pr. No. 3297)

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), known as The Insurance Department Act of 1921, in insurance producers, further providing for definitions and providing for self-service storage insurance.

HB 1013 (Pr. No. 4069) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in quality health care accountability and protection, further providing for emergency services and providing for quality eye care for insured Pennsylvanians.

HB 2211 (Pr. No. 3665)

An Act providing for consumer prescription drug pricing disclosure.

RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator EICHELBERGER, from the Committee on Education, reported the following resolution:

SR 292 (Pr. No. 2023) (Amended)

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to study the issue of immunization policies for students residing at institutions of higher education, conduct a comprehensive analysis of compliance with existing immunization requirements, examine the need for

updating immunization policies, suggest options for enhancing voluntary immunization rates for students and report its findings and recommendations to the Senate.

SR 417 (Pr. No. 2022) (Amended)

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to establish an advisory committee to conduct a study on secondary school start time in this Commonwealth.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of May 21, 2018, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of May 21, 2018.

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

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

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

YEA-49

Alloway	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Baker	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Vulakovich
Blake	Gordner	Rafferty	Ward
Boscola	Greenleaf	Regan	White
Brewster	Haywood	Reschenthaler	Williams
Brooks	Hughes	Sabatina	Yaw
Browne	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yudichak
Corman	Killion	Scavello	
Costa	Langerholc	Schwank	
Dinniman	Laughlin	Stefano	

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes Senator Brewster a happy birthday. Thirty-nine again, Senator? Happy birthday to you. (Applause.)

CALENDAR

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

HB 2321 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

HB 2321 (Pr. No. 3495) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 13 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator CORMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 2321 (Pr. No. 3495) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in depositions and witnesses, further providing for admissibility of certain statements.

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.

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL J. FOLMER
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Folmer.

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, I have to tell you, I am very honored today, as I am with all my guests, but this is a special occasion. I rise to introduce an outstanding group of athletes, a group that I am very honored to have visit the Senate, the Northeastern High School Boys' Volleyball Team, who claimed their sixth straight PIAA Class AA State Championship in a row. This team, captained by Cole Brillhart, demonstrated superior sportsmanship and remarkable athletic ability finishing their championship season undefeated 21-0. Seated on the Senate floor are the following players from the 2018 State championship team: middle hitter, Zech Sanderson; outside hitter, Nate Wilson; setter, Austin Richards; middle hitter, Alex Finch; outside hitter, Jared Furst; middle hitter, Robby Wolfgang; middle hitter, Jacob Eisenhart; outside hitter, Kyle Williams; and outside hitter, Joel Braswell. Also seated on the Senate floor are Coach Matt Wilson and Northeastern School District Athletic Director Bryan Stephens. Championship team members who were not able to attend today include: Wyatt Hughes, Drew Wilson, Jerod Trexler, Jacob Cheuvrong, Nate Eyster, Cole Brillhart, and Jordan Lemen, as well as coaches George Miller, Eric Shoemaker, Brady Shellenberger, and Scott Holder.

The Bobcats have now tied the PIAA record for consecutive boys' volleyball championships set by Haverford from 1966 to 1971. What makes the Northeastern Bobcat boys' volleyball team championship streak of the past 6 years even more remarkable is their overall record of 131 wins and only 3 losses, all under the direction of coach Matt Wilson. In the past 10 years, this powerhouse has had a record of 194 wins and just 13 losses. I wish you all further success this season. I, as well as your entire community, am very proud of what you have already accomplished.

Senators, will you please join me in a well-deserved Senate welcome for the six-time State champions, the Northeastern Bobcats Boys' Volleyball Team.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Folmer, the Northeastern Boys' Championship Volleyball Team, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. We also congratulate you. Thank you, gentlemen, and keep it going.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MARIO M. SCAVELLO
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, I welcome Sydney Wolbert and Jenna Kimler, who are serving as guest Pages here in the Capitol today. Sydney is 10 years old and a fifth-grader at J.M. Hill School in East Stroudsburg. Her teachers describe her as an exceptional and kind student who is always looking out for others. Sydney lives in East Stroudsburg with her mom and dad, Mike and Sonia, and her two older siblings, Emily and Zack, who are currently attending LaSalle University, and she misses having them home. In addition to her studies, Sydney also swims for the Pocono Family YMCA Swim Team. Last year she attended the YMCA States and placed in the top 12 in two of her events, so maybe one of these days she will get a gold medal and be up here visiting as a winner in swimming.

Jenna is an 11-year-old sixth-grade student at J.T. Lambert Intermediate School. She lives in East Stroudsburg with her mom and little sister. She is an exemplary student and especially enjoys math and science classes. She is a member of the Builders Club and the Pocono YMCA swim team as well. Jenna dreams of being a doctor in the NICU when she grows up.

Please join me in giving Sydney Wolbert, her mother, Sonia, and Jenna Kimler and her mother, Erika, a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Scavello, Sydney, Jenna, and their mothers, please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. It was a pleasure to meet you. You are both doing a great job as Pages, and their moms are in the gallery.

(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, I rise to introduce Pastor Herbert Phillips, our Chaplain here today. I am honored to have him here as our guest Chaplain. He is joined by his wife of 48 years, Linda. Pastor Phillips was a great public servant in Bristol Township. He served 28 years as a police officer in the Bristol Township Police Department, retiring with the rank of Captain in 2000. He began a new course in life and studied ministry at Saint George's School. He served as pastor of Trevoise United Methodist Church, and Pastor Phillips now serves as associate pastor at Christ United Methodist Church in Lahaska. Mr. President, I welcome Pastor Phillips and his wife, Linda, here today and ask the Senate to give them our usual warm welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Tomlinson please rise, the Pastor Herbert Phillips and his lovely wife, Linda, so that we can welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate. Thank you for your prayers.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR CHARLES MCILHINNEY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator McILHINNEY. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce my constituents, Sandy and Roy Brown. Sandy won a Day at the Capitol through a senior expo fundraiser that was held at Delaware Valley University. They are the owners of American Colonial Crown Moulding, Incorporated, a manufacturing business that offers aluminum and copper crown mouldings throughout Pennsylvania and the United States. The Browns have been married for 48 years, have three children, eight grandchildren, and reside in Perkasio, PA. Please join me in giving them a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator McIlhinney, Sandy and Roy Brown, please rise so we can welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

Senator McILHINNEY. Mr. President, I also introduce a personal friend of mine, my fraternity brother from college is here today visiting me from New Jersey, Dieter Kamm. He is sworn to secrecy about anything that happened in the fraternity during the 1980s at Bryant University. He is here touring and I have the pleasure to welcome him as a personal friend and guest on the floor. I ask the Senate to give him a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator McIlhinney, Dieter Kamm, who is with us in the Senate, please rise so we can welcome you and seek information.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR CAMERA BARTOLOTTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, I have a group of very special guests joining us today from Washington County for the annual Recovery Advocacy Day event, which was held earlier this morning. Recovery Advocacy Day aims to raise awareness for substance abuse conditions, celebrates individuals in recovery, and acknowledges the work of prevention, treatment, and recovery support services. These men and women are either currently on the road to recovery or have lost loved ones as a result of accidental overdose. These brave and courageous individuals who are seated in the gallery include Cheryl Andrews, executive director of the Washington Drug and Alcohol Commission; Erich Curnow; Laura Dieterle; Shianne Scott; Briana Roman; Carly McGinnis; Nicki Wetzel; Rebecca Cumpston; Breanne Bowman; Jennifer Seese; Erin Dixon; Kelley Cowden; and Meghan Antal.

Recovery Advocacy Day reminds us that there is a way forward for people struggling with addiction issues. Instead of reflecting on the catastrophic toll taken by this epidemic, we can pause for a rare moment of celebration in honor of all of those

individuals who chose a better path. My constituents in the gallery give us hope that those who are fighting for their lives can win that fight and that we stand behind them.

Mr. President, please join me in extending a very warm Senate welcome to these individuals for not only being present with us today but, more importantly, for their courageous journey to recovery.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Bartolotta, the folks from Recovery Advocacy Day, please rise so we can welcome you to the Senate. Continue to carry the message of hope.

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Tartaglione has returned, and her legislative leave is cancelled.

GUEST OF SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, it is my privilege to introduce an intern who is working with me, Matt Wanner. Matt is a senior in political science at West Chester University and lives in Uwchlan Township, which is Senator Rafferty's district in the Exton area. What I found in talking with Matt, and so many students now, is that we have a new generation of students, of young people who have a sincere interest in politics and who want to change this country, change it in a positive way, and bring the community back together again. There is a very healthy sense of activism in the best sense of the word, Mr. President, and Matt is part of that effort and I ask that we give him a warm welcome. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest intern of Senator Dinniman, Matt Wanner, please rise so we can welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in a moment of silence to recognize the passing of our former colleague, Senator Jerry LaValle.

The PRESIDENT. We now honor the memory of our friend and colleague, Senator Jerry LaValle, with a moment of silence. I ask all Senators to rise for a moment of silence.

(Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of the Honorable GERALD J. LaVALLE.)

The PRESIDENT. We will keep the family, including his lovely wife, Darla, in our thoughts and prayers.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, former Senator Jerry LaValle, who proudly and with great distinction served the citizens of the 43rd Senatorial District in Beaver and Lawrence Counties for 18 years, having retired in 2008, died on Wednesday, September 12.

He was a colleague, a patriot, and, probably most importantly to the folks in this room and many other friends, was a valued friend. He lived a full, rich life. He was a beloved husband, he left a wife, son, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He had another son, Mark who, unfortunately, passed away before Jerry. Senator LaValle's trail of public service stretched for miles and miles. He was a teacher and guidance counselor in the Midland and Rochester School Districts for more than a quarter century. He also served as a football coach at both of those schools. Before his elected service, Jerry worked in the Pennsylvania Railroad car shop and on the scrap dock. He was a laborer at Pittsburgh Bridge and Iron and was a member of Laborers' Local 833 in New Brighton. Jerry was also a military man and served for 25 years in the United States Marine Corps, both on active duty and also on active Reserves, and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

His life outside the Senate was varied, wide-ranging, and chock-full of experiences that served him well here in the State Senate. In contrast to many of our colleagues and many of our Senators who have served this body, Jerry preferred to listen rather than talk. He believed you could learn more and have greater influence if arguments and policy issues were understood before words were spoken. Senator LaValle was an immensely successful Member of this Chamber for many years. However, he was very humble and hardly ever sought to be the center of attention. In fact, Jerry lived his life much in the way a career Marine would - simple, direct and to the point, but done with compassion for all and a sensitivity to help the most vulnerable. In fact, the credo he learned in the Marine Corps applied well to Jerry's task in his civilian life. Oftentimes he would use his fingers to remind you that proper planning and preparation prevents piss-poor performance. That was Jerry's motto, and some of us can still see him talking that way.

Senator LaValle had a long history of working in government as well. He served on the council in Rochester Borough not only as a councilman but also as its mayor. He later rose to become a county commissioner of Beaver County, where he served as the elected chairman of the board of commissioners. His work here was extremely important and very helpful to many of us. He is well-remembered for his undaunted, quest-like opposition to the unfair centralized emission testing program in the early 1980s, and his work in defeating the centralized emission testing standard serves as a model for all of us about how we can work and work through tough issues: work first, you advocate for the issue and if you face defeat you turn around and try it again and again and again until victory is achieved. Jerry achieved victory, and in defeating centralized emission testing he stood up to governors, the Federal EPA, well-heeled lobbyists, and special interests, and oftentimes he stood alone in that quest.

Senator LaValle also worked on insurance reform issues. In fact, one of the bills that he pursued for a number of years was to create an elected statewide Insurance Commissioner, and he was one of the handful of folks who made the case that we should prohibit the use of credit scoring in writing insurance policies or establishing insurance rates. Here in the Senate, Jerry was ahead of his time. He was ahead of his time in seeking transparency and accountability in the work that we do. He oftentimes sought to open more records to the Right-to-Know law and fought for

the release of documents he felt were important to the public and the media to provide the appropriate level of scrutiny.

Senator LaValle was a good friend and an excellent Senator. He was a public servant and a patriot, but was even better in his work as a father, a grandfather, and a great-grandfather. To Jerry, family came first. He was humble but also full of humor. He was a friend to all he met, regardless of their position or status. Jerry was also a consensus builder during his tenure in the Senate Democratic Caucus, and he rose to serve as Democratic chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations. He was very popular among his colleagues not only in this Chamber but in his Caucus as well, and, as I mentioned, had friends on both sides of this aisle. Senator LaValle was a colleague who did excellent work for those he served. We will miss his short, direct, and commonsense approach and comments, but most of all, for those who served with Jerry, we will miss him and his friendship. Jerry was a good man who did a good job and worked for generations. It is an honor and privilege for me to stand up here before all of you and provide comments on my friend and our colleague, Senator Jerry LaValle.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, briefly, as I watch what goes on in our nation's Capitol, and somehow, I do not understand the rhetoric that goes on between Members of the bodies. One thing I am very proud of in serving in this body is that no matter where you fit on the ideological viewpoint of the world, we are friends. We get along very well. Senator LaValle was one of those guys who was a friend and he was a good guy. Senator Costa laid out his background in a very eloquent way, and I know he was a friend to all of us on this side of the aisle. I got along with him very well. I remember seeing him in the gymnasium quite often in the morning back in the days when I used to go to the gymnasium in the morning. Even though I have not seen him in a while, I felt a loss when I heard the news yesterday. I am glad the Leader brought up those remarks. He was a great man, did great things for this institution, and we miss him on this side of the aisle as well.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair points out that I also had a great friendship with Senator LaValle, and Jerry was, above all things, a Senate colleague. As Senator Corman and Senator Costa said, he was a friend to all, easy to talk to, had a great sense of humor, and truly understood that the purpose for all of us to be here was to do the people's work and to find ways to work together. So he will be missed. He also was one of those guys who spent that time in the gym, he was former Marine. I remember him, as a 71-year-old man he had the biggest biceps in the Senate. He was a very strong guy and he was very proud of his guns. So, we will miss him.

HB 783 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 783, Printer's No. 858, 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.

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of a series of off-the-floor committee meetings to be held in the Rules room in the rear of the Chamber, starting with the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, followed by the Committee on Law and Justice, and followed by the Committee on Game and Fisheries. When these committee meetings have concluded, there will be a Republican caucus in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, after the committee meetings, Senate Democrats will meet in our caucus room in the rear of the Chamber.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, the Committee on Law and Justice, and the Committee on Game and Fisheries, all to be held in the Rules room, followed by 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 LEAVE

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

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

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR STEPHEN C. MacNETT

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 419, ADOPTED

Senator CORMAN, without objection, called up from page 14 of the Calendar, **Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 419**, entitled:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of Stephen C. MacNett.

WHEREAS, Stephen C. MacNett (Steve), who dedicated more than 44 years of public service to the Senate, the General Assembly and the government and residents of our great Commonwealth, died on September 18, 2018, at 71 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Born in Troy, Pennsylvania, to the late Stephen D. and Huldah B. MacNett, and raised on his family's farm in Bradford County, Steve learned the value of hard, honest work; and

WHEREAS, Steve graduated from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he served as the vice chairman of the campus Young Republicans; and

WHEREAS, Steve began to work in the Senate on November 1, 1966, as a page and continued in that position until his graduation in 1971 from the Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle; and

WHEREAS, Upon admission to the bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Steve began a long career as an attorney with the Senate Republican Caucus as Assistant Counsel, Deputy Chief Counsel and Chief Counsel; and

WHEREAS, Steve was named to the position of General Counsel for the Senate Republican Caucus in 1977 and held that position until his retirement on January 7, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Steve's legislative career spanned the administrations of Governors William Scranton, Raymond Shafer, Milton Shapp, Dick Thornburgh, Bob Casey, Tom Ridge, Mark Schweiker and Ed Rendell; and

WHEREAS, Steve worked for Senate Republican leaders Robert D. Fleming, Richard Frame, Henry G. Hager, Robert C. Jubelirer, John Stauffer, F. Joseph Loeper, David J. "Chip" Brightbill and Dominic F. Pileggi; and

WHEREAS, Steve was responsible for the supervision of legal services to the Republican members of the Senate, including drafting, review and analysis of legislation; and

WHEREAS, Steve's knowledge of legislative and parliamentary procedure was exceptional and his uncanny ability to remember legislative history was legendary; and

WHEREAS, Steve's skill in developing legislative strategy was second to none; and

WHEREAS, Steve oversaw litigation involving the Senate Republican Caucus, the Senate as an institution and, from time to time, the entire General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Steve was at the center of every major legislative accomplishment during his career in the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Steve served as a teacher and mentor to countless other staff members in the Senate, sharing his knowledge generously and becoming known as "Master Jedi"; and

WHEREAS, Steve's counsel was sought out by legislators and other public officers and public employees from all branches of State and local government and all political parties, as well as by lobbyists and members of the media because of his incredible knowledge of the Senate, the Constitution of Pennsylvania, statutory law and important dates and historical milestones in Pennsylvania State Government; and

WHEREAS, Steve earned the respect of all who participated in the legislative process, regardless of their political affiliation, their ideological principles or their advocated positions; and

WHEREAS, Since his passing, Steve has been described by those who knew him as "brilliant," "dedicated," "a scholar," "a true giant," "an icon," "one of the most powerful people in State government," "a good and fair man," "honorable," "honest" and "a legend," among many other complimentary superlatives; and

WHEREAS, Steve was the recipient of the William E. Zeiter Award for Exceptional Contributions to Statutory Law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, presented by the Statutory Law Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Through his knowledge and counsel, Steve earned the title as "The 51st Senator"; and

WHEREAS, Steve's record of service in the Senate is unparalleled and may never be matched again; therefore be it

RESOLVED (the House of Representatives concurring), That the General Assembly express profound sorrow over the loss of Stephen C. MacNett, an outstanding and dedicated public servant; and be it further

RESOLVED (the House of Representatives concurring), That the General Assembly express gratitude for Mr. MacNett's influence and devotion to the Senate, the General Assembly, State Government and the residents of Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED (the House of Representative concurring), That the General Assembly extend condolences to the family of a cherished former staff person, Stephen C. MacNett; and be it further

RESOLVED (the House of Representative concurring), That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the family of Stephen C. MacNett.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, maybe it is somewhat ironic that we are 20 minutes after 4 o'clock when we were planning to start at 4 o'clock. We are here to talk about the resolution that deals with the passing of Steve MacNett, longtime General Counsel of the Senate Republican Caucus. Those who knew Steve know we usually ran a little late around here during those days. As a freshman, I can remember the Senate would convene at 1:00, the Senate will convene at 1:30, the Senate will convene at 2:00, the Senate will convene at 2:30, and on and on. So maybe it is somewhat appropriate that we are running a little behind schedule today.

Mr. President, I have come to this rostrum on numerous occasions over the years to talk about very difficult issues, to talk about complex issues, although I have to be honest with you, today, I am probably more intimidated to talk about this issue than any one I have ever come into in the last 20 years that I have been in the Senate because I am not sure how you eulogize a legend. Do I have the words to do him justice? I do not know, I will give it a shot. I am sure I do not. He deserves better than I, and hopefully other speakers will speak as well, but let us give it a try anyway.

When I got here in the beginning of my career, I was scared of Steve MacNett. He was the longtime counsel, he was the big boss, and I was a new Member, I did not know much, I never served in the General Assembly, and so to go to him and ask him for things or try to move a bill was somewhat of an intimidating process. He was not intimidating, he was always very gracious, very kind, but still I felt inadequate trying to go up and achieve things in my legislative career. He was always very helpful, but in the beginning of my career it was always very intimidating to talk to such a person. As my career went on I thought I knew what I was doing. I do not think Steve particularly cared for me too much because I was a little bit of a pain in the neck. I was sort of the guy who sat in the back, pointed out problems with no solutions, and just was an overall nuisance. But he always still treated me very, very, well despite my shortcomings. Then toward the end of his career I got into Leadership and had a better understanding of the running of the Senate and some of the things we were trying to accomplish and we began to develop a friendship. Then, after he left the Senate he was one of the attorneys who worked with me on the Endowment Act when the NCAA came in and tried to take \$60 million from Pennsylvania to set up a fund in Indianapolis for victims of child abuse. We wrote the law with his great help, which is probably still today my most important accomplishment in this career to keep that money here in Pennsylvania. That legislation has done worlds of good which we can talk about at a later date, but he was the one who really helped me along to get that accomplished, and then we developed a friendship, which was great. Our relationship took different turns over the years, it is nice that it ended in a friendship and hopefully mutual respect, because, again, I would not have been able to come up with the words to write that act if it was not for his expertise.

They always referred to Ted Kennedy as the "Lion of the Senate." Steve MacNett was not a Member of the Senate, he was always referred to as the 51st Senator, but he certainly was the lion of the Senate. I see a lot of former employees of the Senate up there in the gallery, and I do not want to shortchange any of

them because they were great, but I do not know in the centuries of this wonderful body that there has been a more important non-member as far as an employee. The times that he saw through difficult, better times, Republican administrations, Democratic administrations, Republican control of the Senate, Democratic control of the Senate, Steve MacNett was a constant. He was brilliant in his understanding of the law, he was brilliant in his understanding of the drafting of legislation. Time does not permit, nor do my abilities permit, to go through countless pieces of legislation that make Pennsylvania a better place because Steve MacNett was involved, but he was a guy who gave everyone time. He was a person who, even though we referred to him as the 51st Senator, he understood that the Members were the Senators and he was always very gracious and kind, even though he could squash us like a bug at any time, to allow us to figure out our agenda so that we could do things back home that were what our constituents wanted. And his brilliance over those years and his tutelage of many staffers who came after him, I know--I am not sure if he is here at the moment--Drew Crompton, who is the General Counsel of the Senate now, refers to him as his mentor, and I am sure he is just one of hundreds, if not thousands, of people whom he mentored who maybe spent short times here in the Senate, but because they were introduced to Steve, because they were impacted by the way Steve carried himself, they were better people for it. And just judging by some of the people who are here, that tells me that is accurate.

Steve had been ill for a while before he passed and we miss him. I really thought he was just beginning to get his step in retirement, and as I said, in helping me with my piece of legislation in the private sector and he was doing really well. It is unfortunate that he became ill. I know it was a very trying time for his family. I am glad some of his family could be here today. Thank you for sharing him with us, because when you work in the Senate, as people understand, there are some crazy hours involved here, particularly for staff. When we go home after long budget debates and fights, the staff is here for hours upon hours upon hours. Steve, as General Counsel, spent the most hours here because he wanted to make sure that he put his mark on it, that everything was okay, and he took pride in his work and he did not want anything to come through here that was not right and was not what it was intended to be.

Anyone whoever went into his office found it very neat, everything was right where it was supposed to be. I think he did that for job security, because--actually, I am being facetious, it was the messiest office you ever wanted to see--I think he did that for job security, because nobody else knew where anything was. So, if Steve was not here, I do not know how we would get through it because he somehow knew that mess was organized in his mind. But the hours and hours and hours that he spent here trying to help us improve Pennsylvania took a lot of hours and hours and hours away from his family. So, we thank you for sharing him with us. The only thing I can say to close is that the Commonwealth is a better place because of Steve MacNett. Thank you.

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, it is an honor to get up and say a few words about Steve MacNett. I first met in him in 1996. I was a rank-and-file Member of the House of Representatives, and there was a bill called workers' compensation reform. In 1994 and 1995, businesses across this State had seen like a 30-percent

to 40-percent increase in workers' compensation premiums, and, as a result, we were trying in June to accomplish something. There was a group of about 13 or 14 of us, and in our little group there was Representative Steve Stetler and myself who were trying to help get workers' compensation done. In order to get it done, our little group had a couple of ideas that we wanted to accomplish. I was the spokesman who was sent over to meet with some staffers at 8 o'clock in the morning. In hindsight, to see Steve MacNett at 8 o'clock in the morning was probably incredible. I do not know how many times it was done again, but I still remember the meeting with Donna Malpezzi and others in that room, and we talked through a couple of issues and ideas. I think we laid out five of them that day, or the day after. They came back and agreed to four and a half, and we accomplished workers' compensation reform in 1996, and it has been an incredible success since then. That could have been my last experience with Steve MacNett, but after that and talking through the issues at that meeting, Steve touched base with me a number of times, basically just to stay in touch. He complimented me at the time, which knowing his reputation, I respected that so much and it became a continuing friendship that he and I had.

In 2003, I ended up at a special election convention. Senator Helfrick resigned and so there was a special convention in my district, and lo and behold at that meeting in Danville appeared Steve MacNett. It was an interesting election. It ended up being tied at the end of the first round, and without getting into details, Steve, in his quiet but effective usual stance, was helpful in that and it allowed me to win by one vote in that convention, and the rest, for me, is history. So, I appreciated during that interlude between the first and the second ballot how Steve was able to come and I appreciated this guy coming and being magnanimous in congratulating—I think he was the cycle chair at the time—and just being there.

I notice that there are a lot of old people up in the balcony right now. We can pause here for a second--

The PRESIDENT. We can suspend the rules to allow for the throwing of objects from the balcony.

(Laughter.)

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, seasoned. How about a lot of seasoned individuals up in that balcony. A lot of history up in that balcony, and that was one of things that Steve MacNett had with his career, where he started as a Page and finished at one of the top positions in any caucus, the institutional memory that Steve MacNett had. I noticed among the old people up in the balcony, David Atkinson. I do not know if there was a competition between the two, but whether you went into Dave Atkinson's office or Steve MacNett's office, you had to first look behind or around the papers to see if either one of them were present in that office. David's office was certainly way-high, and he is waving, and Steve's was just all over the place there.

It was great that before Steve left the Senate, we were not allowed to call it a retirement event, we called it a roast, and it was a lot of fun at that roast. A lot of it we cannot repeat on the floor of the Senate. A staffer, whom I will not name, but his first name is Drew, said and did some things at that roast that we cannot mention here on this floor, but it really was a fun way to poke at a guy. You know, Steve came across as a very serious, quiet guy but he had an incredible sense of humor in an incredible way and he really, really, really enjoyed all of the roasts and jabs that went at him at that event.

Steve was a graduate of Dickinson College and a graduate of the Dickinson School of Law. I am a graduate of Dickinson College and a graduate of the Dickinson School of Law. Steve was very proud of both of those alma maters and proud of the time that he spent in Carlisle, and that was a kinship that he and I had in a lot of different ways, just talking about our alma maters.

Just one other observation about Steve. Steve had some quirks. Okay, he had a lot of quirks. I do not know about all of those papers that he stuffed in his shirt pocket. If you knew them, they were like phone messages to a large degree. I think people would wait years to see if he would get to the particular phone message that was in his pocket. But at one point, I dared him to pull some out and show me the dates. He did and there were people who were waiting for quite a long time for a return phone call. But, yet, he knew exactly what was in that pocket and knew what that person wanted and found a way to connect with that person in a response.

One other little thing that was a John Gordner/Steve MacNett thing was June was always a challenging time, and although he always had a demeanor about him, it was a stressful time sometimes for Steve because he just got dumped upon and dumped upon. And in my quirky little way in June, and I do not remember when I started this, it might have been around 2006 or 2007, I started going into the library and I would grab a *Pennsylvania Manual* and pull it out, and I would come up with 10 trivia questions. I would write them down and say, who was the Secretary of Agriculture in 1975? Name two of three PUC members in 1982. I would quietly during the caucus, while other Members were talking, walk over and give this 10-question sheet to Steve for him to fill out. Steve, of course, would pay attention to Members, as he always did, but he would fill out the questions, and 9 out of 10 times he would get at least 9 out of 10 of those trivia questions correct, because that was Steve and he had that institutional knowledge and he could tell you who the Secretary of Agriculture was in 1975 because he would have had some dealings with him back at that time.

One other story that I told at the roast, and it goes to what was said before, was I remember, and it was probably 7 or 8 years ago, we were in Session until 6 o'clock or 7 o'clock and left and we were done for the night. Most of us, you go downtown to dinner, grab dinner, maybe some drinks or something, I came back, and at that time, my office was right outside of the Majority Leader's office. I went up to my office, and this was like at 10:30 or 11:00, I think it was closer to 11:00, and I saw the light was on in the Majority Leader's office, so I went in and walked through and was looking to see who was still in there. I walked in the back, I walked into what was Steve's office, not, again, to find stuff, because it was all over there, and for people who know Steve, and I think Senator Brightbill mentioned it, he had not only taken over the office, he had taken over the conference room and conference table, so everything was packed up there as well. I walked into the conference room and was looking around, and from underneath the conference table I heard a voice that said, can I help you, Senator? It was, in fact, Steve MacNett taking a short nap exactly underneath the conference table in the Majority Leader's room. It was funny, and I am thankful that he said something to me, but there was Steve working, but he did take the 5- or 10-minute power nap, and he took it underneath the conference table in the conference room with all the books on top of it.

Steve MacNett, as Jake said, was an incredible person. Whether it was policy, whether it was politics, whether it was legislative, executive, judiciary, he was the book of knowledge. He was someone who had that quest, that never-ending quest to continue to build upon that incredible book of knowledge that he had up in that brain. He also had one of the biggest hearts that you could imagine. He was a friend, a counselor, a mentor, and an incredible individual, and all of us, whether we served with him or not, have felt the legacy of Steve MacNett.

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I, too, am honored to stand and speak about Steve MacNett. I was actually 21 years old interning with then-Majority Leader Bob Jubelirer in 1983 when I first met Steve MacNett. It did not take me long to figure out that he was an exceptional talent and an extraordinary resource. But, to Senator Corman's point, it did take a bit of time before the intimidation factor gave way to those feelings of encouragement that you received from Steve. Little did I suspect that he would be a mentor, a counselor, an advocate for me over 35 years. Whenever my professional career path, wherever it took me, I always had reason to interact with Steve, consult with, and learn from Steve. There was also a chance to see how my predecessor, the late Senator Charlie Lemmond, greatly appreciated and depended on Steve for his judgment and his counsel. So I always used to say Senator Lemmond had a 1-800-Ask-Steve in his Rolodex speed dial for sure.

Steve's commitment to this institution - legal, ethical, physical, emotional, reputational - was without parallel in my experience. Whether it was when he was working with Senator Jubelirer, Senator Brightbill, any Member of this Senate, no matter which way the numbers went, whether it tilted Republican or Democratic, no matter who was in the Majority, we knew we were intensely competitive, but for this institution to function well, there must be collaboration. For nearly 45 years, as Senator Gordner said, Steve was that indispensable player in negotiations, compromise, understanding central to the give and take of the legislative process. The trust and respect he earned and sustained from Democrats on the other side of the aisle certainly made it possible to deliver lasting results. The same was true of that Senate relationship with the House and the succession of administrations.

What really set Steve apart from the rest of us was his ability to perform at a high level on all sides of the ledger. He, of course, played legislative matters with an uncommon skill and commitment, but he did so in the same with campaigns and elections, from statewide races down to school board races. He was not always victorious, but he was going to make your win tougher and more grueling than you ever imagined. We all know people who are very good at picking things apart. We know fewer people who are good at assembling things that can withstand assaults from detractors and destructors. Steve was unique in being skilled at both functions. His strategic and tactical abilities were superb. In the days before GPS, Steve was the reliable direction-finder for legislative policy and legal matters. Those who worked with him can never forget Steve's way of answering a tough question. I think you have heard this before, he would sort of meander around through history, possibly go through the repercussions, all while figuring out the best way to go and end with the right answer and the right direction. His ability to re-

markably pull that needed or remembered piece of paper from those collections of books and stacks was amazing. I was always in awe when I walked into his office.

Hopefully, part of his heaven is supplied with Purdon's and Pennsylvania Manuals. We have long since taken the piles and recycled them, so that was even good. But even more impressive than all of those papers and his knowledge of where to find things was the knowledge in his head: the uncanny ability to recollect events and details most people had long forgotten. He could apply lessons from wins and losses adeptly. This Senate Republican Caucus has long been noted for its senior staff of highly talented and capable individuals. Ask any of them and they will readily tell you how much they learned from Steve and how much his example motivated them. It is so nice that many of them have returned and are in the gallery.

Steve left with us many proud memories, many warm memories, and many amusing stories. Beyond that, he will be remembered fondly for the profound influence he had on laws, policies, and direction of not just the State Senate but State government for more than two generations. So, we are grateful for his immense contributions to our product, our processes, and, most of all, to the people who have gone through here. We were blessed to know him, we were blessed to work with him, and we wish him God's peace in his life beyond this world.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Jefferson, Senator Scarnati.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, today I rise to honor the memory of a man who left an indelible mark on this institution in his more than 45 years as a Senate staffer. When Steve MacNett passed away earlier this month, he left behind a legacy that is unprecedented in this Chamber. Steve played an unimaginable role in helping to craft public policy, negotiate budgets, draft legislation, and help Members find consensus on tough issues. He had the ability to master complex subject matters quickly, and his institutional memory--a term we use a lot, his institutional memory--was unmatched and usually unchallenged.

Steve was brilliant, dedicated, and committed to public service. He handled litigation and legislation as well as investigations and inquisitions with Irish grace and an unbelievable resolve. In the rough and tumble world of politics, Steve was a true gentleman who brought a sense of decency and class to the institution of the Senate. He treated everyone with respect, and in spite of his grueling workload, he never ever hesitated to take time to mentor a young staff person or offer advice. His door was always open, even if you had to duck around piles and piles of papers and boxes and clutter to get to his desk.

Steve has been described as, quote, "the heart and soul of the Senate," because he gave so much of himself to this institution for more than four decades, serving as a sounding board and wise counsel to hundreds of legislators who relied on his expertise and trusted his judgment. You know he loved his job, and in turn he was loved and respected by all those he served with. With his passing, I feel that we have truly lost a figure who will never be replaced. Steve was one of a kind. A reminder to all of us that this place can be made better by the people who work here and who give of themselves without condition. Working with Steve was a true honor. Being his friend and learning from him was something that I will always treasure.

On behalf of the entire Senate and all of those who were fortunate enough to have known Steve, I offer my condolences on the passing of a great man, an incredible public servant, and a man who made us all better just by his presence.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I will be brief because of the lateness of the hour, but for those of us who remember back when Steve was General Counsel, at 10 minutes to 5 o'clock in the evening we would be coming in for a 1 o'clock scheduled Session. We had a tendency to run a little bit late because Steve was very involved with the issues that we were going to be facing. I do not have the years that a number of my colleagues have with Steve, for in 1996 when Senator Gordner met him, I was still in college, but knowing that Steve was well respected and well regarded by many of our colleagues here in the Senate.

I have to tell you a story. When I would travel back and forth a lot, we had these late budget nights, I used to go over to Steve, and he was a very imposing figure behind the desk, but I would say to him, when Senator Brightbill would say we will have Session tomorrow at 11 o'clock, I would say, what time do I really need to be back? And he would say 2 o'clock. Steve was always one who would be honest with you when you confronted him, very upfront with you. What I liked about Steve was he was not only very respectful of the institution, but he was protective of the Members, all of the Members, Republican and Democrat, and he would go out of his way to offer suggestions, advice, and sometimes the rebuke that we needed in order for us to respect the rules and the decorum of the Senate of Pennsylvania.

There is one story in particular, Mr. President, that all of us who liked Steve and all of us who liked to hear quips from Steve, was after we had passed Act 89 and we were walking out of a meeting room where we had just concluded a meeting of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Steve was standing outside the door and I walked out and I said, hey, Steve, how are you doing? And he said, Senator, can I talk to you for a minute? And he pulled me aside and he said, you know, I use the phrase "big dog" when somebody in the Senate accomplishes something of vital importance. And he said, Senator, with the Senate transportation bill, you are a big dog. That meant a lot to me from Steve MacNett to make that comment knowing, and I do not take the credit for that alone with all of us here - Senator Corman, Senator Scarnati, Senator Costa - all of us were very involved with the transportation bill, but for him to take that time and give me that recognition for that piece of legislative accomplishment that we even began when Steve was still here, before it came to fruition with Drew Crompton in the General Counsel seat, that I am very pleased and very proud to have had the opportunity to serve with him.

I thank his family for the opportunity. I am glad to see so many people here remembering Steve, seeing Mark Corrigan and Russ Faber and some of the others, of those many late nights we spent together, but the guy who held it together for us all, Steve MacNett. May he rest in peace.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I join my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, and on behalf of our Democratic col-

leagues, both current and past, we join in recognizing the wonderful contributions that Steve MacNett has made to the Senate of Pennsylvania. Steve MacNett was someone who was respected, revered, and will be remembered for the work that he has done on behalf of all of our Pennsylvania citizens. Steve was respected for his intellect, which has been noted so many times today, and for his knowledge of our laws and our procedures and our institutional values. He was revered for his intellect and his knowledge in that regard. He was also recognized for his ability to get things done, to navigate the most difficult political problems and develop solutions to policy issues that seemed to be very difficult to resolve. He will be remembered for his kindness, as was mentioned, his intellect, and his significant contributions to making Pennsylvania a better place to live. Most of all, though, I believe that Steve will be remembered for his decency.

What I remember most about Steve is when I came here in the late 1990s, Senator Corman indicated how he was intimidated, as was I. I was a 30-some-year-old youngster from Allegheny County and I had heard about this 51st State Senator who I had a chance to work with. But what I gleaned quickly was his love for this institution, which I think is extremely important, and the integrity of this institution and someone who stood to make certain that we would preserve the integrity of this institution in certain terms of how we functioned. It was mentioned Steve had nearly 50 years of service, starting first as a Page working his way through law school and then achieving the position of Chief Counsel. His knowledge of our laws and our rules and our procedures was unparalleled, as we discussed, but it was also helpful to Members on both sides of the aisle, which was significant and I think important.

But I do not want to leave anyone with any belief that Steve was not a partisan and tough adversary. He knew what buttons to push, how to win major battles, major issues, and how to take minor legal phrases and turn them into full-blown arguments to distract folks from the other side of the aisle to be able to get things done. While he was a fierce adversary, his friendly demeanor and his level-headedness was truly disarming. There is no question that Steve viewed, given his knowledge and understanding of the history of this Commonwealth and this Chamber's rules, he was aggressive and a creative lawmaker to represent his clients, the Republican Caucus, to gain an edge. He masterfully employed the resources that he had at his hand and his knowledge to navigate the legal process and the legislative process.

Steve was someone who had a tremendous influence on a number of people in this Chamber as we stand here today. He has been referred to as the 51st Senator, and there was a reason for that. He was so knowledgeable on the issues that we have talked about and was very helpful. With Steve's passing the Senate will now return to 50 Members.

While he has been gone, the citizens of Pennsylvania, and most certainly the history of this State Senate, will always remain thankful for the work that Steve has done in his nearly 45 years of service to this Commonwealth. So, on behalf of my colleagues, we express our condolences and sympathies to his many friends and family who may be here today and say, thank you, Steve MacNett, for your contributions to this Chamber and to this Commonwealth. We are a better place because of your time and efforts toward that end.

Thank you, Mr. President

Mr. President, I submit these remarks on behalf of former Lt. Governor Mark Singel to be included in the record.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator COSTA, on behalf of former Lieutenant Governor MARK S. SINGEL:)

Mr. President, Steve MacNett was my friend. This is saying something, since he was my constant adversary when I presided over the Pennsylvania Senate. Not only was Steve the architect of nearly every parliamentary maneuver that bedeviled me in those days, but he actually sued me a dozen times on behalf of his Caucus.

Oddly, those events actually drew us closer together. It is because he never lied to me. In fact, he would give me the professional courtesy of letting me know when his next attack was coming. In politics, that is a rare and gracious gesture.

On the evening of November 20, 1988, last day of the 1987-88 legislative Session, Governor Casey desperately wanted to push his tax reform package through the Senate. While the Democrats were in the Minority, we had managed to get to an actual final vote. This was not before a free-for-all of maneuvers designed to derail the bill that was orchestrated by the Republican Caucus with Steve MacNett calling the plays. With some help from two Republican defections and with a discipline unusual for Democrats, I was able to guide the debate to a conclusion and the bill passed as the clock struck midnight. Steve MacNett approached the rostrum and said: "That is the first time I have ever been beaten on this floor." It was the highest compliment I have ever received in politics. Of course, his next comment was vintage Steve: "It will never happen again!"

I was fortunate to have someone with the integrity of Steve MacNett to consult with. His "loyal opposition" perspective was invaluable to me on numerous occasions.

When I ran for Governor and held a lead late in the campaign, I approached Steve about playing a key role in my administration. I viewed his intellect and institutional knowledge as being second to none. I also knew that he commanded respect in both Caucuses and believed that Steve could transcend politics and bring his unique skills to the entire Commonwealth. His response to me was simple and beautiful: "Sorry, Mark, the Senate is my home."

Steve MacNett was my friend for many other reasons. We agreed that the function of government was to help people. Our perspectives about who to help and how to do it differed, but these were honest policy disagreements driven by our own experiences and partisan orientations. Steve and I had discussions that lasted into the wee hours, fueled by a beer or two. It was in these moments that I got to know him best. He was kind, thoughtful, and funny.

A lifetime public servant, Steve epitomizes what it means to be loyal, hardworking, and effective. The Commonwealth is better for his service. I am a better human being because of his friendship.

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

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

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Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Baker	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Vulakovich
Blake	Gordner	Rafferty	Ward
Boscola	Greenleaf	Regan	White
Brewster	Haywood	Resenthaler	Williams

Brooks	Hughes	Sabatina	Yaw
Browne	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yudichak
Corman	Killion	Scavello	
Costa	Langerholc	Schwank	
Dinniman	Laughlin	Stefano	

NAY-0

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

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

RECESS

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

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

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

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Stefano.

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 864 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 31 (Pr. No. 12) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 26, 2001 (P.L.755, No.77), known as the Tobacco Settlement Act, in Commonwealth universal research enhancement, establishing the Spinal Cord Injury Research Program and Spinal Cord Research Advisory Committee, further providing for department responsibilities and for use of funds and providing for spinal cord injury research programs funding.

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-49

Alloway	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Baker	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Vulakovich
Blake	Gordner	Rafferty	Ward
Boscola	Greenleaf	Regan	White
Brewster	Haywood	Reschenthaler	Williams
Brooks	Hughes	Sabatina	Yaw
Browne	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yudichak
Corman	Killion	Scavello	
Costa	Langerholc	Schwank	
Dinniman	Laughlin	Stefano	

NAY-0

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 44 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 56 (Pr. No. 3780) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in proceedings prior to petition to adopt, repealing provisions relating to counseling and providing for adoption-related counseling services.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 83 and **HB 149** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 236 (Pr. No. 202) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in judgments and other liens, further providing for personal earnings exempt from process; and, in sentencing, further providing for payment of court costs, restitution and fines.

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

HB 280 (Pr. No. 2220) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in bonds and recognizances, further providing for bail to be governed by general rules.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 285 and **HB 353** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 521 (Pr. No. 2002) -- 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, providing for cardiopulmonary resuscitation education.

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-49

Alloway	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Baker	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Vulakovich
Blake	Gordner	Rafferty	Ward
Boscola	Greenleaf	Regan	White
Brewster	Haywood	Reschenthaler	Williams
Brooks	Hughes	Sabatina	Yaw
Browne	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yudichak
Corman	Killion	Scavello	
Costa	Langerholc	Schwank	
Dinniman	Laughlin	Stefano	

NAY-0

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

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

BILL AMENDED

SB 623 (Pr. No. 1229) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to

health care, further providing for applicability, for definitions and for criminal penalties; in living wills, further providing for emergency medical services; in out-of-hospital nonresuscitation, further providing for definitions, for orders, bracelets and necklaces, for revocation, for absence of order, bracelet or necklace and for emergency medical services, repealing provisions relating to advisory committee and providing for discontinuance; providing for Pennsylvania orders for life-sustaining treatment; and making editorial changes.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?
Senator YAW offered the following amendment No. A9471:

Amend Bill, page 14, lines 10 through 13, by striking out all of lines 10 through 12 and "(12)" in line 13 and inserting:

(11)

Amend Bill, page 14, line 18, by striking out "(13)" and inserting:

(12)

Amend Bill, page 14, line 21, by striking out "(14)" and inserting:

(13)

Amend Bill, page 14, line 24, by striking out "(15)" and inserting:

(14)

Amend Bill, page 14, line 30, by striking out "(16)" and inserting:

(15)

Amend Bill, page 15, line 5, by striking out "(17)" and inserting:

(16)

Amend Bill, page 15, line 10, by striking out "(18)" and inserting:

(17)

Amend Bill, page 15, line 14, by striking out "(19)" and inserting:

(18)

Amend Bill, page 15, line 18, by striking out "professional" and inserting:

provider

Amend Bill, page 15, line 19, by striking out "(20)" and inserting:

(19)

Amend Bill, page 18, by inserting between lines 1 and 2:

(a) Stable medical conditions.--A POLST is not recommended for individuals with stable, even if chronic, medical conditions and years of life expectancy.

(b) Construction.--

Amend Bill, page 30, line 13, by striking out "professional" and inserting:

provider

Amend Bill, page 30, line 16, by striking out "professional" and inserting:

provider

Amend Bill, page 31, line 9, by striking out "professional" and inserting:

provider

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 644 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 668 (Pr. No. 2001) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 6, 1980 (P.L.197, No.57), known as the Optometric Practice and Licensure Act, further providing for

definitions and for approval of drugs; further providing for exemptions and exceptions and for violations and penalties; and providing for insurance billing codes.

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

Baker	Gordner	Mensch	Tartaglione
Boscola	Haywood	Rafferty	Tomlinson
Brewster	Hutchinson	Reschenthaler	Vogel
Brooks	Langerholc	Sabatina	Vulakovich
Browne	Laughlin	Scarnati	Ward
Corman	Leach	Schwank	White
DiSanto	McGarrigle	Stefano	Yaw
Folmer	McIlhinney	Street	Yudichak

NAY-17

Alloway	Costa	Greenleaf	Scavello
Argall	Dinniman	Hughes	Williams
Aument	Eichelberger	Killion	
Bartolotta	Farnese	Martin	
Blake	Fontana	Regan	

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 689, SB 884 and HB 983 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1007 (Pr. No. 1396) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in consolidated county assessment, further providing for definitions, for chief assessor, for notices, appeals and certification of values, for special provisions relating to countywide revisions of assessments, for board of assessment appeals and board of assessment revision, for regulations of board and for auxiliary appeal boards and alternates; and making editorial changes.

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-49

Alloway	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Baker	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Vulakovich
Blake	Gordner	Rafferty	Ward
Boscola	Greenleaf	Regan	White
Brewster	Haywood	Resenthaler	Williams
Brooks	Hughes	Sabatina	Yaw
Browne	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yudichak
Corman	Killion	Scavello	
Costa	Langerholc	Schwank	
Dinniman	Laughlin	Stefano	

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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Greenleaf.

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1034 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL AMENDED

SB 1066 (Pr. No. 1706) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the establishment of first-time home buyer savings accounts for first-time home buyers in this Commonwealth.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator MENSCH offered the following amendment No. A9442:

Amend Bill, page 4, line 14, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

- (g) Contributions to account.--
 - (1) Subject to the limitations
- Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 16 and 17:
- (2) The maximum amount of all contributions to a first-time home buyer savings account is \$150,000.

Amend Bill, page 4, line 30, by inserting after "deductible":
, up to the contribution limits in subsection (a)(1),

Amend Bill, page 6, by inserting between lines 14 and 15:
(3) Any other information as required by the department.
Amend Bill, page 7, line 12, by inserting after "holder":

or beneficiary
Amend Bill, page 7, line 14, by inserting after "account":
and uses the withdrawal
Amend Bill, page 7, line 15, by inserting after "The":
entire
Amend Bill, page 7, line 15, by inserting after "amount":
withdrawn
Amend Bill, page 7, line 16, by inserting after "income":
as interest income
Amend Bill, page 7, line 18, by inserting after "holder":
or beneficiary
Amend Bill, page 7, line 21, by inserting after "holder's":
or the beneficiary's

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 1074 (Pr. No. 1538) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, further providing for genetic counselor.

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

BILL AMENDED

SB 1096 (Pr. No. 1897) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 74 (Transportation) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Aviation Advisory Committee, further providing for Aviation Advisory Committee; in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in rules of the road in general, providing for platooning; and providing for highly automated vehicles.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?
Senator RAFFERTY offered the following amendment No. A9305:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by striking out "Title" and inserting:
Titles 74 (Transportation) and
Amend Bill, page 1, line 6, by inserting after "Statutes, ":
in Aviation Advisory Committee, further providing for Aviation Advisory Committee;

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 21 and 22, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:
Section 1. Section 6304 of Title 74 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
§ 6304. Aviation Advisory Committee.
* * *

(c.1) Vacancies.--If a position under subsection (a) has been vacant for 120 days, an appointment shall be made on a rotating basis by the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to fill the vacancy.
* * *

Section 2. Section 102 of Title 75 is amended by adding definitions to read:
Amend Bill, page 4, line 4, by striking out "implemented" and in-

serting:

approved

Amend Bill, page 4, line 5, by inserting after "Commission":

as applicable

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

driver

Amend Bill, page 4, line 14, by striking out "2" and inserting:

3

Amend Bill, page 4, line 16, by inserting after "rule.--":

The department shall be the lead Commonwealth agency on platooning.

(b) Exception.--

Amend Bill, page 4, line 19, by striking out "(b)" and inserting:

(c)

Amend Bill, page 4, line 22, by inserting after "Police":

and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 22 and 23, by striking out "publish guidelines in the Pennsylvania Bulletin establishing" and inserting:

establish

Amend Bill, page 4, line 24, by inserting after "identifier":

as part of subsection (e)

Amend Bill, page 4, line 25, by striking out "(c)" and inserting:

(d)

Amend Bill, page 5, by inserting between lines 5 and 6:

(e) Plan for general platoon operations.--A person may operate a platoon on a highway of this Commonwealth if the person files a plan for general platoon operations with the department. The department shall review the plan in consultation with the Pennsylvania State Police and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, as applicable. If the plan is not rejected by the department within 30 days after receipt of the plan, the person shall be allowed to operate the platoon.

Amend Bill, page 5, line 6, by striking out "3" and inserting:

4

Amend Bill, page 5, line 11, by striking out "work zone"

Amend Bill, page 5, lines 12 and 13, by striking out "Commonwealth agency.

8504."

Amend Bill, page 5, line 21, by striking out "work zone"

Amend Bill, page 5, lines 22 through 30; page 6, lines 1 through 15; by striking out "The department or the Pennsylvania" in line 22, all of lines 23 through 30 on page 5 and all of lines 1 through 15 on page 6 and inserting:

The department shall be the lead Commonwealth agency on highly automated vehicles.

(b) Highly automated work zone vehicles.--The department or the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, as applicable, shall authorize the locations in Pennsylvania, on a periodic basis, to approve the deployment of a highly automated work zone vehicle. A driver may be required in a highly automated work zone vehicle when used in an active work zone.

Amend Bill, page 6, line 16, by striking out "8504" and inserting:

8503

Amend Bill, page 6, line 18, by striking out "under the jurisdiction of" and inserting:

within

Amend Bill, page 6, lines 21 through 30; page 7, lines 1 through 30; page 8, lines 1 through 24; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

the following members:

(1) The Secretary of Transportation, who shall serve as the chairperson of the advisory committee.

(2) The Secretary of Community and Economic Development.

(3) The Insurance Commissioner.

(4) The Secretary of Labor and Industry.

(5) The Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police.

(6) The Chief Executive Officer of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

(7) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Transportation Committee of the Senate.

(8) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives.

(9) The following members to be appointed by the Governor:

(i) One member representing a transit authority in this Commonwealth.

(ii) One member representing a transportation, educational or research institution in this Commonwealth.

(iii) One member representing a technology company engaged in developing highly automated vehicles.

(iv) One member representing a vehicle manufacturer engaged in developing highly automated vehicles.

(v) One member representing bicyclists or pedestrians in this Commonwealth.

(vi) One member representing drivers or consumers in this Commonwealth.

(vii) One member representing a municipality of this Commonwealth.

(viii) One member representing platoon operations.

(ix) One member representing an insurance company, association or exchange who is authorized to transact the business of motor vehicle insurance in this Commonwealth.

(c) Vacancies.--If a position under subsection (b)(9) has been vacant for 120 days, an appointment shall be made on a rotating basis by the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to fill the vacancy.

(d) Alternates.--An advisory committee member under subsection (b)(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) or (8) may designate an alternate to serve in the member's absence. The advisory committee member shall notify the chairperson of the advisory committee in writing of the designation.

(d.1) Further alternates.--The secretary may designate an alternate under subsection (d) who must be a deputy secretary.

(e) Terms.--An advisory committee member may be reappointed for additional terms. The terms of advisory committee members appointed by the Governor under subsection (b)(9) shall be three years. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy on the advisory committee under subsection (b) shall serve for the unexpired term and shall be eligible for reappointment.

(f) Meetings and expenses.--The following shall apply:

(1) The advisory committee shall meet at least three times annually, but may hold additional meetings as are called by the chairperson of the advisory committee. The chairperson shall provide notice at least 14 days in advance for regular meetings and shall provide a minimum of three days' notice for special meetings.

(2) A record of meeting attendance shall be maintained and appointed members must receive written notice if two consecutive meetings are missed. An appointed member under subsection (b)(9) who misses three consecutive meetings without good cause acceptable to the chairperson of the advisory committee may be replaced by the Governor.

(3) Minutes of the meetings shall be prepared and filed with the advisory committee and distributed to all members. All records shall be a matter of public record.

(4) An appointed member under subsection (b)(9) may not receive per diem expenses.

(5) The department shall provide appropriate staff support to enable the advisory committee to properly carry out the advisory committee's functions.

(g) Powers.--The advisory committee shall have the power to advise and consult the secretary on all aspects of highly automated vehicles and platooning in this Commonwealth and may undertake any of the following, at a minimum:

(1) Developing technical guidance.

(2) Evaluating best practices.

(3) Reviewing existing laws, regulations and policies.

(4) Engaging in continued research and evaluation of connected and automated systems technology necessary to ensure safe testing, deployment and continued innovation in this Commonwealth.

(h) Annual report.--The department shall provide an annual report of the activities of the advisory committee under subsection (g) on the department's publicly accessible Internet website.

Section 5. This act shall take effect in 180 days.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, very briefly, this amendment defines the highly automated work zone vehicles, or platoon

vehicles, that is the drone vehicle that follows along the highway workers that has the flashing lights and arrows so people know to slow down. It will be controlled by the first truck. It has been very effective in a number of States. It cuts down on the need for workers to sit in the trucks; instead, it will be controlled by the lead truck. I think it is a very important piece of legislation and I thank the maker of the bill, the gentleman from Lehigh County, for working with us on this. I ask for an affirmative vote when this bill comes up for a vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

BILL AMENDED

SB 1098 (Pr. No. 1623) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, providing for automated enforcement of failure to stop for school bus with flashing red lights and establishing the School Bus Safety Grant Program Fund.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator BROWNE offered the following amendment No. A9369:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 2, by striking out "enforcement" where it occurs the first time and inserting:
rules of the road in general

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by striking out "6314" and inserting:
3345.1

Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 10 and 11:

(a) Meeting or overtaking school bus.--

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (5), the driver of a vehicle meeting or overtaking any school bus stopped on a highway or trafficway shall stop at least ten feet before reaching the school bus when the red signal lights on the school bus are flashing and the side stop signal arms are activated under section 4552(b.1) (relating to general requirements for school buses). The driver shall not proceed until the flashing red signal lights are no longer actuated. In no event shall a driver of a vehicle resume motion of the vehicle until the school children who may have alighted from the school bus have reached a place of safety. The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection at which a school bus is stopped shall stop his vehicle at that intersection until the flashing red signal lights are no longer actuated.

(2) The operator of a school bus who observes a violation of paragraph (1) may prepare a report as provided under section 3345(a.1) (relating to meeting or overtaking school bus).

(3) The driver of a vehicle meeting or overtaking any school bus shall proceed past the school bus with caution and shall be prepared to stop when the amber signal lights are flashing.

(4) Whenever a school bus is being used upon a highway or trafficway for the transportation of disabled persons exclusively and the school bus is equipped with red signal lights, the driver of the school bus may actuate the signal lights in the same manner as set forth in this section regarding the transportation of school children. The driver of a vehicle approaching the school bus shall have the same duties regarding stopping, passing and overtaking as he does with respect to a school bus carrying school children.

(5) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway or trafficway with separate roadways need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus

with actuated red signal lights which is on a different roadway.

Amend Bill, page 1, line 11, by striking out "(a)" and inserting:
(a.1)

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 13 and 14, by striking out "the provisions of section 3345(a) (relating to meeting or overtaking school bus)" and inserting:

subsection (a)(1)

Amend Bill, page 2, line 3, by striking out "section 3345(a) and (f.1)" and inserting:

subsection (a)(1) and (5)

Amend Bill, page 2, line 8, by inserting after "(d)":

(relating to meeting or overtaking school bus)

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 9 and 10, by striking out "section 3345(a)" and inserting:

subsection (a)(1)

Amend Bill, page 2, line 13, by striking out "section" and inserting:
sections 1535(a) (relating to schedule of convictions and points)

and

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 14 through 17, by striking out all of lines 14 through 16 and "(3)" in line 17 and: inserting

(2)

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 21 through 23, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 28 and 29, by striking out "city of the first class" and inserting:

school district or contracted company

Amend Bill, page 3, line 14, by striking out "traffic"

Amend Bill, page 3, line 14, by inserting after "violations":

of this section

Amend Bill, page 3, line 27, by striking out "notice of liability" and inserting:

citation

Amend Bill, page 4, line 6, by inserting after "the" where it occurs the first time:

police

Amend Bill, page 4, line 29, by striking out "department" and inserting:

school district

Amend Bill, page 5, lines 8 through 30; page 6, lines 1 through 30; page 7, lines 1 through 28; by striking out all of lines 8 through 30 on page 5, all of lines 1 through 30 on page 6, all of lines 1 through 27 and "(g)" in line 28 on page 7 and inserting:

(f)

Amend Bill, page 8, lines 10 through 30; page 9, lines 1 through 17; by striking out all of lines 10 through 30 on page 8, all of lines 1 through 16 and "(j)" in line 17 on page 9 and inserting:

(g)

Amend Bill, page 9, lines 19 through 30; pages 10 and 11, lines 1 through 30; page 12, lines 1 through 10; by striking out the colon in line 19, all of lines 20 through 30 on page 9, all of lines 1 through 30 on pages 10 and 11 and all of lines 1 through 10 on page 12 and inserting:

submit the following information to the police department with primary jurisdiction over the area where a violation of this section occurred:

(1) A copy of the recorded image showing the vehicle.

(2) The license plate number and state of issuance of the motor vehicle.

(3) The date, time and place of the alleged violation.

Amend Bill, page 12, line 11, by striking out "(o)" and inserting:

(h)

Amend Bill, page 12, lines 19 through 30; pages 13 and 14, lines 1 through 30; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

(i) Enforcement.--Upon receipt of notice of conviction of the violation, the department shall suspend the operating privileges of the person determined to have responsibility for the violation of this section and assess points to the driving record as provided under section 1535(a).

Amend Bill, page 15, line 1, by striking out "(q)" and inserting:

(j)

Amend Bill, page 15, line 3, by striking out "Fines" and inserting:
Fifty percent of the fines

Amend Bill, page 15, line 8, by inserting after "Commonwealth.":

The department shall award school bus safety grants on a competitive basis. The department may pay any actual administrative costs arising from the administration of this section out of the fines deposited into

the fund.

Amend Bill, page 15, line 9, by inserting after "contractors" and school districts

Amend Bill, page 15, line 12, by striking out "(r)" and inserting: (k)

Amend Bill, page 16, line 1, by striking out "(s)" and inserting: (l)

Amend Bill, page 16, lines 12 through 14, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 16, lines 22 through 27, by striking out all of said lines

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1134 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 1169 (Pr. No. 1749) -- 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 genetic counselor.

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

SB 1175 (Pr. No. 1792) -- 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 wiretapping and electronic surveillance, further providing for administrative subpoena; and, in juvenile matters, further providing for powers and duties of probation officers and for detention of child.

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

BILL AMENDED

SB 1181 (Pr. No. 1863) -- 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 school health services, providing for early intervention depression screening.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator BROWNE offered the following amendment No. A9513:

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 3 and 4:

(b) (1) If the parent or guardian chooses to share the results of the screening with the school entity and the screening indicates the presence

of thoughts or behaviors often associated with a diagnosis of depression, the school entity shall refer the child:

(i) to the school's student assistance program;

(ii) to the school psychologist for evaluation; or

(iii) for evaluation under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Public Law 91-230, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.) or under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-112, 29 U.S.C. § 794).

(2) The school entity shall notify the parent or guardian at the point of referral that an evaluation under this subsection will not be performed unless the parent or guardian consents to the evaluation.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 4, by striking out "(b)" and inserting:

(c)

Amend Bill, page 3, line 9, by striking out "(c)" and inserting:

(d)

Amend Bill, page 3, line 21, by striking out "(d)" and inserting:

(e)

Amend Bill, page 3, line 24, by striking out "(e)" and inserting:

(f)

Amend Bill, page 4, line 7, by striking out "(f)" and inserting:

(g)

Amend Bill, page 4, line 10, by striking out "(g)" and inserting:

(h)

Amend Bill, page 4, line 16, by striking out "(h)" and inserting:

(i)

Amend Bill, page 4, line 24, by striking out "(i)" and inserting:

(j)

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1205 (Pr. No. 1848) -- 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 corporate governance annual disclosure; and, in reserve liabilities, further providing for small company exemption.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Erie, Senator Laughlin.

Senator LAUGHLIN. Mr. President, I submit my remarks for the record.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Erie, Senator LAUGHLIN:)

Mr. President, I rise today to ask for an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 1205, a measure that updates and streamlines reporting requirements for insurance companies in Pennsylvania. This legislation makes a number of changes that may seem extremely complex and detailed for those people, like myself, who are not fluent in the common language of those who work in the insurance industry as suppliers or regulators. However, at its heart, the goals of this bill are rather straightforward and they will benefit both the Department of Insurance and insurance companies, especially those that are based here in Pennsylvania.

If enacted, Senate Bill No. 1205 will require insurance companies to provide specific information on their corporate structure, including board members and their officers, on an annual basis beginning in January 2020. This information will assist the Department of Insurance in its regulatory duty of insuring that those businesses are solvent and merit continued renewal of their license to operate in Pennsylvania. This will also insure that the Department of Insurance continues to meet the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' mandated requirement to conduct financial stability examinations of those companies doing business in Pennsylvania. Failure to meet that requirement could jeopardize the insurance Department's accreditation with the NAIC, and that is something that we certainly want to avoid.

Now, for insurance companies, Senate Bill No. 1205 should reduce the cumbersome burden that comes with the Department's financial stability examination, since much of the relevant material will be already provided and updated annually. This burden is especially heavy for Pennsylvania's smaller insurance companies. In addition, this bill also includes provisions that will help those companies based in Pennsylvania by increasing the parity between the reporting requirements they face and those of out-of-state businesses.

Mr. President, I ask for an affirmative vote. 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-49

Alloway	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Baker	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Vulakovich
Blake	Gordner	Rafferty	Ward
Boscola	Greenleaf	Regan	White
Brewster	Haywood	Resenthaler	Williams
Brooks	Hughes	Sabatina	Yaw
Browne	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yudichak
Corman	Killion	Scavello	
Costa	Langerholc	Schwank	
Dinniman	Laughlin	Stefano	

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1209, HB 1216, HB 1239 and HB 1305 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1346 (Pr. No. 2167) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in burglary and other criminal intrusion, defining the offense of unlawful use of unmanned aircraft; and, in preemptions, prohibiting local regulation of unmanned aircraft.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I submit remarks for the record. I thank Representative Pyle for incorporating in his bill some of the language that I needed on drones and prohibiting them to fly over prison facilities, especially for the use when it comes to contraband. So, I will submit the rest of my remarks for the record.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator BOSCOLA:)

Mr. President, I am pleased to see this legislation finally win legislative approval. House Bill No. 1346 would provide much-needed regulation on the use of drones. I am also pleased to see that the bill includes my proposal to make it a third-degree felony to use an unmanned drone to deliver contraband to prison inmates. While the advent of drones offers many modern improvements and advancements, we must protect against the illicit use of this technology.

I introduced my bill following 2016 incidents in Maryland, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Ohio where prisoners plotted to use drone technology to plan escapes or receive illegal drug deliveries. My legislation was unanimously amended into Senate Bill No. 1323, which listed "critical" places and facilities where drones would be banned from filming or surveillance without consent. The list includes corrections facilities, power generation facilities, public safety or emergency operations facilities, military installations, hospitals, government-owned property, airports and heliports, refineries, chemical plants, and nuclear power plants.

This legislation recognizes the value of this advancing technology while instituting reasonable security constraints. I urge 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-49

Alloway	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Argall	Eichelberger	Martin	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	McGarrigle	Tomlinson
Baker	Folmer	McIlhinney	Vogel
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Vulakovich
Blake	Gordner	Rafferty	Ward
Boscola	Greenleaf	Regan	White
Brewster	Haywood	Resenthaler	Williams
Brooks	Hughes	Sabatina	Yaw
Browne	Hutchinson	Scarnati	Yudichak
Corman	Killion	Scavello	
Costa	Langerholc	Schwank	
Dinniman	Laughlin	Stefano	

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

HB 1499, HB 1539, HB 1550, HB 1613, HB 1885, HB 1886 and **HB 2133** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 2 and **HB 26** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 86 (Pr. No. 2583) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for prohibition on expenditures for emission inspection program.

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

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

HB 163 (Pr. No. 4053) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 4 (Amusements), 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for suspension of operating privileges of licensed drivers.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 255, HB 296, HB 298, HB 544 and **SB 575** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 701 (Pr. No. 1999) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to 812

Market, Inc., or its assigns, certain lands and improvements situate in the City of Harrisburg, Dauphin County.

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

BILL REREFERRED

SB 714 (Pr. No. 1888) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Career Readiness Council; and providing for its powers and duties.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 820, SB 917, SB 930, SB 931, HB 939, SB 963, HB 1152, SB 1199, SB 1253, SB 1254 and **SB 1259** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1284 (Pr. No. 3816) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the Pennsylvania Business One-Stop Shop within the Department of Community and Economic Development.

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

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

HB 1460 (Pr. No. 3626) -- 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, providing for nonparticipatory employer withdraw liability and further providing for actuarial cost method; in School Employees' Defined Contribution Plan, further providing for vesting; and, in administration and miscellaneous provisions, further providing for administrative duties of board, for payments to school entities by Commonwealth commencing with the 2019-2020 school year and providing for delinquent payments. In Title 71: for retirement for State employees and officers, in membership, credited service, classes of service and eligibility for benefits regarding administration of the State Employees' Retirement Fund, further providing for election to become a Class A-6 member or solely a participant in the plan and for eligibility for death benefits; in benefits, further providing for maximum single life annuity; and, in administration of funds, accounts and general provisions, further providing for administrative duties of the board.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1469 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1527 (Pr. No. 4055) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for persons required to report suspected child abuse.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 2050 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 2131 (Pr. No. 3592) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 1, 1945 (P.L.1242, No.428), known as the State Highway Law, in construction, improvement, maintenance and repair of State highways, providing for native vegetation along highways.

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

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 2297 (Pr. No. 4054) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 15, 2018 (P.L.22, No.9), entitled "An act designating a portion of State Route 2005 in Saxonburg Borough, Butler County, as the Chief Gregory B. Adams Way; designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 271 over US Route 22, Jackson Township, Cambria County, as the Trooper Gary Fisher Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 53 over US Route 22, Cresson Township, Cambria County, as the Corporal Robert J. Sherwood, Jr., Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on Segment 80 of State Route 2015, along Overbridge Street and over Railroad Street, Lilly Borough, Cambria County, as the Paul E. Sweeney Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of Avenue A over the Allegheny River, Coudersport Borough, Potter County, as the Commander Philip F. "Jet" Palmatier, Jr., Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of Sunnyside Road over the Oswayo Creek, Shinglehouse Borough, Potter County, as the PVT Malon Stanley Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of State Route 1001 in Greene Township, Franklin County, as the Lance Corporal Michael L. Freeman, Jr., Memorial Highway; designating a bridge on

that portion of State Route 533 over Muddy Run, Southampton Township, Franklin County, as the Private First Class Dana Edward Diehl Memorial Bridge; and designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1004 over the Conococheague Creek, Greene Township, Franklin County, as the Private Charles W. "Bill" Roher Memorial Bridge," further providing for Lance Corporal Michael L. Freeman, Jr., Memorial Highway; and providing for Cpl. Carl F. Hynek III Memorial Highway.

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

HB 2324 (Pr. No. 3612) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sexual offenses, further providing for evidence of victim's sexual conduct.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 2325 (Pr. No. 3497) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in depositions and witnesses, providing for procedures to protect victims and witnesses with intellectual disabilities or autism.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
Upon motion of Senator GORDNER, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 2489 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

RESOLUTION LAID ON THE TABLE

SR 104 (Pr. No. 796)

A Resolution urging the Governor to end the moratorium on new nonsurface disturbance natural gas drilling leases involving Commonwealth State forest land.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9, the requisite time for action having expired, the resolution was laid on the table.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 899 (Pr. No. 1906) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for older adults protective services and imposing penalties; and making a related repeal.

SB 1006 (Pr. No. 1694) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in consolidated county assessment, further providing for abstracts of building and demolition permits to be forwarded to the county assessment office.

SB 1073 (Pr. No. 1656) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), referred to as the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, further providing for disability benefits.

SB 1157 (Pr. No. 1819) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in Department of the Auditor General, providing for audits of Pennsylvania Statewide Radio Network.

SB 1176 (Pr. No. 1756) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in home rule and optional plan government, further providing for submission of question for election of government study commission and for limitation on enactment of ordinance or filing of petition.

HB 104 (Pr. No. 3818) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further providing for money of authority and for transfer of existing facilities to authority and providing for sale or transfer of authority water or sewer infrastructure.

HB 1294 (Pr. No. 2647) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for special plates for recipients of Purple Heart and providing for special plates for recipients of Legion of Merit; and, in lighting equipment, further providing for use and display of illuminated signs.

HB 1414 (Pr. No. 3204) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in other required equipment, further providing for visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles and for visual signals on authorized vehicles and providing for flashing or revolving yellow and white lights and for solid waste collection vehicles.

HB 1800 (Pr. No. 3681) (Rereported)

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

HB 1843 (Pr. No. 4082) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 72 (Taxation and Fiscal Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for budget and for financial transparency.

HB 2049 (Pr. No. 3127) (Rereported)

An Act providing for requirements for documentation of the need for an assistance animal or service animal in housing and for the offenses of misrepresentation of entitlement to assistance animal or service animal and misrepresentation of animal as assistance animal or service animal.

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in depositions and witnesses, further providing for admissibility of certain statements.

HB 2321 (Pr. No. 3495) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in depositions and witnesses, further providing for admissibility of certain statements.

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

SB 1153 (Pr. No. 1733)

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for unlawful devices and methods; and abrogating a regulation.

HB 582 (Pr. No. 618)

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, providing for a volunteer instructor license.

HB 1153 (Pr. No. 2085)

An Act amending Titles 30 (Fish) and 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fishing licenses, providing for active duty military fishing reciprocity and for disabled veteran annual fishing license reciprocity; and, in hunting and furtaking licenses, providing for active duty military hunting reciprocity and for disabled veteran annual hunting license reciprocity.

HB 1409 (Pr. No. 4073) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for resident license and fee exemptions and for license costs and fees; and making editorial changes.

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

HB 2154 (Pr. No. 3477)

An Act relating to conventional wells and the development of oil, gas and coal; imposing powers and duties on the Department of Environmental Protection; and providing for preliminary provisions, for general requirements, for underground gas storage, for enforcement and remedies, for related funds, parties and activities and for miscellaneous provisions.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SR 214 (Pr. No. 1255)

A Resolution urging Pennsylvania natural gas producers to export natural gas to European countries in an effort to curtail the natural gas monopoly that Russia has on the region.

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

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, BLAKE, BROWNE, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, SABATINA, TARTAGLIONE, BARTOLOTTA, GREENLEAF, MENSCH and RAFFERTY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 433**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2018 as "Vertebral Subluxation Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I submit my remarks for the record.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator BOSCOLA:)

Mr. President, I rise today to commend the healthcare professionals of the Chiropractic Fellowship of Pennsylvania with this resolution. Their efforts to educate the public on the importance of correcting spinal column issues called vertebral subluxations are very important. A vertebral subluxation happens when one or more bones of the spine move out of position, causing pain and other health problems. Chiropractors are the only licensed professionals who undergo years of training to learn how to properly correct and adjust these problems. We also heard this morning from some Pennsylvania chiropractors how their healthcare tactics can relieve chronic pain in many instances and avoid dependency on opioid prescriptions.

So thank you, Mr. President, for consideration of this resolution today.

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, SCHWANK, HUGHES, BAKER, ARGALL, COSTA, SCAVELLO, GREENLEAF, MENSCH, FOLMER, BROWNE, BARTOLOTTA, FONTANA, SABATINA, DINNIMAN and MARTIN, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 434**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2018 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, I rise today to talk about a medical issue that is near and dear to my heart. More than 300,000 Americans are living with spinal cord injuries, including 40,000 military veterans and thousands of Pennsylvanians. Every 48 minutes, another American becomes paralyzed from a spinal cord injury. That means that there will be close to 12,000 new spinal cord injury patients in the United States this year. This month offers us the opportunity to learn about spinal cord injuries, recognize the daily challenges encountered by injured people, and acknowledge the achievements of those Americans living with spinal cord injuries. I hope to raise awareness on this issue and improve access to treatments for individuals with spinal cord injuries.

Therefore, I ask you to please join me in recognizing September as "National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month" in the Commonwealth.

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.

Senator COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 435**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of October 21 through 27, 2018, as "Pro Bono Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, this resolution recognizes the week of October 21 through October 27 as "Pro Bono Week" in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, more than 100,000 low-income clients are served by attorneys throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at no-cost or low-cost services. More than 10,000 mortgage foreclosures have been addressed, and more than 12,000 domestic violence cases have been handled by pro bono attorneys in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, at the end of October, National Pro Bono Week will take place here in the United States and it is an opportunity to highlight the differences that attorneys provide throughout our communities across this Commonwealth but also across this country with respect to the pro bono work that they provide to various individuals across the country and the Commonwealth. So I am very, very happy to be able to stand here, and I thank my colleagues for joining me in supporting the resolution that recognizes October 21 through 27, 2018, as Pro Bono Week in Pennsylvania.

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.

Senator GORDNER, on behalf of Senator SCARNATI, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 436**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2018 as "Hunger Action Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, this resolution recognizes the month of September 2018 as "Hunger Action Month" in Pennsylvania. The studies show that there is a tremendous number of Pennsylvanians, including over 450,000 children, who do not necessarily know where their next meal is coming from. Luckily, around this great Commonwealth there are lots of food banks, community groups, and other efforts in order to address those needs. Whether it is churches, community organizations, or local civic groups, they work in order to make sure that folks do not go hungry on a daily basis.

I do want to mention that last night was a fun night for a lot of us. We had a ball game over at the park on City Island and the four Caucuses joined together in order to play a game. It started at 5:30, went 9 innings, and ended after 7:30. The final score was 10 to 8 but, really, the score was not that important. It was seeing people like Representative Paul Costa throwing pitches to Senator Jay Costa. It was efforts like the Majority Leader, Senator Corman, sliding into home base and bloodying up his leg so that he had to get some wrap around it today. But it was Democrats and Republicans; Pittsburgh, Philadelphia; it was rural, city; it was liberal, conservative, all playing together, all having a great time, all gathering and laughing for a great cause. It is amazing that over \$75,000 was raised last night as a result of that bipartisan effort.

When folks look at politics and get disgusted or upset with what is going on, I think that they see events like last night as a great example of how here in Harrisburg, how here in Pennsylvania, we are able to work together for causes that are important to all of us. So, thanks to all of the folks who participated, thanks especially to all of the organizations that supported that great effort to help, again, raise over \$75,000 to address this need, addressing the hunger that is out there and making sure that children and adults of all age have food on the table in order to meet that most basic need.

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, FARNESE, FONTANA, BLAKE, MARTIN, EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, SABATINA, BROWNE, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, BREWSTER, MENSCH, BAKER, HUGHES, SCHWANK, KILLION, AUMENT and RAFFERTY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 437**, entitled:

A Resolution designating October 2018 as "Audiology Awareness 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, hearing loss is a significant problem in this nation and this Commonwealth. Sixteen percent of Pennsylvanians have problems with hearing, not only older citizens, where hearing diminishes with age but also youngsters, some who are born with significant hearing disabilities. The first distribution of hearing aids took place in Pennsylvania at Pittsburgh General Hospital, and the development of audiology as a profession really also emerged in Pennsylvania at Deshon Hospital in Butler, PA.

So what we are saying today is that we are recognizing the hearing problems of many of our citizens. We are also recognizing the work of professional audiologists and the work that is being done in terms of research and in terms of resolving the hearing problems of so many of our citizens. We should note that what we really have to focus in on, if you talk to citizens across Pennsylvania, is the extreme cost, the expense of hearing aids. Most insurance plans, you know, do not include any reimbursement for hearing aids, even including plans that are fairly generous. So, we need to recognize this, recognize audiologists as a profession, and see what we can do to solve this problem of making sure that every citizen can have a hearing aid at a reasonable cost.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator DINNIMAN. 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 1153, HB 504, HB 582, HB 1013, HB 1153, HB 1228, HB 1386, HB 1409, HB 1843, HB 2075, HB 2154, HB 2157, HB 2205, and HB 2211.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

9:30 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bill No. 1069; and House Bills No. 1887, 1888 and 1889)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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10:00 A.M.	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (to consider Senate Bills No. 912, 1220 and 1237; and House Bills No. 122, 1532, 1829 and 1884)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 16, 110, 1084 and 1232; and House Bills No. 1811, 1936 and 2066)	Room 8E-A East Wing
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS Subcommittee on Health and Human Services and VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (joint public hearing on State Veterans Homes and the LIFE (Living Independently for the Elderly) Programs)	Room 8E-B East Wing
Off the Floor	LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider House Bill No. 1497)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
<u>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018</u>		
9:30 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (public hearing on invasive and native species)	Room 8E-B East Wing

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I will divide this remonstrance into two parts, one for today, which will be brief, and then we will continue tomorrow because of the lateness of the hour.

Let me say that the fundamental purpose of government, as we all know, is to protect the public safety and the health of citizens of this Commonwealth. Many of my constituents feel that what is happening with the Mariner gas line and the response of the PUC is one that their health and well-being is not protected. This is the major, most important issue that is occurring now in Chester and Delaware Counties. In fact, the citizens, in terms of social media and their groups, consist of about 60,000 people who have expressed concerns about this pipeline. It is not just the fact that the construction of the pipeline has resulted in sinkholes and that pipes have been dug up once they have been put in the ground because of difficulties, or that wells have been destroyed, it is a real concern based on the construction that has taken place and the problems of that construction of whether their health and safety of both themselves and their children are being protected through the actions of the PUC.

The citizens requested that a risk study be done. They asked the Governor for that risk study. The Governor said it was the responsibility of the PUC. The PUC has refused to do the risk study, so the citizens of my district and of other districts in Chester and Delaware Counties had to do a GoFundMe on the Internet to raise the money. They did it and they succeeded. Also, township after township has contributed money to this effort. It is really a tragedy when you think about it that when people look to the Commonwealth and look to the PUC for some protection, that they end up not having a risk study done and actually have to go to the Internet to fund it. And I must praise the local townships that have also contributed their funds to this effort.

The real concern right now, and the only one I want to talk about today, and I will talk about more in my remonstrance to-

tomorrow, is that of our schools. Do you know that there are 40 schools that are in what is called the blast zone or the thermal zone of this pipeline? Twenty of those schools, half of those schools, are either in Chester County or in Delaware County, the majority being in Chester County. Now, what is the problem? What is going on here? It is that when the PUC granted permission for this pipeline, it did so based on a 1930 letter of convenience, and it is that 1930s pipeline which is actually carrying the fluids. Now, the concern is that this is not natural gas that is going through the pipelines. These are called HVLs. These are the highly volatile liquids - propane and ethane and the other "anes." What happens is if there is a leak and there is a spark, a firewall gets created and it is very hard for anyone to escape that firewall. So when we have asked again and again and when our superintendents in the two largest districts in our county, Downingtown and West Chester, two of the largest districts actually in the Commonwealth, have written to State officials including the PUC and asked, what do we do? Do we evacuate? Do we stay in place? They do not receive an answer. The citizens, who want to protect their children, deserve an answer as to what the proper evacuation plans are and how to survive.

What the risk study that was done has shown is that there will be, in this pipeline, approximately two leaks a year. If that leak occurs in the middle of a rural area and there is a spark, some trees will burn, perhaps a barn might burn. But if that leak occurs in an urbanized area, as suburban Chester and Delaware Counties, and there is a spark, then a firewall gets created and then we risk the deaths of many, many people. What has occurred in Pennsylvania is this--there is no siting authority as to where intrastate pipelines can be located. In fact, neither the PUC nor anyone really asks many questions. So, understand the situation. When the original 1930 line and its easement were granted, Chester County and western Delaware County were farms. Now we have schools and shopping malls and dense populations. But they gave permission to build these pipelines carrying the HVLs in this easement that goes back to 1930. And if you are within a half-mile of the pipeline, and especially if you are within 1,000 feet of that pipeline, you are at risk.

Now, listen, I understand that pipelines are a better way to transmit natural gas and even HVLs than by train or by truck, but why would a State agency whose responsibility is to protect the health and welfare of the citizens grant Sunoco, which was bought out by a Texas company, grant them the right of eminent domain based on a 1930 letter of conveyance? And understand that by using HDD, that is horizontal drilling, they can build as many pipelines as they want; they only have to be 10 feet apart. They can be down 10 feet, 20 feet, 30 feet, whatever, as long as they are 10 feet apart vertically, and every time there is a new pipeline put in that the PUC says you can do, the risk increases for the people who are next to it. It is not only next to schools, it is next to our county library in Chester County, which has almost 600,000 people a year who use that facility. It is going next to malls and it is going next to nursing homes and elderly retirement communities. The truth of the matter is if a firewall occurs, you had better run like hell and be able to run a half-mile, and children cannot do that, and neither can many infirm adults who are in these nursing homes. It is wrong that we would subject our citizens to this type of possible damage and harm.

Now, all we ask for is this: if this is the situation, then what the PUC could, first of all, have asked the question, should we allow

these pipelines carrying HVLs in a 1930s easement? Should we have allowed this to occur adjacent to schools or malls and libraries and through suburban developments? But that question was never asked, nor did they feel any obligation to ask it. But even if you answered, yes, we know what we are doing, they could put in safety procedures. They could have insisted that there be an automatic safety valve before each school. They could have insisted that when it goes through areas which much of our county has that is made up of limestone, which sinks, and when we build buildings we put in extra borings for support, they could have insisted that those borings be put in. They could have insisted that every pipeline be inspected once a week in order to avoid possible damage to the schools and to these children, but that was not done. It is as if the PUC cared more about corporate profits than it did about the health and welfare of my constituents and constituents of Senator McGarrigle, Senator Rafferty, and Senator Killion, among others. So those of us in the southeast have come together. We put in a series of bills for regulations. These bills have gone nowhere in this Senate, but we will continue to fight for the safety of our citizens because this is the most important matter to them.

So, to summarize this way, my friends, if you are going to put a pipeline in an area where you should not in the first place, the least you can do is answer the school superintendents when they ask, what do we do? The least you can do is to come up with the types of plans and special provisions so that parents are not scared when their kids go to school every day. The least you can do is to recognize that the fundamental purpose of government is to protect the public health and welfare. And one other thing, Mr. President, there are 14 pipelines, large pipelines that carry HVLs in this nation, and the only one going through a densely populated suburban area is in Pennsylvania. The other States do not allow it to be done. Even the one going into Houston is going through an industrial area for this to take place.

So, I rise, Mr. President, and we will talk more about this tomorrow, to urge this body, let us have some regulations, let us protect our children and our citizens. Let us say to the PUC, you have a job to do, you are responsible for the protection of our citizens. Let us join with our Governor who says to the PUC, do a risk analysis, and for those who say this could not possibly happen, the pipeline of the same company exploded in Beaver County only 2 weeks ago and the PUC has still not put it on their Web site or announced what the cause was and what is going on. This is an agency that needs transparency and this is an agency that needs to stand up and protect the citizens of this Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

HOUSE MESSAGES

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 126**, in which concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

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

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to House amendments by further amending said amendments to **SB 172**, in which concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 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 6:18 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.