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SENATE

TUESDAY, April 9, 2019

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend DR. BRYON REYNOLDS, of Charlton Chapel, Lock Haven, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O Ancient of Days, we know Your Word is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. I ask You to bring wisdom, Your wisdom, to this body. I pray that these lawmakers would be teachable and open to making the course correction necessary to embrace righteousness rather than any social agenda. While we ask for Your blessing, protection, and benefits of faith to be imparted on Pennsylvania and these United States, we, the people, have corporately sinned through enacting laws that violate Your Word and have suppressed truth in unrighteousness that will ultimately incur Your wrath. Let all people of faith stand up to reverse laws that contravene Your moral standards for mankind.

Your servant Daniel prayed several time zones away from the weeping prophet for the completion of the desolation of Jerusalem. You showed compassion on Your chosen people, Israel, through a foreign king who provided the necessary materials for the restoration of Jerusalem. You gave strong leadership through Ezra and Nehemiah, and the temple was restored, and a defensive wall was built. The enemy shuddered in fear.

You stood up this republic because of the abuse of power of an earthly king. We were to be a people who preserved the light of freedom that guided the tired, poor, and huddled masses to these shores, this new Jerusalem, a safe haven from persecution. Every faith group has been afforded the right to worship as they please, but we have failed to give glory to the very One who is the author and Sustainer of this great experiment.

Breathe on us renewed vitality and purpose in these times that challenge our minds and threaten the souls of our people. Remove the enemy from amongst us, and take us by the hand as children, Your children, and teach us precept upon precept how to govern, just as You gave Your kind of wisdom and knowledge to Solomon in order to govern the people. This is my heart, and this is my prayer to the leadership of the land whose people are perishing for the lack of vision and the light of the kingdom to come. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Dr. Reynolds, who is the guest today of Senator Scarnati.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

**2018 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Auto Theft Prevention Authority
5 Kacey Court, Suite 201
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

TO THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR TOM WOLF AND MEMBERS
OF THE PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pennsylvania continues to be a national leader in auto theft prevention, as evidenced by its declining auto theft rates and another year of significant gains by law enforcement. Other states continue to recognize Pennsylvania as a model for public education and prevention. Since its inception, the efforts of the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) have helped realize a 76 percent reduction in vehicle theft in the Commonwealth, compared to the national decrease of 55 percent.* Last year, ATPA grantees reported a 27% increase in convictions and a 13% increase in vehicle recoveries.

Their work included:

- Recoveries of 2,966 vehicles worth nearly \$34 million
- Arrests of 605 individuals involved with auto theft-related crime
- Convictions of 1,022 individuals of auto theft-related crimes
- Court ordered restitution of \$1.9 million to the victims of those crimes

This success is significant to every Pennsylvanian, both in their quality of life and in their personal finances. A vehicle crime reduction impacts our community's safety and each citizen's individual insurance costs.

While some vehicles are stolen as a crime of opportunity for the thief to "get across town," many are stolen by complex, professional theft rings whose tactics often involve violence, financial fraud, identity theft, and international trafficking. Perhaps most importantly, many crime sprees begin with the theft of a vehicle, which leads to the dangerous and costly ripple effect of the subsequent crimes committed with that vehicle.

At ATPA, we are self-funded through an assessment of insurance companies that conduct business in Pennsylvania -- we use no tax dollars. For every dollar assessed since inception, we have realized a more than \$6 return. We take what we believe to be very justifiable pride in that return on investment.

You can be certain of our continued diligence in helping to further reduce any threat to our collective safety and financial security that vehicle thefts pose.

Respectfully,

RONALD W. KOSH
Chairperson

*According to the Uniform Crime Report maintained by the FBI and the Pennsylvania State Police. Theft rates from the FBI are only available through 2017 at the time of publication.

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator BARTOLOTTA, from the Committee on Labor and Industry, reported the following bills:

SB 304 (Pr. No. 282)

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in compensation, further providing for ineligibility for compensation.

SB 453 (Pr. No. 448)

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions and for application.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Baker, Senator Folmer, and Senator Kim Ward.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Baker, Senator Folmer, and Senator Kim Ward. 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, April 9, 2019

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Senate and House of Representatives meet in Joint Session, Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 11:30 a.m., in the Hall of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of memorializing the tragic events of October 27, 2018 at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

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

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

YEA-47

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

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 the same to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

GUESTS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, I rise to introduce our guest Chaplain today, Reverend Dr. Bryon Reynolds. Reverend Reynolds resides in Lock Haven and is the pastor of the Charlton Chapel. Joining Reverend Reynolds today are his wife, Reverend Bernadette Reynolds, and their three grandchildren, Alan Smith, Nathan Smith, and Kayleigh-Lynn Smith. I welcome them to the Senate and I ask my colleagues to please give them our usual warm welcome.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MARIO M. SCAVELLO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, I welcome Christopher Miller and Isabella Novak, who are serving as my guest Pages here in the Capitol today. Isabella Novak is a 12-year-old student from Nazareth Middle School. She enjoys running track, spending time with her friends and family, and helping others. Isabella's short-term goals involve convincing her parents to let her run in a half marathon and to continue to grow her Kindness Covers program. Her long-term aspirations include opening her own ice cream shop and becoming a veterinarian.

Christopher Miller is 16 years old and currently a sophomore at Bethlehem Catholic High School. Christopher is a Boy Scout, and will soon be working on his Eagle project. He is also a junior volunteer firefighter with the Lehigh Township Fire Department.

He enjoys bike riding, and one of his favorite hobbies is covering the weather and watching the different forecast models. He also enjoys history, and he especially likes politics. Christopher wants to be in politics when he is older, and he would like to serve in an elected office, perhaps the General Assembly, Governor of Pennsylvania, or maybe President of the United States. Christopher has emphasized that while in office, it would be his passion to do what is right for our country, our State, and also to be able to have a conversation with anyone on the other side of the aisle. I was very impressed with Christopher's goal to reach across the aisle, because it is something that I have always strived to do, and I think this type of approach is very productive in a political arena and something we should all work to achieve.

Please join me in giving Isabella Novak and her parents, Jacklyn and Michael, and Christopher Miller and his father, Chris, and mother, Helen, who are seated in the gallery, a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Scavello 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, I rise today to recognize a group of State champions from the 35th Senatorial District, the Bedford High School Girls' Soccer Team. The Bisons won the PIAA Class AA Girls' Soccer title and finished the season undefeated and ranked seventh in the nation by MaxPreps. They did not stop believing, but more on that in a moment. In November, Mr. President, the Bisons reached their second consecutive semifinal, but this time came out on top by winning 5-4 on penalties against South Park. In the final, they took on Lewisburg. The score was tied 0-0 at the end of regulation. In between the regulation and overtime periods, the P.A. announcer played Journey's epic song "Don't Stop Believin'." That was the mantra that these girls had adopted all season. They took it as a sign, and went out and made that a reality, winning 1-0 to capture their first State title. It is hard to believe, Mr. President, that Bedford County's first youth soccer program was not established until the early 1990s, and back then the first Bedford High School girls' team only had 11 players, barely enough to field a full team. They had a tough time finding a place to practice, or even play games. It is astounding to see where a small rural school district has taken their program in such a short amount of time, from a team seemingly without a home, to nationally ranked and undefeated State champions.

These girls would not be State champions without the excellent guidance of their coaches, who are with them today. Head coach Jeff Thomas, assistant coaches Kyler Myers and Todd Roadman, were instrumental in bringing home a State championship to Bedford Area School District. Also joining the team today is athletic director Bret Smith. You have all made your school and community very proud. You have done something that will follow you for the rest of your lives. I am honored to have you as my guests here today, and I ask my colleagues to give a warm Senate welcome to the PIAA Class AA Girls' Soccer State Champions, the Bedford Bisons.

The PRESIDENT. Would the State champs please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I am delighted to welcome David S. Gross. Dave is the executive director of the Reading Symphony Orchestra, a true cultural gem in the greater Berks County region. A native of Buffalo, David graduated from the Curtis Institute of Music. Prior to coming to Reading, he had been president and CEO of the San Antonio Symphony and the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra, and executive director of the Lansing Symphony Orchestra. As a professional musician, David held the position of principal timpanist of the Grand Rapids Symphony and the Kansas City Philharmonic. He has also been principal timpanist of the Colorado Music Festival and has appeared with such orchestras as the Philadelphia Orchestra, Detroit Symphony, Milwaukee Symphony, Columbus Symphony, and the Philadelphia Opera. He was also a featured musician on the Grand Rapids Symphony's Grammy nominated DVD, "Invention and Alchemy." David has served as an artist representative for Adams Percussion, Evans Drumheads, and Sabian Cymbals, and was previously a design consultant for Yamaha Percussion. David has also designed a signature series of timpani mallets that were sold throughout the world.

Mr. President, would you join me in welcoming my guest today, David S. Gross. Thank you.

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

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR GENE YAW PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator YAW. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure I rise to introduce from my district office in Williamsport an intern, Michael Dressler, Jr. Michael began his internship with us in January and finishes up at the end of this month, but I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge him and all his hard work over the past 3 months. Michael is a constituent of Senator Gordner's, hailing from the borough of Northumberland in Northumberland County. He is a graduate of Shikellamy High School and is a senior at Lycoming College in Williamsport, where he will graduate summa cum laude with a degree in philosophy and political science. During his time at Lycoming, Michael has served as a political science tutor, philosophy teaching assistant and tutor, and a writing tutor. He has also served as a senator with the student senate at the college. He is a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, where he served as both vice president and president. Michael's academic honors include being named to the dean's list

all 4 years at Lycoming, being inducted into seven different honor societies, and he is set to be recognized and receive an award at the upcoming honors convocation at the college. Upon graduating in May, Michael plans to attend law school at the College of William and Mary. I welcome Michael, again, to the Senate Chamber, thank him for all his hard work, and wish him the best of luck in the future. Mr. President, I ask all of my Senate colleagues to give Michael a warm Senate welcome.

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

(Applause.)

Senator YAW. Mr. President, over the years, we have recognized countless sports teams, individual athletes, and coaches for achieving recognizable milestones. Today, we are here to honor a person who has achieved something that no other Pennsylvania coach has achieved. It is my pleasure to introduce my colleagues in the Senate Chamber to the most winning coach in Pennsylvania athletic history, Loyalsock Township High School Boys' Basketball Coach, Ron Insinger. Coach Insinger, better known as "CI," became the first coach in Pennsylvania history to amass 1,000 career high school victories when the Loyalsock Lancers defeated Hughesville earlier this year. As of March 17, 2019, Coach Insinger holds the current title for the high school basketball coach with the most wins at 1,018.

Born and raised in Sullivan County, CI graduated with a degree from Lock Haven University in 1973. That very next year, he made his debut at Loyalsock, when he was hired to teach health and physical education and began his coaching career. He was 22 years old. CI's first win came on November 22, 1974, versus Lock Haven High School. This win would set the ball in motion for a career that is still going strong today. From 1975 until 1978, he was also the head basketball coach for the Lady Lancers at Loyalsock, and during that time achieved 80 wins and 4 losses. Forty years later, CI sits here today having numerous achievements and a historic career, and he is not finished yet. Just a few of the accomplishments he has had during his career: 12 district titles, 6 district runner-ups, 6 third place finishes, 3 elite eight's in the State. CI's basketball career is one that would be envied by any coach at any level. He has been inducted into the Lycoming County Sports Hall of Fame, the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, and the Pennsylvania Basketball Hall of Fame. As one *Williamsport Sun-Gazette* sports writer recently put it, "Insinger's resume reads like a fine novel and the milestone victories keep flowing like water. High school coaching immortality is now his." It is no coincidence that the high school gym is named after him.

I would also like to personalize this a bit. Both of my children, my son and my daughter, played in CI's programs. I remember going to his camps, which he has for kids every summer, and hearing him talk to the players. I recall the importance of some of the things he said, and I hope I remember this correctly. He always said the most important thing is family, second is school work, and third was basketball. I think that has been, obviously, a very successful formula for him in his coaching career. Mr. President, accompanying CI on the Senate floor today are his wife, Carol Insinger; his daughter, Laurie Emery; his son-in-law, Ron Emery; his granddaughter, Kayla Emery; grandson, Ronnie Emery; daughter, Lisa Walter; grandson, Grant Walter; granddaughter, Carolyn Walter; and granddaughter, Kasey

Walter. Also with Coach Insinger and his family are Assistant Loyalsock Coach Jeff Everett and School Superintendent Gerry McLaughlin.

Mr. President, I ask that my Senate colleagues please join me in welcoming Coach Insinger and his guests to the Senate Chamber, congratulating him on his many outstanding accomplishments, and wish him success in what continues to be a storybook coaching career.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Yaw please rise so that we may welcome you to 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, it is my honor to have students from Bloomsburg University here at the Capitol, who are members of the State and local government class. During this semester, they have been learning about State and local government issues, and today they came here to Harrisburg and had a tour of the Capitol. I know they met with someone from the Governor's Office, they are meeting with an alum from Bloomsburg who is a Member of the House later this afternoon, and have been able to enjoy this experience. They are hosted by Professor Jessy Defenderfer, who has brought them here.

I ask the Senate to give its usual warm welcome to the State and local government class from Bloomsburg University.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ARTHUR L. HAYWOOD AND SENATOR SHARIF T. STREET PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, it is my honor today to introduce several guests who are here at the invitation of Senator Street and me. The first is Tyrone Werts. Tyrone was once a young man and now he is a little bit older than I am, but when he was a young man he was involved in an incident that caused him to be sentenced to life. His sentence was commuted by Governor Rendell after having been rehabilitated. I want to share that his commutation was in part due to the support of our current President pro tempore, but back then the Acting Lieutenant Governor, Senator Scarnati. He is a contributing and productive member of our community and he is featured in a documentary produced by students at Villanova called the *Mayor of Graterford*, and that film was shown earlier today in the media center. I can make copies available for anyone who is interested. Today, he and his wife, Paula, and son, Drew, are in the Capitol and are seated in the gallery, and they have shared their experiences.

Second, we have John Pace, who is seated on the Senate floor. John also got into some trouble as a juvenile and was sentenced to life. Fortunately, as a result of the Supreme Court, he, along with a number of other juveniles who had been sentenced to life,

have been released. He, too, is a productive and contributing member of our community and was also featured in the *Mayor of Graterford* film showing the tragedy of life without parole but also the redemption that any person can have.

I now yield to Senator Street, who has some remarks as well, but hopefully when we get to the end, we will fully recognize them with a warm Senate welcome.

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I, too, rise to welcome Mr. Werts and Mr. Pace. They are examples that redemption is possible, that even those who have been subject to the harshest sentences that we offer in the Commonwealth, life, when given the opportunity, can, in fact, turn their lives around, become productive members of society, and contribute. Dr. King stated we are all interconnected in a web of mutuality, one that we cannot escape. The fact of the matter is that each of us is better off when every one of us is productive, and to the extent that every member of society can pay taxes, contribute, raise families, and be a productive member of our society, each of us is better.

These gentlemen, instead of now costing the taxpayers money by sitting behind bars, are coming out each in their own ways, have become sterling examples of how folks, when given the opportunity, can, in fact, turn their lives around and contribute to society. I ask Members to observe the video, *Mayor of Graterford*, familiarize yourselves with their stories, and embrace the redemptive qualities that they embody. Please join us in giving a hearty welcome to our guests.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Haywood and Senator Street please rise so that we may welcome you to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held immediately in the Rules room in the rear of the Chamber, followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus as well.

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

AFTER RECESS

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 133 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 144 (Pr. No. 340) -- 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, providing for the Keystone Telepresence Education Grant Program.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, I thank Senator Aument and Senator Costa for cosponsoring this legislation. Senate Bill No. 144 establishes a new grant program to be administered by the Department of Education for all the State's 29 intermediate units. Funds from the program are required to be used by the IUs to purchase telepresence equipment and related services to the equipment operation. Mr. President, unfortunately, there are students across this Commonwealth that due to medical reasons are unable to attend classes, whether it be from a severe auto accident, or children receiving treatment in their battle against cancer. This not only causes them to be hurt academically, but they miss out on the critical emotional and social supports that come from in-person interactions with others. With today's technology, we can mitigate these current outcomes. In this particular case, I would equate the technology mentioned in our bill to an iPad on a Segway where students can be present in the classroom and participate as if they were physically there. It also relieves districts of the difficulty and costs of trying to find content-certified teachers to go to homes.

Mr. President, this bipartisan piece of legislation can and will make a huge difference in the lives of students who need our support, and I once again ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote on the measure. Thank you.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-47

Argall	Dinniman	Laughlin	Stefano
Aument	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Baker	Farnese	Martin	Tartaglione
Bartolotta	Folmer	Mensch	Tomlinson
Blake	Fontana	Muth	Vogel

Boscola	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Brewster	Haywood	Regan	Ward, Kim
Brooks	Hughes	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H
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Collett	Kearney	Scarnati	Yaw
Corman	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak
Costa	Langerholc	Schwank	

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 145, HB 264 and HB 275 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL AMENDED

SB 399 (Pr. No. 505) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 29, 2006 (P.L.1471, No.165), known as the Sexual Assault Testing and Evidence Collection Act, further providing for sexual assault evidence collection program, for rights of sexual assault victims and for report by Pennsylvania State Police.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?
Senator LANGERHOLC offered the following amendment No. A0718:

- Amend Bill, page 3, line 11, by inserting a bracket before "TWO"
- Amend Bill, page 3, line 11, by inserting after "YEARS":
] the duration of the maximum applicable criminal statute of limitations
- Amend Bill, page 4, line 8, by striking out "20 YEARS OR"
- Amend Bill, page 4, line 10, by striking out ", WHICHEVER IS SHORTER"
- Amend Bill, page 4, line 24, by inserting after "AGENCY":
, the Pennsylvania State Police
- Amend Bill, page 5, line 14, by striking out "20 YEARS OR"
- Amend Bill, page 5, lines 15 and 16, by striking out ", WHICHEVER IS SHORTER"
- Amend Bill, page 6, line 30, by inserting after "notification":
and a provision for obtaining information mandated for CODIS eligibility, including, but not limited to, the request for or the submission of elimination samples
- Amend Bill, page 7, line 2, by inserting after "notification":
and CODIS eligibility

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

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 425 (Pr. No. 392) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in crime victims, further providing for rights.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I rise to ask for support for Senate Bill No. 425. Senate Bill No. 425 amends the Crime Victims Act to make it harder to remove victims from the courtroom at the request of the defense. This brings Pennsylvania law in line with Federal law regarding victim rights at trial. Every effort will be made to permit victims to attend trial. It is important to note that this bill will still permit a question for a judge to make a determination whether or not the victim's attendance might materially alter that testimony, and it is not an automatic right. This bill will strengthen the Crime Victims Act, and I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-47

Argall	Dinniman	Laughlin	Stefano
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Baker	Farnese	Martin	Tartaglione
Bartolotta	Folmer	Mensch	Tomlinson
Blake	Fontana	Muth	Vogel
Boscola	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
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Collett	Kearney	Scarnati	Yaw
Corman	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak
Costa	Langerholc	Schwank	

NAY-0

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

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

SB 431 (Pr. No. 400) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I rise to ask for support for Senate Bill No. 431. Senate Bill No. 431 amends the rape shield law in order to exclude from criminal trials evidence of past sexual victimization. It extends protections in crimes to include as covered by the rape shield law. The rape shield law says that evidence of the victim's sexual conduct with third parties is irrelevant to prove consent of the victim with respect to sexual contact with the defendant. This will protect victims of sexual abuse from being cross-examined regarding their victimization or alleged victimization. This will also add crimes to include human trafficking, incest, endangering the welfare if there is sexual contact, amongst others. It is important to note, Mr. President, that this bill still permits an in camera hearing in determination by a court and findings of record to be made in the event that a defendant would allege that some of this might be relevant in the trial proceedings. I ask for an affirmative vote for Senate Bill No. 431.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-47

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Brooks	Hughes	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H
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Corman	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak
Costa	Langerholc	Schwank	

NAY-0

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 441 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 469 (Pr. No. 476) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator LAUGHLIN. Mr. President, I rise today to ask for an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 469. As everyone in this Chamber knows, criminals are more likely to target situations and people who they consider to be low risk. Unfortunately, that is especially true when it comes to sexual predators. In fact, those predators are more likely to target people with disabilities or severe autism because they know that these victims can be easier to manipulate or may have difficulty testifying against them later on. According to the U.S. Department of Justice statistics, people with intellectual disabilities are sexually assaulted at a rate seven times higher than people without disabilities, and holding those predators accountable for their actions can be very difficult simply because the victim may have a hard time communicating. The courtroom can be an intimidating place for anyone, so you can imagine just how difficult it can be for those with disabilities. These victims should not be made to suffer more simply because they cannot necessarily communicate effectively in court, and that is why we must pass Senate Bill No. 469.

This bill extends Pennsylvania's tender years hearsay exception for court testimony to include individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism. While hearsay evidence is usually prohibited in a criminal trial, Pennsylvania's tender years exception allows for a statement made by a child under the age of 12 to some other person to become admissible against a defendant. Under Senate Bill No. 469, statements from a victim who is intellectually disabled or autistic would be admissible in court under the tender years exception provided that the evidence is relevant, the content and circumstances of the statement provided sufficient signs of reliability, and the victim is otherwise not able to testify in person. That means that if they have told someone about a sexual assault and if a judge deems those statements reliable, then the statement will be admissible in court and the predator can be held accountable for his or her actions.

Mr. President, this bill provides basic justice for some of our most vulnerable citizens, and I ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-47

Argall	Dinniman	Laughlin	Stefano
Aument	DiSanto	Leach	Street
Baker	Farnese	Martin	Tartaglione
Bartolotta	Folmer	Mensch	Tomlinson
Blake	Fontana	Muth	Vogel
Boscola	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Brewster	Haywood	Regan	Ward, Kim
Brooks	Hughes	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H
Browne	Hutchinson	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey

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Corman	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak
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NAY-0

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

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

SB 479 (Pr. No. 498) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, yesterday, Senator Mensch and Senator Sabatina introduced a resolution recognizing Crime Victims' Awareness Week here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and so it is no more fitting a week that we address many of these significant issues, the legislation that both Senator Laughlin and Senator Langerholc have spoken about. Today, my bill will advance the tender years exception, which would then allow for greater expansion of that exception. Currently, it only allows for court statements made by children 12 years and under to be introduced in as evidence in certain cases. They are limited to homicide, assault, kidnapping, burglary, robbery, and certain specified sexual offenses. We would expand this to include child sexual abuse, child exploitation, incest, endangering the welfare of children, unlawful contact with a minor, corruption of a minor, and human trafficking. Those would be added to the list of crimes. Children who have been abused have been violated emotionally and physically. Providing for out-of-court statements helps remove these children from the pressure and the intimidation of confronting their abuser in a situation that can prove easily overwhelming. So I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote as we look to expand the tender years exception here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-47

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NAY-0

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

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 25, SB 109, SB 123, SB 139, SB 149 and SB 217 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 309 (Pr. No. 286) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 337, SB 396, SB 397 and SB 439 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

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

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

January 24, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, David Stonesifer, 409 Arrowhead Trail, Sinking Spring 19608, Berks County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial

District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

January 25, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Jodie B. Szlachta, 17 Llandillo Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ronald Dendas, Bethlehem, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

February 6, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Vincent DiCenzo, 829 Westbury Road, North Versailles 15137, Allegheny County, Forty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ray Morrow, Pittsburgh, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAJOR GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

January 7, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Brigadier General Michael J. Regan, 2551 Raccoon Court, Gilbertsville 19525, Montgomery County, Twenty-fourth Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Major General, General of the Line, with assignment as a member of Headquarters Staff, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice vacant position.

TOM WOLF
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

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TOM WOLF
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BRIGADIER GENERAL,
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December 14, 2018

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Colonel Jeffrey S. Heasley, 401 Stoney Terrace, Fallston, Maryland 21047, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, General of the Line, with assignment as Land Component Commander, Army Staff Element Joint Force Headquarters, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice vacant position.

TOM WOLF
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To the Honorable, the Senate
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In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Colonel Edwards S. Little, Jr., 20 Winding Hill Drive, Eters 17319, York County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, General of the Line, with assignment as Assistant Division Commander, Headquarters Support Company, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Brigadier General Mark D. McCormack, reassignment.

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January 18, 2019

To the Honorable, the Senate
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In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Linda Kerns (Public Member), 2013A Naudain Street, Philadelphia 19146, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
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CERTIFIED REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

January 24, 2019

To the Honorable, the Senate
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District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Paul Kaufman, Wexford, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF WARREN STATE HOSPITAL

January 18, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mary Kushner, 560 Page Hollow Road, P.O. Box 255, Pittsfield 16340, Warren County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Warren State Hospital, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

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

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

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator AUMENT,

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

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

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

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

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TOM WOLF
Governor

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

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

YEA-47

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NAY-0

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

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

SB 22 (Pr. No. 531)

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for the Legislative Reapportionment Commission.

SB 48 (Pr. No. 584) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in conduct of elections, providing for voting systems.

SB 178 (Pr. No. 585) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, further providing for reporting by candidate and political committees and other persons, for late contributions and independent expenditures, for oath of compliance, perjury, disqualification from

office and commercial use and for place of filing, providing for manner of filing and for inability to file reports or statements electronically by deadline and further providing for late filing fee and certificate of filing, for additional powers and duties of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and for reports by business entities and publication by Secretary of the Commonwealth.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senator TOMLINSON, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 71**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2019 as "Pennsylvania 8-1-1 Safe Digging Month."

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, I rise to ask for unanimous support of this resolution designating the month of April 2019 as "Pennsylvania 8-1-1 Safe Digging Month." Safe Digging Month recognizes the Pennsylvania One Call System, which provides easy, one-call notification about construction and excavation projects that may endanger lives and jeopardize utility lines. An underground utility is damaged every 9 minutes because someone decided to dig without first calling 8-1-1. Striking a single line can cause injury and incur repair costs, fines, and inconvenient outages. The call center has served the residents of Pennsylvania by promoting safety, reducing underground utility damage, minimizing utility service interruptions, and protecting the environment for over 45 years. This resolution reminds all Pennsylvania residents to always dial 8-1-1 before digging to help protect underground infrastructure.

Mr. President, I ask for unanimous support of this resolution.

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

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

Senators TOMLINSON and SANTARSIERO, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 72**, entitled

A Resolution designating the week of April 22 through 26, 2019, as "Every Kid Healthy Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, I rise, along with my colleague Senator Santarsiero, to ask for unanimous support of this resolution designating the week of April 22 through April 26 as "Every Kid Healthy Week." This annual national observance was created to celebrate and highlight schools' and communities' health and wellness achievements in promoting health activities for children. During this week, events are held to promote and reinforce healthy eating, physical activity, nutrition education, and physical education in order to increase student achievement.

Unfortunately, nearly 40 percent of Pennsylvania children are considered overweight or obese. Reversing the children and adolescent obesity epidemic requires a strong community involvement and commitment. The good news is that with sound nutrition and an opportunity for physical activity, kids thrive and are better prepared to learn.

Mr. President, I ask for unanimous support of this resolution.

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

Senator SANTARSIERO. Mr. President, I, along with my colleague from Bucks County, Senator Tomlinson, rise to ask unanimous support of this resolution designating the week of April 22 through 26 as Every Kid Healthy Week. Physical recreation and proper diet are proven to be directly linked to educational achievement and lifelong well-being. This designation, complete with events to improve nutritional and physical activity, stems from the simple idea that healthy students make for better students. Although children today average 7 1/2 hours of screen time daily, and only one in three are physically active on a daily basis, the devotion of our schools, parents, and neighbors are well poised to foster exceptional young adults, so long as we in Harrisburg empower their dedication. As the representatives of our communities, as mothers and fathers, stewards of Pennsylvania and public well-being, we can do more to secure the health and success of all Pennsylvania children.

For these reasons, Mr. President, I join my colleague in asking for unanimous support of this resolution. 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.

Senators J. WARD, LAUGHLIN, FARNESE, BLAKE, PHILLIPS-HILL, DINNIMAN, BARTOLOTTA, BREWSTER, HUGHES, VOGEL, BROWNE, K. WARD, KILLION, FOLMER, HUTCHINSON, BAKER, TARTAGLIONE and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 73**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of April 14 through 20, 2019, as "National Osteopathic Medicine Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Blair, Senator J. Ward.

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, I am pleased to join with Senator Laughlin today in seeking adoption of this resolution recognizing April 14 through 20, 2019, as "National Osteopathic Medicine Week" in Pennsylvania. The goal of National Osteopathic Medicine Week is to emphasize and celebrate the osteopathic medical profession and the distinctive care they provide. While awareness of osteopathic medicine is growing by leaps and bounds, some patients may not fully understand the osteopathic approach to care. Doctors of osteopathic medicine, or DOs, are fully licensed physicians who practice in all areas of medicine. They emphasize a whole-person approach of treatment and care, and strive to help someone be truly healthy in mind,

body, and spirit, not just free of symptoms. DOs provide comprehensive medical care including primary care, specialty care, preventative medicine, diagnosis, and the appropriate use of medication, surgery, manipulation, and hospital referral, often practicing in rural and urban medically underserved areas.

Osteopathic physicians deserve acknowledgment for providing high-quality, comprehensive care to Pennsylvanians. We are truly blessed to have the largest number of osteopathic physicians in the nation with over 8,500 licensed DOs. Therefore, I ask for adoption of this resolution recognizing the week of April 14 through 20, 2019, as National Osteopathic Medicine Week in Pennsylvania as a way to increase awareness of osteopathic medicine and DOs.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator LAUGHLIN. Mr. President, I rise today to also ask my colleagues to support this resolution recognizing the week of April 14 through 20 as National Osteopathic Medicine Week in Pennsylvania. National Osteopathic Medicine Week focuses on increasing public awareness of this practice and the important role that providers play in improving the lives of thousands of patients across the Commonwealth and across this nation. Osteopathic physicians are fully licensed to prescribe medicine and practice in all specialty areas of medicine, including surgery. There are more than 145,000 osteopathic physicians and osteopathic medical students in the United States, and more than 8,500 doctors of osteopathic medicine here in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania benefits from the education of osteopathic medical students at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine at Seton Hill, and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Mr. President, we owe a debt of thanks to these men and women, and I ask for an affirmative vote. 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.

Senators DINNIMAN, BROOKS, FARNESE, FONTANA, GORDNER, TARTAGLIONE, BREWSTER, SANTARSIERO, K. WARD, BLAKE, FOLMER, REGAN, VOGEL, BROWNE, SCHWANK, KILLION, BAKER, J. WARD, BARTOLOTTA, AUMENT, HUGHES and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 74**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2019 as "Lyme and Tick-borne Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, Lyme disease remains a persistent problem here in the Commonwealth. In fact, in recent years, take 2016 for example, 38 percent of our nation's Lyme disease cases came from right here in Pennsylvania. This tick-borne disease impacts every county within the Commonwealth. Sometimes, if you are lucky, you get the diagnosis early.

Sometimes there is a bullseye so you know you have this. But often there are no warning signs. You think you might have the flu, you feel that maybe it is just a bad stomach upset or you have a fever. But if it is untreated, you develop what is called chronic Lyme. Chronic Lyme can affect every muscle in your body. Chronic Lyme affects our nervous system. In fact, we know that some of the mental illnesses, some of the depression that citizens have experienced are a result of chronic Lyme disease. We know people who were contributing and active and vibrant in their lives, consigned to lying in bed with a feeling of hopelessness, despair, and fatigue as a result of chronic Lyme disease. Sure, we need to go forward in terms of prevention, but sometimes even if you make sure every inch of your body is covered, there is still the opportunity. So, one, focus on prevention. Two, look for those ticks and get them off as soon as you can. Look for ticks on your dogs, too. Dogs, by the way, can get Lyme disease as well, and if they bring those ticks into the house, then you are at risk as well.

Mr. President, one of the amazing things about Lyme disease is we are only on the cusp of really understanding and learning how to treat tick-borne diseases. You know, there is Rocky Mountain spotted fever. There are literally tens of these tick-based diseases. So, hopefully, with this resolution people will be aware of and take precautions to not be bitten by a tick, take precautions to cover themselves when they go outside or go walking or take a hike. But at the same time, Mr. President, we in this Commonwealth need to express our concern and need to provide the funding and the resources so that those who are suffering the consequences of this disease can be helped, so that every physician, every emergency room doctor has the ability to recognize the symptoms. One of the problems right now is we do not have adequate tests to determine, sometimes the tests are false negative tests or hard to determine whether it is a case or not a case.

So, in sum, Mr. President, I rise because of the situation. I represent a county in the southeast, Chester County, which has one of the highest rates of Lyme disease in this Commonwealth. I hope that we will use this resolution to bring increased public awareness and that we will finally unite and continue the efforts which was begun by the Lyme Disease Task Force several years ago, to begin to reach out to our physicians, begin to help our physicians identify this disease, and understand that chronic Lyme disease, when it is not treated, is a very difficult situation for so many of our brothers and sisters in the Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators SANTARSIERO, TARTAGLIONE, FARNESE, FONTANA, COLLETT, DINNIMAN, BROWNE, BREWSTER, COSTA, KILLION, MENSCH, BLAKE, BARTOLOTTA, J. WARD, AUMENT, HUGHES, SCHWANK and HAYWOOD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 75**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of April 2019 as "World HIE Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SANTARSIERO. Mr. President, this resolution recognizes April 2019 as "World HIE Awareness Month." Hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy is something that is caused when the brain is deprived of oxygen, it could be from various causes including placental insufficiency or a number of other complications during pregnancy and at birth. Thousands of families worldwide are affected by this condition, but there is very little support for them. Between 70 percent to 80 percent of infants born with HIE survive, however, of those who do survive, 50 percent to 70 percent experience seizures, and 30 percent to 40 percent develop a developmental disability.

Mr. President, it is appropriate for us, given the nature of this condition and the consequences, that we designate April as a month for us to be aware of it and to support those families whose loved ones are suffering from it. So, again, I ask for unanimous support. 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.

Senators FARNESE, BOSCOLA, ARGALL, FONTANA, DINNIMAN, PHILLIPS-HILL, BROWNE, COSTA, SANTARSIERO, HUGHES, BREWSTER, COLLETT, KILLION, SABATINA, BLAKE, TARTAGLIONE, BARTOLOTTA and J. WARD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 76**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of April 2019 as "Donate Life Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I rise to offer this resolution that I am sponsoring with my friend and colleague, Senator Boscola, which recognizes April 2019 as "Donate Life Month" in Pennsylvania. It is estimated, Mr. President, that more than 113,000 people in the United States are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. Sadly, on average, 20 people die per day because they did not receive an organ donation in time. It is necessary, Mr. President, that we support and promote organ and tissue donation, and it is imperative that we encourage others to do the same. I ask all Members of the Senate to help me recognize April as Donate Life Month.

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, MENSCH, HUGHES, FONTANA, FARNESE, BLAKE, BROWNE, ARGALL, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, SANTARSIERO, BARTOLOTTA, FOLMER, LANGERHOLC, PHILLIPS-HILL, REGAN, VOGEL, J. WARD, K. WARD, KILLION, BAKER, TARTAGLIONE, MUTH, HUTCHINSON, COSTA and SCHWANK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 77**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2019 as "Pennsylvania Community College Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I am offering this resolution along with my colleague and good friend, Senator Mensch, marking April 2019 as "Pennsylvania Community College Month" here in our Commonwealth. We have been co-chairs of the bipartisan community college caucus together for several Sessions and we are always eager to demonstrate our support across the board for these institutions and their valuable contributions to education and job training. Not only do we proudly represent their campuses, in my district I am proud to have Northampton Community College, but also, Mr. President, we value the business community and how they utilize our community colleges for certificate and training programs when it comes to high-demand and high-growth jobs. Community colleges are particularly well equipped to support jobs in industries where technology is quickly changing and evolving, such as manufacturing, electrical, mechanical systems, IT, and beyond. These require high skills and have strong local demand. Community colleges are also a very successful pathway for nontraditional learning and retraining on a broad spectrum of ages and backgrounds as well.

Today, I had several students in my office, we were engaged in great conversation. One student told me she was a hurricane victim and the community college worked with her because she had no money and they said, look, we will help pay for your college, and mostly paid for it all, if you would help other victims in hurricane situations, and she went out there and started building houses. I think it is incredible. This is the type of value community colleges have, and that is why I am so proud to celebrate with Senator Mensch today.

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

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

Senators K. WARD, SABATINA, FONTANA, BARTOLOTTA, FARNESE, DINNIMAN, BROWNE, PHILLIPS-HILL, SCHWANK, MENSCH, KILLION, BAKER, BLAKE, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, J. WARD, BREWSTER and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 78**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2019 as "Distracted Driving Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I am pleased today to join with my colleague, Senator Sabatina, on this resolution designating April 2019 as "Distracted Driving Awareness Month." Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving their car. Pennsylvania has a primary anti-texting law which prohibits drivers from sending, reading, or writing texts, but there is more, you could be doing your emails. Your phone is right there in front of you. You can be googling or you can be trying to look for directions. There is a reason why your navigation does not work while your car is in motion. The same thing with your cell phone, so you put it on your cell phone. It just takes a second or two to pull over, you spend a minute or two, and you save your life by maybe taking that couple of extra minutes to pull over to do any tasks that you need to do.

In 2017, there were more than 15,600 crashes in Pennsylvania involving a distracted driver. Additionally, from 2013 through 2017, there were 317 fatalities in crashes which involved a distracted driver. Think about that. Why do you have to answer that text? Why do you have to answer that email? You could ruin a life and you could ruin a family. It is very important that we all pay attention to this and not do that. I rise with our traffic safety partners, including AAA, the Pennsylvania Association for Justice, and a host of others to advance public education and outreach on distracted driving and to improve traffic safety throughout our great State. Thank you very much.

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

Senator SABATINA. Mr. President, I rise alongside my colleague and friend, Chairman Kim Ward, to introduce April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. Texting is the most impactful distraction while driving because it involves manual, visual, and cognitive distraction. The average distraction lasts 27 seconds, which means drivers are not fully engaged in the primary task of driving even after drivers put down their phones. Distracted driving is not confined to a single cause, age group, level of education, or driver demographic. In 2017, there were 15,630 crashes involving a distracted driver in Pennsylvania, and from 2013 to 2017, there were 317 fatalities in crashes involving a distracted driver, or an average of 63 fatalities per year in Pennsylvania.

I have introduced Senate Bill No. 131 that will be considered by the Senate Committee on Transportation tomorrow. This legislation would prohibit texting while driving for all novice drivers between the ages of 16 and 17. While it is not a full-on ban of texting while driving like New Jersey has, it is a fresh step in the right direction. My hope is that this legislation would make good driving habits in young drivers and to maintain their focus on the road instead of their phones. Pennsylvania can always do better when it comes to driver safety and overall awareness on our roadways. I stand here in full support of this resolution with Senator Kim Ward to mark April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senator COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 79**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing April 17, 2019, as "World Hemophilia Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I offer the following remarks for the record.

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

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

Mr. President, I rise today to talk about a serious blood disorder and to designate April 17, 2019, as "World Hemophilia Day." Hemophilia results from a missing or deficient protein needed for blood clotting. The two main forms are Hemophilia A, Factor VIII deficiency, and Hemophilia B, Factor IX deficiency. Hemophilia A occurs in 1 in 5,000 live male births. Hemophilia A is about four times as common as Hemophilia B. The number of people with hemophilia in the United States is estimated to be about 20,000 individuals.

The worldwide incidence of hemophilia is not well known, but estimated at more than 400,000 people. Approximately 75 percent of people with hemophilia around the world still receive inadequate treatment or have no access to treatment. There is currently no cure for hemophilia. There are very effective treatments available in the U.S., but they may require lifelong infusion of expensive drugs that are manufactured from human plasma or through recombinant biotechnology.

Nearly 90 percent of Americans with severe hemophilia became infected with AIDS in the 1980s when blood and plasma donations in the U.S. were not properly screened for HIV. Improvements in donor screening and current viral inactivation measures in the commercial manufacturing process have made clotting factor products very safe. The CDC's blood safety surveillance system, in place since 1998, has found no reported cases of HIV or hepatitis infections associated with clotting factor products among hemophilia patients.

Located in my district, the Hemophilia Center of Western Pennsylvania provides and advances comprehensive multidisciplinary care for persons with hemophilia and other inherited blood conditions. I further understand that the Hemophilia Foundation is in the Capitol today for their advocacy day and I wish to welcome them.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, PHILLIPS-HILL, MUTH, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, MARTIN, FARNESE, SANTARSIERO, COLLETT, K. WARD, J. WARD, FOLMER, SABATINA, BROWNE, SCHWANK, KILLION, HUGHES, BAKER, BLAKE, MENSCH, COSTA and KEARNEY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 80**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2019 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I offer this resolution to bring awareness to an important issue in the State, "Sexual Assault Awareness Month." Sexual assault is a serious issue that affects all of us. Nearly one in three women and one in six men in the United States have experienced some form of sexual violence in their lives, and yet, an estimated 63 percent of sexual assaults are never reported to the police. We need to act to stop the violence now. We all have the responsibility to help prevent sexual assault from occurring. We must work together to educate our communities about sexual violence prevention. The more we talk about sexual assault, and the more educated people become about sexual assault, the better chance we have of preventing it. Every one of us can make a difference in someone's life by teaching people how to recognize the signs of sexual abuse and what to do when someone is assaulted and abused. Therefore, I am asking for your support to combat sexual assault, to take steps toward preventing it, and helping survivors gain counseling in order to overcome it. Thanks to organizations like Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, these efforts are already underway. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing April 2019 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month so that we can join the effort to address sexual assault here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators SCAVELLO, J. WARD, BARTOLOTTA, FONTANA, DINNIMAN, BAKER, FARNESE, BROWNE, KILLION, TARTAGLIONE, BLAKE, AUMENT, HUGHES and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 81**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 8, 2019, as "Cushing's Syndrome Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, I offer this resolution designating April 8, 2019, as "Cushing's Syndrome Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania. This disease affects between 10 million and 15 million people, most commonly between the ages of 20 and 50. Cushing's syndrome is an endocrine disorder that is caused by an over-exposure of the body's tissues to the hormone cortisol. Some of the symptoms include upper body obesity, rounded face, increased fat around the neck, thinning arms and

legs, fatigue, weakness, high blood pressure, and mood disorders. Cushing's syndrome, sometimes called hypercortisolism, is relatively rare and delayed treatment of the disease significantly reduces treatment options. Therefore, it is important to educate the public about the symptoms of this disease in an effort to increase the rate of successful treatment. I ask the Members and my colleagues to join me in recognizing April 8, 2019, as Cushing's Syndrome Awareness Day in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator SCAVELLO. 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 22, SB 48, SB 178, SB 304 and SB 453.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019

9:00 A.M.	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (to consider Senate Bills No. 297 and 390)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
9:30 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (public hearing to consider the re-confirmation of Jessica Altman as Insurance Commissioner)	Room 461 Main Capitol
9:30 A.M.	HEALTH (H) and HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (S) (joint informational meeting on gene replacement therapy and its use in the treatment of genetic diseases)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
9:30 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bill No. 131; House Bill No. 384; and public hearing to consider the nomination of Leslie Richards as Secretary of the Department of Transportation)	Room 8E-A East Wing
1:30 P.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 510)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, about a half-hour ago we enjoyed a rally celebrating nurse practitioners from across the

Commonwealth, and it was right here in the Capitol Rotunda. These nurse practitioners from across the entire State came to show support for, and ask for passage of, Senate Bill No. 25, a bill that I sponsor with Senator Boscola, which provides for full practice authority for nurse practitioners. It will put Pennsylvania in line with 22 other States, the District of Columbia, and every VA in our nation.

The rally today was energetic and positive, but today we are also melancholy as we mourn a great loss to the nurse practitioner family. Dr. Mona Counts, Ph.D., CRNP, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN, and many other letters, 77 years old of Rices Landing, passed away on Thursday, April 4, at her home, surrounded by her loving family and friends. Mona lived life to its fullest, recognized by many as the mother of nurse practitioners. She was a very strong advocate for women's education and advancement. Traveling the world and touching far more lives than even she realized, her positive impact will live on in the hearts of many. Almost 5 years ago I had the pleasure of meeting Mona Counts in my office in Waynesburg, and she told me that in her many, many years as a nurse practitioner she actually accepted as payment for her services chickens from some of her patients. She truly had a heart of gold. (*Reading:*)

Dr. Counts was the second person in all of the nation to achieve nurse practitioner status and served as the president of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. She also started the first nonprofit nurse practitioner-run family practice clinic in the United States. Through this clinic, she educated countless nurse practitioners and residents. Her sustained efforts to establish full practice authority for nurse practitioners, by lobbying and testifying at the State and national levels, earned her a prominent voice in healthcare policy-making decisions. She was awarded the endowed Eberly Chair at Penn State University and served as director of the Nurse Practitioner Program there. Unable to settle down, she failed retirement several times by opening a "back porch" practice, volunteering as the telemedicine provider at free clinics in Altoona and Connellsville, and continuing to serve on the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board up until the time of her death. She was also exceptionally proud of earning her Master Gardeners Certification, and, like me, she became a pilot. She was also a board member of SOAR, and the list goes on and on.

It is my pleasure to talk about this lovely lady. At the rally just moments ago in the Rotunda, I shared some of that information from Mona Counts' obituary with the numerous nurse practitioners in attendance, and it is in her memory and in her honor that I proceed and push for the passage of Senate Bill No. 25, the full authority for our nurse practitioners to become the army that they can be to provide great healthcare throughout the Commonwealth.

Thank you for letting me share this, Mr. President.

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 3:35 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.