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**SENATE**

TUESDAY, January 29, 2019

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Reverend JOHN ERIC LAMB, of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Allentown, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, God of all people, we thank You for the beauty of the State of Pennsylvania that we call our home. Thank You for the rivers like the Allegheny, the Lehigh, the Delaware, the Susquehanna, the Schuylkill, and the Conodoquinet Creek. We thank You for mountains like the Alleghenies and the Poconos, and for the beautiful Appalachian Trail that goes through our State. We thank You for many small towns and cities, and we thank You for larger metropolises like Allentown, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia with their diversity of peoples and cultures. We thank You for the heritage established by William Penn of freedom and equality for all. We ask You to guide and inspire the Leaders in this room. Protect them, bless them, and make them blessings for the people of Pennsylvania, especially the most vulnerable. Make us all instruments of Your peace. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

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

January 29, 2019

Senators KILLION, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE, BREWSTER, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, FOLMER, KEARNEY, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL, SANTARSIERO, TARTAGLIONE, K. WARD, FARNESE and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 49**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and immunities, providing for civil immunity of person rescuing minor from motor vehicle.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, January 29, 2019.

Senators YAW, BROWNE, SCARNATI, BREWSTER, MENSCH, SCHWANK, KILLION, K. WARD, J. WARD, BOSCOLA, STEFANO and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 80**, entitled:

An Act providing for remediation of real property contaminated by methamphetamine production, for decontamination guidelines to be developed by Department of Health and for restitution; prohibiting certain activity relating to certain property; providing for enforcement; establishing immunity for real estate professionals under certain circumstances; and authorizing fees.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, January 29, 2019.

Senators HUGHES, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, BREWSTER, STEFANO, FONTANA, STREET, SCHWANK, GORDNER, MENSCH, KEARNEY, BAKER, K. WARD, WHITE, SANTARSIERO, BROWNE, PHILLIPS-HILL, TARTAGLIONE, KILLION, COSTA, YUDICHAK, SABATINA, BLAKE, COLLETT, FARNESE, L. WILLIAMS, LEACH, HAYWOOD and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 89**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, replacing references to "vocational" with "career and technical" and replacing references to "vocation" with "career and technical"; deleting references to vocational school districts; renaming the State Board for Vocational Education as the State Board of Career and Technical Education; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, January 29, 2019.

Senators KILLION, ARGALL, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BLAKE, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, COSTA, DINNIMAN, FOLMER, FONTANA, HAYWOOD, LANGERHOLC, LAUGHLIN, MARTIN, MENSCH, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, STEFANO, J. WARD and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 115**, 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.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, January 29, 2019.

Senators DiSANTO, BROWNE, ARGALL, AUMENT, FOLMER, HUTCHINSON, MARTIN, MENSCH, REGAN, STEFANO, K. WARD and WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 126**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, January 29, 2019.

**GENERAL COMMUNICATION**

**STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
PROPERTY REQUEST NO. 1 OF 2019**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
State System of Higher Education  
Office of the Chancellor  
2986 N. Second Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-1201

January 22, 2019

The Honorable Megan L. Martin  
Secretary of the Senate  
Pennsylvania State Senate  
462 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Ms. Martin:

Please accept this letter as a request for a resolution to authorize the disposal of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education’s real property and leasehold interest in real estate at the Chincoteague Bay Field Station located in Wallops Island, Virginia. The field station is owned and managed by the Marine Science Consortium, Inc., which has run the field station since 1970.

As members of the Consortium, many System universities have invested in the replacement of facilities. However, market conditions and enrollment in the field station activities have eroded to the point that the Consortium is currently marketing the facility for sale. The State System universities are seeking authority to sell their interest in the facility. As shown on the enclosed, the System owns six of the thirteen buildings on the site, or 70,000 square feet of the total 124,500 square feet of facilities. The total appraised value of the land and buildings is approximately \$9 million.

As required by Act 188 of 1982, this office requests that the required resolution to sell the System’s real property and leasehold interest be drafted and placed on the calendar for consideration by the General Assembly at the next opportunity. Questions concerning this request should be addressed to Ms. Jennifer Hoover, Director of Governmental Relations, at 717-720-4021.

Sincerely,

DR. DANIEL I. GREENSTEIN  
Chancellor

The PRESIDENT. This will appear on the Calendar as State System of Higher Education Property Request No. 1 of 2019.

**APPOINTMENT BY THE  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

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

Mr. Jonathan C. Kemmerley as a member of the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

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

**SB 113 (Pr. No. 58)**

An Act amending the act of July 8, 1978 (P.L.752, No.140), known as the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act, further providing for definitions, for disqualification and forfeiture of benefits and for restitution for monetary loss; and repealing a retroactivity provision.

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

**SB 9 (Pr. No. 43)**

An Act designating the Eastern hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis*) as the official amphibian of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**SB 26 (Pr. No. 5)**

An Act authorizing the release of Project 70 restrictions on certain lands owned by the Borough of Topton, Berks County, in exchange for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on other lands to be acquired by the Borough of Topton, Berks County.

**SB 130 (Pr. No. 92)**

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to release a use restriction and reversionary interest affecting certain real property situate partly in the Township of Mahoning and partly in the Borough of Danville, County of Montour.

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

**SB 127 (Pr. No. 90)**

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in 911 emergency communication services, further providing for telecommunications management and for fund, providing for Legislative Budget and Finance Committee review and further providing for termination of chapter.

**SB 128 (Pr. No. 91)**

An Act amending Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Department of Military Affairs, providing for Civil Air Patrol; and, in authority of Department of Transportation, further providing for authority of department.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Alloway, Senator Laughlin, and Senator Tomlinson.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Alloway, Senator Laughlin, and Senator Tomlinson.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Brewster.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**JOINT SESSION**

Senator CORMAN offered the following resolution, which was read as follows:

In the Senate, January 29, 2019

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Senate and House of Representatives meet in Joint Session on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 11:30 a.m., in the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of hearing an address by His Excellency, Governor Tom Wolf; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a committee of three, on the part of the Senate, be appointed to act with a similar committee on the part of the House of Representatives, to escort His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

A majority of 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.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
FAREWELL TO MEMBER**

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, certainly today I come to the podium with great honor and great gratitude to introduce one of our colleagues who has a very important announcement that he would like to share with all of us today. In his typical fashion, he could not wait until this afternoon. We have to do this in a special order of business so he can get in his car and head out. As a matter of fact, I think he has had his car running out on the plaza since this morning.

I had the opportunity to first meet one of my finest friends and colleagues a little over 18 years ago. I met Senator Don White at the Jefferson County Republican banquet when I was running for the 25th Senatorial District, and he was running for the 41st Senatorial District. We met at that banquet for the first time and I am sure he looked at me and figured I was not going to win, but I looked at him and I knew he was going to win. I knew that this man came and was running for office for all the right reasons. He was running not because he needed a job, he was not running because he was some political hack who was just looking to move up in the world, he was running because he wanted to do something great for his district and for Pennsylvania.

He came across that evening at the Jefferson County dinner, and I said to my wife at the time when I was leaving, I said this guy reminds me of John Wayne, and later did I find out he really is John Wayne. He really is bigger than life. He really does exhibit and have everything that all of us would like to be in life he has lived. I have had the opportunity to introduce many people on the Senate floor, opportunities to say good-bye to many people, but none is as bittersweet as this. Eighteen years in this arena. Imagine, 18 years in this arena. To come in as friends and classmates, and we are leaving as friends and classmates. So, in the words of Senator Don White, of all the people I have ever known, he is one of them. So please welcome Senator Don White for a few words.

(Applause.)

Senator WHITE. Thank you so much. This is a day that I knew was coming, just did not know when. I have been back and forth on this issue for the better part of a year. When I came here, I was 50 years old, but I felt like I was 30. I was full of energy, anxious to do a good job, but now I am 69, and I feel like I am 89. The only people still here who were younger than me when we came in are Jay Costa, Anthony Williams, Lisa Boscola, Jake Corman, Joe Scarnati, and Vince Hughes. Now Vince, I am not sure we came in at the same time, he looks the same as he did 20 years ago, so I am not sure if he is 40 or 80. Many good friends.

If you remember that time, this was truly a bald, white-haired, old white man's place. The average age was probably in excess of 62, and for somebody like myself, I said yesterday it was like walking into a personal care home. You had guys on oxygen tanks, and it was truly different. These were people who served unbelievably long terms here. My second day in office was my first rude awakening. Our newspaper room back there, I walked into where two older Senators were sitting, kibitzing, the light was on, the door was open, I walked in, grabbed my *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, sat down to read--they were both Republicans--the one looked up at me and said, young man, I do not remember you being invited into this conversation. That is a true story. It really happened.

I did not have many goals, I had no political experience, and did not know what to expect. I went down there with the idea of bringing attention to the 41st Senatorial District, which, in my

opinion, had become invisible over the last several decades. I knew I had to surround myself with great staff. I learned that in business, always surround yourself with smarter people than you, and, in my case, that was not necessarily so hard. I did not want to ever be put in a situation where I enriched myself, my family, or my friends, and most importantly of all, do no harm to the institution.

The memories, the votes that I made in the past, the pension vote. Here I was, I was here 3 months, this was March of 2001. We cast a vote on this floor to increase our pension basically by 50 percent. I remember being approached by our Leaders at the time who said, Don, we need you on this. I said, look, I promised back home I would never vote for a pay raise. This is not a pay raise. You can vote for this. When I said no, they said, okay, you sit in the back there, keep your mouth shut, and do not try to sway any votes. In those days, that is the way it was. A new guy, you sat there with your mouth shut, you listened and learned.

The gaming vote. You know, there were only seven of us at that time; there were seven Republicans who cast their votes in favor of gaming. We had a majority of 30 seats, and it was not received real well by our Leadership. They were not giving us any votes. Of the five, five of the "yes" votes were all getting casinos. Joe and I were the only two votes that were not getting casinos, and also really did not want one.

Of course, the pay raise. That was an abomination that I will take to my grave. We saw what the public had to say about it, quite clearly. Another experience that first year, I went to my Majority Leader at that time and I said, hey, I could really use a project back home, something I have been working on, this is my third year. This Leader turned to me and said, look, the jury is still out on you. For all we know, you are going to be a one-term wonder. Now, four elections later, three of which I was unopposed, I think I did okay. Any success that I had as far as bringing things home to the district that was needed I credit to Bob Jubelirer and this super Leadership team that I have now with Senator Scarnati, Senator Corman, and Senator Browne. They always had an ear for the needs of the 41st Senatorial District, and I will forever be grateful.

The debates we used to have on the floor that first term was the most exciting part of the day for me. Anytime Vince Fumo would walk in and take that coat off and undo the tie, you knew somebody over here was in deep crap because he never lost a debate that I have ever witnessed. The guy who used to sit right back there where John does, Barry Stout. Barry Stout was a legend, a legend in this Chamber for his unbelievable knowledge of transportation issues, but every budget year he would do a little show-and-tell. And for those of us who were here for Barry, he is looking down at us and he is still laughing.

I feel like I am probably the most unlikely Senator to ever sit in this Chamber. My only qualifications: I was a voter, strong voter, I was a veteran, proud veteran, and I was a pretty damn good businessman. I made six figures in my business every year from the time I was 29 years old, but during that time I wrote a lot of checks. A lot, but I would not give you 1 minute of my time, I did not want to be bothered. I did not want to run for school board, I did not want to go for borough council, I had no interest in politics whatsoever. In fact, I despised that profession.

I have had a great life. You know, my priorities were a little messed up. I have always said my priorities were my family, my

business, and golf. And sometimes I got those all mixed up. I missed a lot of time at home when my kids were young. That is why I so much admire all of you who have children at home and you can do this job and be a good Senator and be a good pap, too, or mother. That is an amazing feat. I did not have that issue. My daughter was already in college.

Memorial Day weekend of 1998 is the day my life changed. I had a pretty idyllic life up until then. My son, Ben, was 19 years old the day before he graduated from Kiski Prep and he was killed in a freak car accident. The driver fell asleep and drifted off the road. He lived about 7 hours and was an organ donor, something he signed up for himself when he was eligible to drive, and some people somewhere are walking around with a piece of Ben with them. I went into a deep funk, a very dark, dark place. I had people who meant well who said that God had a purpose for taking Ben. I did not find that consoling at all. I would tell them to take somebody else's 19-year-old son. My friends, after putting my head in a bottle and becoming as obscure as I could be and sitting for hours in dark rooms, not talking to anybody, my faith totally destroyed, and then to think of something that happened, 14 months later I am running for Senate. That would have never happened if somebody, a higher power, had not decided that this was where I was going to leave my mark, where I was finally going to give back, because there is no explanation for it.

On New Year's Eve of the millennium I called Christine Toretti, whom I have known since she was a little girl, Republican National Chairwoman, and I said, Christine, I am going to run. She said, run for what? It was supposedly a dead end being a Republican running in that district. A lot of people turned it down. Sam Smith, who was a 15-year Member of the House at that time, turned it down. He was on the threshold of being in Leadership in the House and he did not want to leave. He became Whip that very same year, and we all know the story after that, and he has been such a dear friend to me. This has been one quarter of my life, assuming I make it to 76.

I thank my staff, Marci Bowers, who has been gone now 5 years, it is hard to believe. She was one of the persons in the pool who I got to pick for my secretary. She worked for Senator Salvatore before me forever, and if it had not been for her, I do not know if I would have made it. She was an incredible warm blanket for me and gave me such an education. She knew everybody, and I cannot thank her enough. The rest of my staff, you know, I have never fired anybody in 19 years, mainly because I would always hand it off to Joe Pittman. He knew what I was looking for. Real public service, the people who did not come here just for a paycheck, and that was accomplished. Any accomplishments I made were due to a true team effort, with the help of my Leaders, but also back home. In 2000, my home county of Indiana, and also the district as a whole, we sat there waiting for something to fall in our lap. We really had very little economic activity or economic leadership, and that has changed, and those dedicated people made things happen.

I, in particular, remember like we all do, not the victories, but the defeats. I campaigned in 2000 on property tax reform. Never accomplished that. I was looking--Indiana is a tough place to get to unless you know where it is. I was campaigning on a four-lane, middle, limited-access road between Indiana and Kittanning. Even with Congressman Shuster I still could not get

it done. So many other things that we have debated back and forth that I have found out that politics is truly local. If we want to keep getting reelected, we have to represent the people who put us here.

I have made great friendships and I am, hopefully, leaving here with no enemies. Any advice from this humble servant is to remain humble. Remember, you are only as good as your last reelect, and those people back home need your attention. Respect one another. You know, this political environment we have today, whether it is D.C., not so much here yet, is very caustic, toxic, and it takes people to understand and respect one another if we ever hope to accomplish anything. My sincere thanks to all of you for making these 19 years the most fascinating and worthwhile years of my life. I love you all, and God bless you in this great, great Commonwealth. Thank you so much.

(Applause.)

### **GUEST OF SENATOR SCOTT F. MARTIN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce Ms. Casey Kaufhold, the daughter of Rob and Carole Kaufhold, to the Pennsylvania Senate and congratulate her for setting a new world record and ultimately winning the Women's Recurve division at the 2018 World Archery Indoor World Series GT Open in Luxembourg last November. While our Senate Chamber has become no stranger to the introduction of national champions representing our great Commonwealth, it is truly rare to have a world champion in our midst. As a freshman from Conestoga Valley High School in Lancaster County, Casey led her 17-and-under division from start to finish. While qualifying, she scored a 589 out of 600, which was not only the best score amongst all ages, it was a new world record for her division as well. Just for perspective, that means she hit 49 bull's-eyes out of 60 shots from nearly 20 yards away at a center target the size of a half-dollar. Casey ultimately went on to win the gold in a final winner-take-all shoot-off against a very talented individual from the Netherlands. She is now considered one of the top prospects for the United States Olympic team that will travel to Tokyo and compete in the 2020 games.

Mr. President, we are privileged to have such a talented individual from Lancaster County representing our nation and our Commonwealth. I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming and congratulating Casey Kaufhold on winning and setting new world records at the 2018 World Archery Indoor World Series GT Open.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Martin please rise so that we may give you our usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

### **STATEMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER**

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise and express congratulations from the Members on this side of the aisle, and certainly from all of our Members, but probably more importantly the old-

timers that Senator White referred to us as earlier. Certainly, over the years it has been a wonderful pleasure to work and understand the great work that Senator White has done in a number of ways. He and I have enjoyed a number of laughs together and a number of conversations over the years. As someone who attended IUP, I saw firsthand the work that he has been doing and has done on that campus to make the city of Indiana a great place to live and do the work that needs to be done there. There have really been two folks who are legendary in that county and on that campus especially, Senator Don White, the work that he has done for the past 19 years, but the person who served it before him, Senator Pat Stapleton, who I know you knew well, and the work that has been done. So those folks have had the benefit of having great representation for many, many years in that county and that area.

Probably where he is best known and really where he has made his mark, as he talked about wanting to make a mark in this space, was his work on the Committee on Banking and Insurance. I can tell you that he has been somebody, certainly, to whom we have all looked to receive guidance, appropriate guidance, with respect to matters along those lines. Certainly, we know of his work in the insurance field. He was always someone we looked to and worked with over the years to understand what was the right thing to do in that space and work closely with him toward that end.

A couple of things really stand out in my mind. He was integral in helping work with myself and some others when we in Allegheny County and southwestern Pennsylvania were working to resolve a UPMC/Highmark issue. As Senator White knows, he was a driving force that resulted in a consent decree that may or may not now be coming to a close, but we will see how that plays out in the next 6 months or so. But he was at the heart of making certain that we reach a consensus with the administration along those lines. And to the people in western Pennsylvania, it was very, very important.

There was one particular day I do recall, we would have frequent meetings in our conference room and one particular day it got heated between some of the folks. I threw everyone out of the conference room, including Don White, and Don White says to me, that is the first time I have ever been thrown out of an office. So, I take that with pride and honor. Thank you very much.

You are a good man, Senator White. When you think about folks who represent this body and this Chamber, you have been outstanding and we thank you on behalf of all our colleagues. Thank you for your service, and we look forward to continued good things to come to you as you move on. Thank you, Don.

### **LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

### **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 Lila Shelton, who is serving as my guest Page here today in the Capitol. Lila Shelton is a sixth grade student at Swiftwater Intermediate

School, where she plays trumpet in the school band, sings in the school chorus, and serves as a peer tutor. She is a 2-year member of the student government association, through which she enjoys participating in service projects that benefit the school and the community. Lila is also a Girl Scout Cadette and has been an active member of her dance competition team for many years.

Lila enjoys traveling and learning about other countries and cultures. Over the past couple years, Lila has had the opportunity to visit fascinating sites in Great Britain, Cuba, and Iceland, and looks forward to more international travel in the future. She also loves visiting National Parks in the United States and has a nice collection of stamps in her National Park Passport book and many Junior Ranger badges. In addition, she is a two-time winner of her school's National Geographic Bee.

Although she would do well in international relations, Lila's true passion lies in mathematics and other STEM fields. Lila participates on math competition teams for her school, and last summer she attended Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, where she was the recipient of the camp's top individual award, the Right Stuff Award, which is given to a trainee who shows the same perseverance, drive, and leadership of the early space explorers and test pilots. Lila would one day love to study at MIT and work as a mathematician for NASA. I have had numerous guest Pages, but no one has ever asked me, Mr. President, what committees do I serve on? And Lila asked me that today. Please join me in giving Lila Shelton, her father, Clark, her mother, Tania, and her brother, Jasper, a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Scavello please rise so that we may give you our usual warm welcome. (Applause.)

#### **GUESTS OF SENATOR KIM L. WARD PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Westmoreland, Senator K. Ward.

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, it is a great pleasure and honor for me to introduce a young man who has accomplished an extraordinary feat. Alexander Eddy is here today with his dad, A.J.; his mom, Dana; and his sister, Sophia, and they are sitting here on the floor. Xander is a fourth grade student at Sunset Valley Elementary School in North Huntingdon. He began taking karate lessons at the age of 4 and is now the youngest American ever to win the Panamerican Kickboxing Championship. This past October, Xander won the gold medal in the male open weight 9-year-old category for Team USA during the World Association of Kickboxing Organization's Panamerican Championships, which were held in Riviera Maya, Mexico. Is that not great? I mean, can you imagine? That is an unbelievable feat. He dominated the Panamerican Championships in six rounds against the top-ranked athletes from Chile, Puerto Rico, and Mexico and defeated a competitor from Guatemala to earn the open weight class title. Two months before the tournament he suffered a potentially career-ending injury. Through tenacity and extra training, he was able to make a full recovery in time for the tournament. In his spare time he enjoys fishing, playing video games, and spending time with his friends.

He also has his sister, Sophia, here, who likes to sing and play basketball. I want you to keep your eye out in years to come as

this young man continues to break the mold, and you are going to say someday, I met him here. Thank you so much for being here.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Ward please rise so that we may give you our usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

#### **GUESTS OF SENATOR PATRICK M. BROWNE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I rise to thank and ask for the Senate to welcome our pastor for today, Pastor John Eric Lamb. Pastor Lamb is the leader of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Allentown, and has been for 11 years. He is a graduate of Houghton College in New York, and he received his master's of divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. He is also joined today by his wife, Dr. Maritza Robert.

In the gallery with the pastor's wife are three outstanding students from Allen High School who are also refugees from Afghanistan who are in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. Please give Pastor Lamb, his wife, and our outstanding students in the gallery a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Browne please rise so that we may give you our usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Senators BARTOLOTTA, BROOKS, PHILLIPS-HILL, LANGERHOLC, FOLMER, BREWSTER, MARTIN, FONTANA, YAW, SCHWANK, J. WARD, BAKER, COSTA, KILLION, K. WARD, HUGHES, AUMENT, BROWNE, VOGEL and STREET, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 10**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of January 2019 as "National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, human trafficking is a pervasive, worldwide problem that impacts nearly every community across our nation, including communities right here in this Commonwealth. It is a form of modern-day slavery in which human beings are controlled and exploited for profit. Perpetrators use force, fraud, and coercion to manipulate and establish control over individuals who are being trafficked for labor and sex every day. Many victims of human trafficking are subjected to psychological manipulation until they develop loyalty to their traffickers. In other cases, victims may have children or loved ones whose lives are threatened if they do not comply with their trafficker's demands. Everyone is familiar with the drug trafficking epidemic, but in instances of drug dealing, dealers must constantly procure their product. However, in sex trafficking, a victim is a never-ending supply of profit to their trafficker.

Human trafficking is one of the fastest-growing criminal enterprises in the world. According to the U.S. State Department, 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders every year, of which 80 percent are female, and half of them are children. In 2018, 127 human trafficking cases were reported in Pennsylvania alone. During that time, approximately 5,147 cases were reported nationally, 3,718 of those were sex trafficking and 602 were labor trafficking. Just last year at this time I was able to bring to our State Capitol Lance Tracy from Los Angeles, who was the writer and director of the film *Relentless*, which tells the story of a mother who discovers a trafficking ring while looking for her kidnapped daughter. With the group, Dawn Adams from Abolish Slavery also joined us for a private showing of the film and to help raise awareness of human trafficking right here in Pennsylvania.

Thankfully, efforts are underway to dismantle trafficking networks and help survivors to rebuild their lives. I applaud my colleagues, particularly in this Chamber, who have been working to draw awareness to the issue and are fighting to stop human trafficking which is plaguing innocent victims. For these reasons, I stand here today and recognize the month of January 2019 as "National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month" and ask my colleagues to join me in support of this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators MENSCH, BROWNE, BROOKS, YAW, DINNIMAN, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, FONTANA, K. WARD, FOLMER, BARTOLOTTA, SANTARSIERO, PHILLIPS-HILL, BAKER, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, ARGALL, HUGHES, KILLION, COSTA, VOGEL, AUMENT, J. WARD, HUTCHINSON, BLAKE and BOSCOLA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 11**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of January 1 through 7, 2019, as "First Responder Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, today I rise to offer this resolution designating the week of January 1 through 7, 2019, as "First Responder Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, every day thousands of Pennsylvanians benefit from the brave and courageous service of our first responders across the Commonwealth. The police, fire, emergency medical service, and public health personnel, who are commonly known as first responders, work tirelessly and selflessly for the citizens of Pennsylvania regardless of any personal peril or hazard that they could face. First responders make many personal sacrifices in order to keep the Commonwealth safe, and sometimes make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty to insure the well-being of the citizens of Pennsylvania. Mr. President, these men and women must be honored the first week of the year to show our

renewed respect, appreciation, and gratitude for those who carry out the critical role of protecting and insuring public safety for all of us.

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 BOSCOLA, COSTA, HUGHES, BROWNE, FONTANA, FARNESE, SCHWANK, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, FOLMER, KEARNEY, KILLION, MARTIN, TARTAGLIONE and WHITE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 12**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of January 2019 as "National Blood Donor 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, "National Blood Donor Month" has been observed in January since 1970 with the goal of increasing blood donations during the wintertime, one of the most difficult times of the year to collect enough blood to meet patients' needs. During the winter months, inclement weather often results in cancelled blood drives, seasonal illnesses like the flu, and some donors are temporarily unable to donate. Every 3 seconds there is a patient in need, and just one unit of blood can save several lives. Just one unit, several lives. Victims of trauma, surgery patients, and organ transplant recipients all need blood to stay alive. Despite achievements in research and technology, there is no medical substitute or replacement for human blood. Over 50 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to volunteer for blood donations, but only 5 percent actually do. We need to jump up that number.

Finally, I know that volunteer opportunities are abundant statewide to assist with American Red Cross blood drives, so we hope that people will volunteer at these facilities as well. It is a great opportunity for us as citizens to help our community members in the most notable of ways. As we look to the rest of the winter months and beyond, we must raise awareness through public education and outreach; it is key to the long-term success for our blood banks and statewide centers and the giving back to our community that it gets out there that we need each other, so this is a good way of doing it.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

## BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.  
The bills were as follows:

**SB 9, SB 26, SB 113, SB 127, SB 128 and SB130.**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY**

The following announcement was read by the Secretary of  
the Senate:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Committee Policy Update and Senate Bill No. 113)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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**PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES**

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about  
an issue that I have been working on since the last legislative  
term, I know it is an issue that has garnered significance  
around the country, and that is net neutrality. When I think  
about net neutrality, for me it is like a lot of issues in public  
policy. I think it sort of impacts on education, and it also im-  
pacts on economics. So, let us start with the education piece.  
In today's classrooms and homes, children use tablets and  
computers to research and complete school assignments. In my  
district alone, I have at least one science academy where they  
hardly use any paper at all. When the kids come in, they start  
off immediately with a tablet and use it throughout their entire  
time in school - assignments, homework, whatever it is. If we  
allow net neutrality to continue, if we do not roll it back, then  
we will start to harm our children's education, and that, for me,  
Mr. President, is the starting point on this very important pro-  
gressive issue, but I think it is an issue that transcends party  
lines.

If companies can limit children's Internet access based upon  
their ability to pay, their socioeconomic status, then we will  
essentially have created another system of the haves and have  
nots. In this Chamber, we talk a lot about equality and making  
sure everyone is on an equal playing field. We see it, and  
rightfully so, that equality is a keystone for someone to pull  
themselves up by their bootstraps, and it gives our citizens a  
better way to gain education and understanding of literally  
what goes on in each and every one of our lives on a daily ba-  
sis. If we begin to pare that back and limit educational oppor-  
tunities based upon who can afford and who cannot to utilize  
one of the greatest, most widely used educational devices of  
the modern age, which is the Internet, and access to it, we can-  
not create yet another layer of unfair treatment upon a system,  
Mr. President, that we already know does not treat our chil-  
dren fairly across the State.

How do we solve that problem? Well, States across the  
country have responded in a variety of different ways. Some  
have passed legislation and some have issued executive or-  
ders. Last year, with the support from several of my col-  
leagues, I introduced Senate Bill No. 1033. Under this bill, no  
State agency may enter into business with an Internet service  
provider, or an ISP, that does not adhere to net neutrality rules.  
In other words, throttling content and charging fees for access-  
ing different content. Think about that. No State agency can  
enter into business with an ISP that does not agree to adhere to  
those principles. Legislation has been introduced, Mr. Presi-  
dent, in 30 States. Four States - Washington, Oregon, Califor-  
nia, and Vermont - have passed and enacted such legislation.  
In addition to banning ISPs from blocking or slowing Web  
content, the Washington law prohibits ISPs from speeding up  
apps and services in exchange for money from developers and  
Web site owners.

There is another way we can do this. Another way we can  
do this, and it has been executed by other States, some very  
close to us, and that is by executive order. Executive orders  
have been issued by the governors of Hawaii, New Jersey,  
New York, Montana, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Executive  
orders, quite simply, require the ISP, or the service providers,  
to abide by net neutrality standards if they are going to do  
business with the State. If they are going to do business with  
the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, then we think, I think,  
and many people across this Commonwealth and across this  
country, Mr. President, think that they should abide by those  
principles and keep the level playing field that we now have.

I care very deeply about this and my constituents, Mr. Presi-  
dent, care very deeply about this. So on January 25, almost a  
year ago, on January 25, 2018, I wrote a letter to Governor  
Wolf asking him to implement an executive order that incor-  
porates the provisions of my legislation and the executive or-  
ders implemented in six States. I did that because I believed,  
or at least I thought I believed, that Governor Wolf would  
want to join the list of those governors who have issued execu-  
tive orders to preserve and encourage companies to keep the  
Internet free, to keep it fair, and keep it equal. Now, when and  
if I get a response from Governor Wolf, it is my hope that it  
will encourage my colleagues to look at my net neutrality  
cosponsorship memo that will be distributed later this after-  
noon. I encourage you to give strong thoughts to the equality  
that this bill will give to Pennsylvanians in every corner of the  
Commonwealth.

There is a difference, Mr. President, between governing and  
running for office. When you get the job, you have to begin to  
do the job, and that is governing; sometimes making decisions  
that are quite difficult for you that you may not want to make,  
and take a position on issues that may not be what you want to  
do but you know it is the best thing to do for the people you  
represent. That is why I wrote a letter over a year ago on an  
issue that is not just important to me, but it is important to the  
over 200,000-some people whom I represent. They deserve to  
hear from me, and they deserve to hear from the Governor on  
this issue.

If educational equality, Mr. President, is not enough to  
sway you to support the bill, then think about the economics.  
Net neutrality, at its core, is really about fairness and about



keeping the level playing field that we have right now, equal access to the Internet, equal access to those educational opportunities that our kids across the Commonwealth, and, frankly, across the country, access each and every day, all day long. It gives startups in garages the same access to Internet service as the multinational, billion-dollar tech companies. Without net neutrality, we may curb the entrepreneurial spirit and innovation of current tech giants such as Amazon, Google, Facebook, and Twitter. Even worse, we might very well discourage that next tech company, that next CEO of that tech company, when she decides where to put her business, she decides to go to a State like New York, or New Jersey, or the others I mentioned that have net neutrality, and we do not.

So, when you look at this issue, Mr. President, it boils down to almost every issue that we discuss in this Chamber day in and day out - economics and education. I truly hope that as we move forward in this legislative term that we can have a discussion about net neutrality and, at the very least, understand where folks are on the issue. Do you support or do you not support? The people I represent, Mr. President, are waiting for an answer, and I intend to give it to them.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, it is snowing outside. Have you noticed? I was going to wait until tomorrow to deliver this remonstrance, but because it is snowing outside, this is so apropos. I rise to ask for swift passage of Christine's Law. This legislation unanimously passed the Senate last Session and requires all drivers to remove snow and ice from their vehicle's rooftop before they enter our roadways. Senator Laughlin is joining me this Session on introducing this bill, and I am glad he is joining me.

I introduce this bill in response to a tragedy that occurred 13 years ago, and I have been fighting ever since. On Christmas day 2005, Christine Lambert and her family were driving through Carbon County to visit her parents. Tragically, she never made it because an 8-inch chunk of ice dislodged from a tractor trailer traveling toward the vehicle, flew through the air, smashed through the windshield, and killed her instantly with her family in the car. The truck driver never stopped. He likely did not even know what happened.

Mr. President, I was reminded of the hazard of dislodged snow and ice again last week. There was a near miss, almost the same as Christine Lambert, a gentleman this time, from Clarks Summit. Eerily similar to Christine Lambert, he was sitting as a passenger in a car driven by his wife and a chunk of ice dislodged from a truck traveling the opposite way on I-80 and crashed through the windshield. With more and more trucks on the road traveling our highways in Pennsylvania, these incidents are occurring a lot more often. In reading the press on the most recent incident on I-80, you should see the amount of people who have told me about their experiences on our roadways with dislodged ice, dislodged snow, cracking windshields, getting into accidents trying to avoid an icy missile, and it goes on and on. I have had three incidents. I have been in the Senate for 20 years now, and I can recall three incidents: one where it broke my windshield, one where it hit the rearview side mirror outside the car, and another where I swerved to avoid and I kind of damaged another vehicle.

Mr. President, our laws should do everything possible to encourage people to remove snow and ice from their vehicles when they are on our roadways. More importantly, Mr. President, our law enforcement officers should be empowered to step up and stop a vehicle with dangerous ice and snow before something unthinkable happens. I am asking for a proactive law here. I am proud that many businesses, by the way, have been independently installing scraper systems to insure their vehicles, when they leave their buildings, are ice and snow free. In fact, when I introduced the bill 12 years ago, Coca-Cola was the first business in the Lehigh Valley to install their own scraper system on their own. They felt it was the right thing to do, and they used scrap metal to do it. Mr. President, by passing this law, I am optimistic that more businesses will follow suit, install scraper systems, but I am more convinced that we need a law that stresses the importance of clearing it, just like our neighbors in New Jersey did. They have a law on the books. Other States in the northeast have laws on the books. I think we should do this as well.

Just today, Mr. President, I read another article from *The Daily Item* which featured a story on the dangers of ice missiles--they even call them ice missiles, I think they took that from me when I was talking about this 12 years ago--ice missiles flying from vehicles. The story highlights how the State of New Hampshire enacted Jessica's Law. Jessica Smith was killed in a tragic manner, just like Christine Lambert was killed, by ice falling off a tractor trailer, triggered the collision, and resulted in her death. How many more people have to die? I just want to know this. The New Hampshire legislation considers a driver negligent for not taking the time to clear all ice and snow off their vehicle. By the way, Mr. President, this law passed in 2002. Come on, Senate; come on, House. Let us get with it. States in northeast North America are taking the necessary steps to keep their drivers safe. It is time Pennsylvania does the same thing. Pass a law. Emphasize the position that driving with snow and ice on your vehicle is not only dangerous and deadly, but I want to make it illegal.

So let us face it, this is not about putting a law on the books. I am not trying to hassle anybody. Whenever you put a law on the books, sometimes it is about awareness, sometimes it is about education. A police officer would be able to stop a vehicle that was dangerous, issue a ticket or maybe not. Just like when you are speeding, he or she has the discretion whether to give you a ticket. The same would happen in this instance. It is a commonsense proposal to protect motorists and their passengers from a tragedy that is completely, completely unavoidable.

So I am confident we can take swift action with this bill. It is Senate Bill No. 114 of this Session. I know the Senate will pass it, I am confident in that. They did it before, but it is going to the House of Representatives. Why I am doing this remonstrance today is to plead with the House of Representatives, and then if they pass it, to the Governor that he signs this bill.

Thank you, Mr. President.

## RECESS

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

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Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, January 30, 2019, at 10 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 2:19 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.