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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Ms. DEANA WEAVER, of the Dillsburg Area Freethinkers, Dillsburg, offered the following prayer:

I am so honored to be your Senate guest Chaplain once again. This morning I strive to invoke your higher aspirations for the good of the people you have been elected to serve. Invocations for governmental Sessions such as this are an American tradition designed specifically with the intent to provide this very moment to breathe, to center yourself, and to acknowledge that your role, your legislation is not about the power of governance. We, the people, have no Caesar. You are honored public servants in a democracy that historically works to achieve equality, and we, the people, recognize that our government's definition of equality has progressed and broadened throughout history to include and protect more and more of us.

So we pray. We pray that the one principle that this great experiment of American democracy has taught us is that we are so much better when we work together in a spirit of inclusion. So we pray, we pray for this democracy of the people, by the people, and for the people. We pray for our government to serve all people equally.

Let us pray.

May you choose the health, safety, and welfare of your constituents over the seduction of personal or political gain. May you find the courage to make wise decisions, having accepted this heavy burden of responsibility, putting aside personal and political differences to serve all constituents equally. May the guiding authority of your choice provide to you the willingness to work together for the good of we, the people, you serve in our still less than perfect union. This is our prayer.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Ms. Weaver, who is the guest today of Senator Regan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of January 16, 2019, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of January 16, 2019.

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

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

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

YEA-45

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR 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 from the 46th Senatorial District. They are students from Penn State University Park and Penn State Beaver campus, and they are seated in the gallery. These

students, along with alumni, employees, and supporters, are here for Penn State Capitol Day. Since 2001, Penn Staters have gathered in the Capitol Building to show their support for Penn State. This is the university's largest single-day advocacy event. Hundreds from the Penn State community met with their elected officials and shared their stories of why the university is so unique and valuable to Pennsylvania. It is an honor to have these students with us. Penn State Beaver undergraduate students include Lizzie Begley, majoring in anthropology with an interest in studying food systems; Sara Ruiz, majoring in criminology; and Cindy Chen, majoring in accounting.

Penn State University Park undergraduate students include Myles Cramer, majoring in science; David D'Antonio, majoring in political science with a minor in business law; Synthea Hairston, majoring in science; Nicholas Karafilis, majoring in recreation, park, and tourism management; and Anthony Stem, majoring in political science.

These students are joined by Kristen Doerschner, director of campus relations, and Colleen Sherman, director of campus development at Penn State Beaver. We are...Penn State.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in giving my guests a very warm Senate welcome.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR WAYNE LANGERHOLC PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to rise today to recognize a special group of young ladies, the Central Cambria High School Girls' Cross Country Team. The Red Devils were crowned State champions in November, earning their fifth Class AA State cross country title. They won three State titles from 2017 to 2019, one in 2014, and this, their fifth, this past November. This is their 13th district title in a 14-year span. They are dedicated, committed, hardworking, and have gained the reputation in the community as the gold standard for running. Randy Wilson, their head coach, is to be commended for what he has cultivated in the Ebensburg area, as his runners have earned numerous accolades. He is joined by assistant coaches Tim Miller and Jeff Dick. Freshman Stella Kuntz, the District 6 champion, led the way at the championships. She was joined by freshman Abby Walwro and Faith Wilson, and sophomores Anna Dill and Ella Vrabel, as well as senior runners Paige Wess, Grace Gerlach, and Kacy McKeel. As a runner myself, I know firsthand the benefits this lifelong sport can provide. These young ladies, through their coaches, have instilled the foundation for success in whatever path they choose.

I ask my colleagues in the Senate to give our traditional warm welcome to the State champions, Central Cambria High School Girls' Cross Country Team.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN R. GORDNER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I also have a State championship team to recognize and I am proud to have the Millville Quakers here. I am not sure that we have too many teams whose nickname are the Quakers, but with our history, it is great to have them. This team won their school's first-ever State championship. So, they will be known, as I mentioned to them, 50 years from now for winning their first State championship. I remember that Friday in December, actually sitting at home watching on PCN, it was a snowy day, at least it snowed beforehand, and they actually had to clear the snow off of the fields in order for them to play. They competed against Avonworth, who previously was undefeated, and they ended up winning 2-0 to complete their season with a record of 22-2. Goals were scored by Eli Klinger and Griffin Bower, and a shutout was posted by their goalkeeper Landon Evans. Both of my kids played soccer back in the day, and while the goalkeeper's position is very important, I know that it is the defenders who play the defense who are as important in making sure that folks do not even get to the goal to make an attempt. They are coached by Anthony Preston. Again, they had a great season. I think there are eight seniors, so they have a good amount of players who will be returning again next season. So, again, for the first State championship in their school's history, I am proud to have the Millville Quakers PIAA Class A Boys' Soccer Champions.

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

(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, I rise to recognize a team of talented young women athletes who are seated in the Senate gallery today. They are the Greensburg Central Catholic High School Girls' Golf Team, 2018 PIAA Class AA Girls' Team Golf Champions. That is wonderful. We have had so many great women's teams of champions here this week. After finishing second in the PIAA State Golf Tournament 3 years in a row, the Centurions won the State title with a score of 250-252 against Sewickley. This team is unique in that three of its players are sisters, and as anyone who has kids may understand sibling rivalries, it is important to note that these young ladies worked hard together with all of their teammates to secure the win. They are the Zambruno sisters. Abby is a senior, and freshmen Meghan and Ella, along with their teammates Hanna Norton, a senior; Angelika Dewicki, a sophomore; and teammates Julia Boyle, Oliva Kana, and Madi Pisula worked hard together to achieve this victory. Under the expert guidance of head coach Gerry Police, the team is to be commended for their commitment to excellence and teamwork.

I also recognize Ben Althof, principal of Greensburg Central Catholic High School, and Daniel Mahoney, the athletic director,

who are also seated in the gallery along with the team and many members of the team's family who made the trip to Harrisburg. Today I ask for a warm welcome from the Senate to congratulate these great student athletes, their coaches, and their families. I am so glad you are all here and I am so proud to represent you. Thank you.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT B. MENSCH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, today it is my pleasure to introduce some guests from Riegelsville in Bucks County in the heart of my district. I introduce Mr. Robert Parash and his wife, Karen. Bob has lived in Pennsylvania his entire life. He worked in a paper mill for 36 years and, after the mill closed, he continued working at Walmart for an additional 21 years. So if you do the math, 36 plus 21, 57 years is almost a career. He plans to retire this summer, though. Bob also served in the Navy for 4 years, and he is currently the commander of American Legion Post 399 in Quakertown, Pennsylvania. Bob's wife, Karen, has worked at Doylestown Hospital for the past 43 years. She also spends a lot of time volunteering at their church.

Accompanying Bob and Karen today are their daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Kristopher Paul, who recently moved back to Pennsylvania after being stationed in California for 13 years. Kristopher serves with the United States Air Force. Both are graduates of Delaware Valley University. Kris is a Technical Sergeant in the United States Air Force, and Wendy is a marketing coordinator for an Israeli-based water filtration company.

Mr. President, please join me in welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Parash and Mr. and Mrs. Paul. Thank you.

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

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR JOHN M. DiSANTO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator DiSANTO. Mr. President, I rise to introduce Kamor Schue, who is shadowing me today. Kamor Schue is a Lower Dauphin High School junior in Hummelstown. His interests include politics, video games, movies, and music. He plans to attend college soon, and he accompanied me today on our marijuana presentation from the State of Colorado, which both of us found very interesting. So please join me in giving a warm Senate welcome to Kamor Schue. Thank you.

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

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

GUESTS 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 Kurt and Chloe Kondrich, as well as Mikayla Holmgren, to the Pennsylvania Senate in honor of the unanimous consent resolution I intend to offer in a few moments. The resolution will recognize tomorrow, March 21, as "World Down Syndrome Day" in Pennsylvania. These two young women have each helped to pave the way for the millions of people living with Down syndrome. Many of you in this body remember Chloe and her father, Kurt, from their efforts in helping to pass Chloe's Law. You may also recognize Chloe from her appearances in the regional Emmy award-nominated television show, *Facing Life Head-On*. The Kondrich family has been tireless advocates for the Down syndrome community, and this path has even led them all the way to the White House and the United Nations.

Today, Chloe brought a special friend with her all the way from Minnesota, Mikayla Holmgren. The two met while advocating for those with Down syndrome at the United Nations, of all places. Mikayla was the first woman with Down syndrome to compete in a Miss USA pageant back in 2017, and she ended up winning both the Spirit of Miss USA Award as well as the Director's Award that year. She has said that she wants the whole world to see that she can do things that are hard and that people with Down syndrome are beautiful and talented.

I am honored to introduce Kurt, Chloe, and Mikayla, and I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in welcoming and congratulating these amazing individuals for all of the inspiring work that they do for the Down syndrome community.

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

(Applause.)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators MARTIN, AUMENT, K. WARD, ARGALL, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, PHILLIPS-HILL, LANGERHOLC, BAROLOTTA, FOLMER, VOGEL, KILLION, HUTCHINSON, FONTANA, SCHWANK, J. WARD, MENSCH, TARTAGLIONE and HAYWOOD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 44**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 21, 2019, as "World Down Syndrome Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, every year around the globe, March 21 is recognized as World Down Syndrome Day, and I am proud to once again help to shine a light on the countless inspiring acts and deeds of the roughly 6 million individuals living across the world with Down syndrome.

With early intervention, therapies, quality education, and support from families and their communities, individuals with Down syndrome adapt and thrive. Some of the best examples of this are Chloe and Mikayla, who are here with us today. Aside from these two amazing people, we have individuals who have gone on to become fashion designers, lobbyists, accomplished musicians, teachers, leaders of nonprofits, small business entrepreneurs, and the list goes on and on. They prove every day that nothing is impossible, and they have achieved things that some of us only dream of doing.

Individuals with Down syndrome have contributed to our lives in so many ways, and by designating tomorrow, March 21, as World Down Syndrome Day in Pennsylvania, I hope to help honor them as they deserve.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I rise in support of the resolution offered by my friend and colleague from Lancaster County designating March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day here in Pennsylvania. This resolution lends our collective voice as a Commonwealth to join with other States in the nation, as well as other countries, in recognizing not only the challenges, but also the incredible achievements, of people living with Down syndrome. We are saying as a body today that every individual who is living with Down syndrome has the full support that they need to live their life to the fullest and that they are equal with every other member in society.

This resolution is particularly special to me, Mr. President. I am the proud aunt of an amazing and strong young lady who is living with mosaic Down syndrome, and she is a rare gem indeed, because only 2 percent of the people with Down syndrome have mosaicism. Her fighting spirit and compassion for empowering others who share similar challenges is an inspiration to all of us, especially her aunt, when I see her on a surfboard.

Today, we say a life with Down syndrome is a life worth living, and as a body we have said yes to empowering individuals, we have said yes to giving those individuals a voice, and we have let the whole world know we want to see those with Down syndrome thrive and succeed in today's society. Mr. President, I thank my friend from Lancaster County for sponsoring this important resolution, and I am grateful for my colleagues' affirmative vote.

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.

CALENDAR

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 113 (Pr. No. 398) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 113?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 113.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

Senator DiSANTO. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 113. This legislation forfeits the pensions of public officials and public employees who are convicted or plead guilty or no contest to any criminal offense committed through their public employment that is classified as a felony or punishable by a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years. For far too long these criminal employees have exploited a loophole whereby they plead guilty to a nonpension-forfeiture felony so they can keep a pension. Over the past 10 years, State retirement boards have identified potentially hundreds of such instances. It is obvious to me and all the honest, hardworking citizens of Pennsylvania that law breakers violating the public trust should not receive lifetime pension benefits from taxpayers.

I thank both the House and Senate for their prompt action on my legislation, as well as the bipartisan support it has received from Republicans and Democrats. Passing this bill today is a significant step forward for government reform. We are sending a clear message for the people of Pennsylvania that we are serious about restoring public trust in government. I ask again for an affirmative vote. Let us now send this bill to the Governor for his signature.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

YEA-44

Argall	Costa	Langerholc	Scavello
Aument	Dinniman	Laughlin	Stefano
Baker	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Bartolotta	Folmer	Martin	Tartaglione

Blake	Fontana	Mensch	Tomlinson
Boscola	Gordner	Muth	Vogel
Brewster	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Brooks	Hughes	Regan	Ward, Kim
Browne	Hutchinson	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H
Collett	Kearney	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Corman	Killion	Scarnati	Yudichak

NAY-0

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

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

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILLS RECOMMITTED

SB 234 (Pr. No. 198) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 235 (Pr. No. 199) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 236 (Pr. No. 200) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 237 (Pr. No. 201) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 238 (Pr. No. 202) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 239 (Pr. No. 203) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 240 (Pr. No. 204) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 241 (Pr. No. 205) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 242 (Pr. No. 206) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 243 (Pr. No. 207) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

NONPREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILLS RECOMMITTED

SB 244 (Pr. No. 208) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of April 1, 1863 (P.L.213, No.227), entitled "An act to accept the grant of Public Lands, by the United States, to the several states, for the endowment of Agricultural Colleges," making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations, for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure; and making an appropriation from a restricted account within the Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund.

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

SB 245 (Pr. No. 209) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 246 (Pr. No. 210) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 247 (Pr. No. 211) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 248 (Pr. No. 212) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 49 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 18 (Pr. No. 1001) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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; authorizing the transfer of title for certain Project 70 lands owned by Lehigh County to Whitehall Township, Lehigh County; authorizing the release of Project 70 restrictions on certain lands owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting by and through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in exchange for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on other lands to be acquired by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting by and through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Governor, to grant and convey to Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority, or its successors or assigns, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in Stroud Township, Monroe County; and authorizing the Department of General Services and East

Stroudsburg University of the State System of Higher Education, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to East Stroudsburg Borough, a certain permanent public sanitary sewer easement and certain permanent public water supply system easements situate in East Stroudsburg Borough, Monroe County.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 62, SB 86 and SB 89 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 115 (Pr. No. 98) -- 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 second time and agreed to,

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

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

SB 133 (Pr. No. 110) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for Lieutenant Governor.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 139, SB 144, SB 146 and SB 147 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 298 (Pr. No. 260) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in proprietary and official rights, further providing for the offense of wearing of uniforms and insignia and misrepresentation of military service or honors; and, in State Veterans' Commission and Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans' Affairs, further providing for Veterans' Trust Fund.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

SB 372 (Pr. No. 453) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 37 (Historical and Museums) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in powers and duties of Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, further providing for specific powers and duties, for personal property and for documents and providing for Commonwealth archival records, for local government archival records and for access to older public records; and, in historic properties, further providing for title to historic property and for powers over certain historic property.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 439 and SB 440 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators KEARNEY, FARNESE, BROWNE, COSTA, SANTARSIERO, MUTH, HUGHES, KILLION, SCHWANK and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 45**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 2019 as "Sikh Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator KEARNEY. Mr. President, I am happy to humbly offer this resolution that recognizes the unique heritage and contributions of a community within my district. Upper Darby is the home to the Guru Nanak Sikh Society, and Millbourne is the home to the Philadelphia Sikh Society, two houses of worship that serve Sikhs in the Philadelphia area. I have had the pleasure to join the Sikh community this past fall for one of their festivals, which included a wonderful parade and prayer service. Sikh communities are part of a rich history of religious tolerance and freedom, which fits our tradition of welcoming new neighbors from around the globe with brotherly love that is the foundation of our Commonwealth.

Thank you for joining me in recognition and appreciation of the diversity that our great State contains.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?
A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS

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

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, I take a moment to wish the West Middlesex Big Reds Girls' Basketball Team and the Kennedy Catholic Eagles Boys' Basketball Team all the best in Hershey in the next few days. Very exciting, this will be the first time the Big Reds will be in the playoffs, and so I am looking forward to their victory. And for Kennedy Catholic, this could be their fourth State title. So thank you.

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators BROOKS, GORDNER, BROWNE, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, FOLMER, KILLION, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, REGAN, SCAVELLO, K. WARD, COSTA, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, SCHWANK, STREET, L. WILLIAMS, AUMENT, MENSCH, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES and J. WARD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 46**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the American Legion and recognizing and honoring the American Legion for its years of dedicated service to the United States Armed Forces service members, veterans and their families.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, this month marks the 100th anniversary of the American Legion, a beloved fixture in our society that has done so much for our veterans, our communities, and our country. The American Legion was founded on March 15, 1919, in Paris, France, as members of the American Expeditionary Forces held the very first American Legion caucus. Since then, the American Legion has evolved to become one of the most prominent advocates for veterans in the United States.

The legion has made a number of major contributions to American society. The legion wrote the very first Flag Code in 1923, which would later be adopted by Congress in 1942. It details the customs and courtesies required when handling, displaying, and retiring the flag, as well as the manner in which one should recite our Pledge of Allegiance. Further, the American Legion wrote the original GI Bill, which was later signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, which created hospitals, provided education benefits, and provided for low-interest mortgages to veterans.

Mr. President, the American Legion deserves to be recognized for a century of dedicated service to our veterans, our service members, and our communities. I am so proud to stand with the rest of the Senate in commemorating the American Legion for their 100th birthday. Thank you.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019

10:00 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (public hearing on the conversion of military credentials into professional certifications)	Room 8E-A East Wing
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Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 115, 127, 298 and 372)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

10:00 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 110, 316 and 317; and House Bills No. 264 and 275)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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10:00 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing to discuss Senate Bill No. 48)	Room 8E-A East Wing
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11:00 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (public hearing on the confirmation of Major General Anthony J. Carrelli as Adjutant General as well as the consideration of the following military officers for promotion: Brig. Gen. Mark D. McCormack (PA Army National Guard) - nominated for Major General; Brig. Gen. Michael J. Regan (PA Air National Guard) - nominated for Major General; Brig. Gen. Mark J. Schindler (PA Army National Guard) - nominated for Major General; Col. Jeffrey S. Heasley (PA Army National Guard) - nominated for Brigadier General; Col. Edwards S. Little, Jr. (PA Army National Guard) - nominated for Brigadier General; Col. Claudia S. Malone (PA Air National Guard) - nominated for Brigadier General; and Col. Michael E. Wegscheider (PA Army National Guard) - nominated for Brigadier General)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019

10:00 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 83 and 471)	Room 8E-A East Wing
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10:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider Senate Bills No. 30, 174 and 309)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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10:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 25, 112 and 217)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019

12:30 P.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (public hearing to consider the reconfirmation of Russell Redding as the Secretary of Agriculture)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise to share some enlightening information on an issue that we have been hearing a lot about lately, raising Pennsylvania's minimum wage. I have, again, proposed legislation to raise the minimum wage from \$7.25 per hour to \$12 this year, and \$15 by 2025. There have been no votes cast to raise the minimum wage since 2006. That is far too long. Raising the minimum wage now, at long last, will not only improve the economic health of this Commonwealth, but it will also improve the physical health and well-being of millions of low-wage Pennsylvanians.

I recently read an article in the *New York Times Magazine* that cited numerous scientific and academic studies documenting a direct correlation between low wages and heightened public health problems. These medical and social dilemmas run a gamut. They include poor nutrition, lack of sleep, chronic stress, moping, low self-esteem, alcohol and substance abuse, maternal health problems, teen pregnancy, low-weight babies, child neglect, tumor growth, and premature death. People who earn low wages—or let us call them what they really are, poverty wages—often work longer hours and multiple jobs to make ends meet. Because they work so many hours, they do not get enough sleep and do not eat right. They do not have the money to buy healthy food at the grocery store and do not have time to cook. These same people lack access to quality healthcare or simply neglect their own healthcare because they cannot afford it and do not have time to visit a doctor. And when they spend so much time on a job outside of their home, their children do not get the supervision and the attention they need to thrive.

Indeed, poverty and near poverty have so many facets as a social and human condition. It is impossible to name them all here today, but I am not here to say that raising the minimum wage will instantly solve these deep-rooted problems. A living wage will not be the magic pill, but it can be a wonder drug. Consider how much time, effort, and money we spend as a society developing medications to treat many of the conditions that I have mentioned. Consider how much we dedicate to public relief programs like Medicaid and SNAP, so that we may help Pennsylvania families avoid many of the perils that I have named. Consider all that, and then look at the scientific and academic studies that I have shown. Higher wages are a lifeline for people living and working at the low end of the pay scale and they are a cost-effective public health solution for our Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, March Madness begins tonight in Dayton, Ohio. Now, in Pennsylvania, it is madness that the NCAA Tournament bracket that our residents throw in \$5, \$10, \$1 to play is still seen as illegal activity in this Commonwealth. From the bar down at the fraternal club, to the kitchen table at my friend's house, to this building, and to offices all over this Commonwealth, these pools are as American as March Madness itself. I am playing four of them as we speak. I will talk about that later. So those who have played these pools will tell you they are fun, they are spirited, they are harmless.

They tell you they are the traditional part of both March Madness and Super Bowl pools. According to the American Gaming Association, this week, 40 million Americans will fill out nearly 150 million brackets and 18 million adults will bet on the tournament with a bookmaker.

So, the hypocrisy of all this, Mr. President, is that this is still being treated as a crime with the fact that Pennsylvania now has nine sportsbooks offering wide-scale sports betting online at casinos after last year's Supreme Court legalization of sports betting. I can list the names of everything that we can do in Pennsylvania. This is what you can do: scratch-off tickets, daily drawing, Powerball, Mega Millions, iLottery, Keno, Fast Play games, online ticket sales, Xpress Sports games, slots, table games, sports betting, horse racing, interactive gaming, off-track wagering, fantasy sports, video gaming terminals, airport gaming, pull-off tabs, punchboards, raffles, daily drawings, weekly drawings, 50/50s, race night games, pools, pull tabs, tavern raffles, and tavern daily drawings. That is what you can do in Pennsylvania, but, heaven forbid, if you want put in \$1 with a friend on a Super Bowl pool or a March Madness pool, that is illegal. I have been trying to change this ever since I got in. So this is my annual March Madness speech.

It is imperative that we protect clubs, charitable organizations, and our citizens from further being cited or prosecuted for engaging in such a fun activity that is widely accepted. Most people do not even know that it is illegal, and when I tell them, they think it is ridiculous, and rightly so. Senate Bill No. 359 would update Title 18, that is my bill. It decriminalizes these pools if the amount bet is less than \$20 and there are no more than 100 participants, and then all of the money has to stay within the pool of people who participate. Now, as I said in the past, these pools have been around for as long as any of us can remember. So, in my opinion, Mr. President, there is no place for outdated, obsolete laws. It is our job to evaluate our Crimes Code to determine what constitutes a crime and what does not. As far as that neighbor or coworker hosting a small March Madness pool, I think we can agree it is time to take them off that list of criminal activity.

As I have said before, none of these games are being fixed, no one is losing their life savings, and those who operate these pools do not receive any compensation. The bonus is, most people, when they play March Madness pools, they do not even know half the teams and they do not even watch half the teams, but when they become part of a March Madness pool, they will. They are engaged in maybe what St. Mary's is doing or Gonzaga. They have never even heard of these teams and then they want to watch, so everyone wins. I think it is ridiculous that our laws brand this as criminal activity. I do not think we should stand by and have our law make criminals out of good people. I will hold up, this is my bracket. I have not filled it out all the way yet, I want to put Villanova all the way at the end because that is my alma mater, but maybe I have to think with my head on this one. Here is a seed pool, which is kind of cool. Here is one where you pick a box, it is random. And here is one where you pick out of a hat, and I picked St. Louis, so if they win their first game and they cover, then I could move on. But if they do not cover, then the other person who had that team gets to move on. It is kind of cool; it is kind of fun.

So, Mr. President, I hope that this year we get rid of this madness and make these things legal. Thank you.

BILL SIGNED

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

SB 113.

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, March 25, 2019, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 12 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.