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SENATE

MONDAY, May 4, 2015

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend ROGER WILMER, JR., Pastor of St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church, Chambersburg, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves in prayer and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their lands. Most gracious God, whom Your throne is beholden among the dwellers upon this earth, we do beseech You right now for Your servants in this humble body, the Senate of the State of Pennsylvania, that they may always be inclined to Your will and walk in Your way, that they may be dedicated to the advancement of Your glory and to the good of the church, the safety, honor, and welfare of the citizens of the State of Pennsylvania.

God, You guide and govern everything in order and love. Almighty and eternal God, You know the loving hearts of women and men and You protect their rights. In Your goodness, watch over those who are in authority, over the people wherever they may be that they may enjoy freedom, security, and peace. Look upon this Assembly, these Senate leaders; fill them with Your spirit of wisdom. May You breathe fresh breath in their souls and in this hallowed hall. May You anoint this place. May You grant safety and protection to their families and sacrifices that they make in service for the people of Pennsylvania.

Father, at this time, we ask a special prayer of healing upon Senator Patrick Browne. God, we ask that You dispatch Your angels of grace and mercy by his bedside that You strengthen, not only his body, but his soul, and that You bring comfort to his family.

May this body always act in accordance with Your will and Your desire and that they be at peace and have the goodwill of all at heart. I pray this prayer in the name of Yahweh, Jehovah, Lord God Almighty, the Lord most high, the one who is the great shepherd, the everlasting, the I Am. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Wilmer, who is the guest today of Senator Alloway.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

CORRECTIONS TO NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

April 28, 2015

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

Please note that the letter dated February 4, 2015 for the nomination of Pedro Cortes, 1602 Churchill Road, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of the Commonwealth, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Carol Aichele, Tredyffrin, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Pedro Cortes, 1602 Churchill Road, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of the Commonwealth, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice The Honorable Carol Aichele, Tredyffrin, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES

April 28, 2015

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

Please note that the letter dated February 4, 2015 for the nomination of Curtis Topper, 5316 Ventnor Road, Bethesda, MD 20816, Montgomery County, for appointment as Secretary of General Services, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Sheri Phillips, Harrisburg, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Curtis Topper, 1312 Clayton Road, Lancaster 17603, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of General Services, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Sheri Phillips, Harrisburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
TO HOUSE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 152** and **HB 178**.

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

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HB 182 -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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HB 92 and **516** -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

HB 239 -- Committee on Finance.

HB 263 and **455** -- Committee on Game and Fisheries.

HB 299, 665 and **874** -- Committee on Judiciary.

HB 329, 363, 629, 696 and **735** -- Committee on Transportation.

HB 857 -- Committee on Banking and Insurance.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

April 23, 2015

Senators SCAVELLO, RAFFERTY, BLAKE, TEPLITZ, TARTAGLIONE, YUDICHAK, SMITH, COSTA and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SB 671**, entitled:

An Act providing for Commonwealth support for a Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Staff Member Loan Forgiveness Program and an Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselor Loan Forgiveness Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 23, 2015.

Senators LEACH, FONTANA, SCHWANK and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 697**, entitled:

An Act providing recognized immigrants with rights relating to in-State tuition at certain institutions of higher education, drivers' licenses and employment practices.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 23, 2015.

Senator LEACH and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 698**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, providing for the offense of use of live animals in traveling exhibitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 23, 2015.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, DINNIMAN, TEPLITZ, VULAKOVICH, FONTANA, BARTOLOTTA, WILLIAMS, BREWSTER, HAYWOOD SMITH, COSTA and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 726**, entitled:

An Act providing for a savings account program to pay for future disability expenses of beneficiaries and for powers and duties of the Treasury Department; and establishing the ABLE Account Program Bureau in the State Treasury and the ABLE Account Investment Program Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 23, 2015.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, FONTANA, GORDNER, COSTA, YUDICHAK and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 727**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in special funds, further providing for expiration of investment authority of the State Workers' Insurance Board.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 23, 2015.

Senators HUGHES, EICHELBERGER, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, SCHWANK, COSTA and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 746**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, making editorial changes by replacing references to the former Department of Public Welfare with the Department of Human Services.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 23, 2015.

Senators WOZNIAK, RAFFERTY and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 754**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in marriage license, prohibiting fraud on marriage license application.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 23, 2015.

Senators SCHWANK, VOGEL, ARGALL, COSTA, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, BREWSTER, BLAKE, GORDNER, STEFANO, BARTOLOTTA, HUTCHINSON, BROOKS, YUDICHAK and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 756**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth Financing Authority, further providing for First Industries Program expiration provision.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, April 23, 2015.

Senators WOZNIAK, ALLOWAY, VANCE and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 757**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in children and minors, further providing for determination of paternity.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 23, 2015.

Senators WOZNIAK, TEPLITZ, KITCHEN, FONTANA, BREWSTER, WILLIAMS, SCHWANK, COSTA, SMITH, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, BLAKE, HUGHES and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 758**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 2008 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Alternative Energy Investment Act, in alternative energy development program, further providing for pollution control technology projects; and providing for energy service project grants.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 23, 2015.

Senators SMUCKER, BLAKE, SCHWANK, WILLIAMS, TARTAGLIONE, LEACH, BREWSTER and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 760**, 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 in-State tuition for undocumented individuals.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 23, 2015.

Senators SMUCKER, WOZNIAK, GREENLEAF, VANCE, WHITE, AUMENT, ALLOWAY and BARTOLOTTA presented to the Chair **SB 761**, entitled:

An Act repealing the act of July 14, 1961 (P.L.604, No.304), known as The Apprenticeship and Training Act.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 23, 2015.

Senator McGARRIGLE, COSTA and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 763**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in Public Utility Commission, further providing for commission to cooperate with other departments; in powers and duties, further providing for assessment for regulatory expenses upon public utilities and for power of commission to require insurance; and providing for transportation network services.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 23, 2015.

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Senators DINNIMAN, TEPLITZ, GREENLEAF, COSTA, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, WHITE, VULAKOVICH, BREWSTER, BROOKS, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 766**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in sales and use tax, further providing for exclusions from tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 29, 2015.

Senators DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, STEFANO, YUDICHAK and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 767**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in county boards of election, further providing for membership.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 29, 2015.

Senators DINNIMAN, TEPLITZ, PILEGGI, COSTA, FONTANA, SCHWANK, VULAKOVICH, BROOKS and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 768**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, in senior citizens property tax and rent rebate assistance, further providing for filing of claim.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 29, 2015.

Senators DINNIMAN, TEPLITZ, EICHELBERGER, FONTANA, BREWSTER, TARTAGLIONE and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 770**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time, further providing for limitations of time for commencement of civil action arising from childhood sexual abuse.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 29, 2015.

Senators DINNIMAN, TEPLITZ, FOLMER, GREENLEAF, COSTA, SMITH, RAFFERTY, AUMENT, VULAKOVICH, HUTCHINSON and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 771**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fishing licenses, further providing for disabled veterans and former prisoners of war and providing for veterans.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, April 29, 2015.

May 1, 2015

Senators FONTANA, WILEY, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, SCHWANK, COSTA, SMITH, STEFANO and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 243**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, May 1, 2015.

Senators ARGALL, SMITH, RAFFERTY, BREWSTER, CORMAN and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 633**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in county correctional institutions, providing for county correctional officers investigation procedures; establishing

guidelines and procedures governing certain investigations of correctional officers; authorizing certain civil suits by correctional officers; providing for impact of collective bargaining agreements and for summary suspensions; and making an editorial change.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, May 1, 2015.

Senators WARD, SCAVELLO, GREENLEAF, BARTOLOTTA, RAFFERTY, WILEY, GORDNER, STEFANO, SMITH, BAKER and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 676**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for the PTP Statewide tourism marketing and promotion tax credit.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, May 1, 2015.

Senators KITCHEN, BREWSTER, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, HUGHES, COSTA, YUDICHAK, WILLIAMS, RAFFERTY and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 753**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, May 1, 2015.

Senators KITCHEN, BREWSTER, FONTANA, SCHWANK, COSTA, HUGHES, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, WOZNAK and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 759**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, enabling uniform fiduciary access to digital assets; and providing for authority, compliance and immunity.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, May 1, 2015.

Senators McILHINNEY, BREWSTER, ALLOWAY, BROOKS, RAFFERTY, WILEY, WOZNAK, MENSCH, BOSCOLA, ARGALL, VULAKOVICH, LEACH, TOMLINSON, HAYWOOD and BLAKE presented to the Chair **SB 764**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in wiretapping and electronic surveillance, further providing for exceptions to prohibition of interception and disclosure of communications.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, May 1, 2015.

Senators BROOKS, SCARNATI, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, BAKER, BOSCOLA, EICHELBERGER, HUTCHINSON, MENSCH, PILEGGI, SCHWANK, TEPLITZ, WARD, YAW and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 765**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for the definition of "emergency service responder" and providing for the definitions of "electric cooperative personnel" and "electric utility personnel"; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for duty of driver in emergency response areas.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 1, 2015.

Senators DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 769**, entitled:

An Act providing for violence prevention committees in health care facilities, for their powers and duties, for remedies and for the powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, May 1, 2015.

Senators GORDNER, BREWSTER, BLAKE, WOZNAK, SCARNATI, MENSCH, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, McILHINNEY, BARTOLOTTA, SMITH, ARGALL, HUGHES and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 772**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 23, 1972 (P.L.136, No.52), known as the Professional Psychologists Practice Act, further providing for definitions and for temporary license; allowing applicants to take test sooner; defining board's powers; making editorial changes; and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, May 1, 2015.

Senators EICHELBERGER, HUTCHINSON, McGARRIGLE, WOZNAK and BLAKE presented to the Chair **SB 775**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, consolidating The Third Class City Code; making revisions concerning records of ordinances maintained by the city clerk, bond, insurance and salary, qualifications for office of city treasurer, committee preparation of uniform financial report forms, observances, celebrations and recognition, selection of appointee from certified list of applicants and support of Pennsylvania National Guard units; making an editorial change; and making a related repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, May 1, 2015.

Senators FOLMER, EICHELBERGER, GORDNER, RAFFERTY, WHITE, STEFANO, VULAKOVICH, AUMENT, WOZNAK, YUDICHAK and SCARNATI presented to the Chair **SB 794**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, repealing provisions relating to report of racial and ethnic groupings, to study of public schools that provide Internet instruction, to corporate seal, to submission of plans, to approval of plans, to disapproval of plans, to Department of Public Instruction to prepare plans, to establishment of reorganized school districts, to advance establishment, to special school watchmen-school districts in townships of the second class, to copies of school laws, to educational broadcasting, to residences for teachers and janitors, to heating stoves to be shielded, to ventilation and thermometer, to fire-proof construction, to doors to open outward and fire escapes, etc., to water-closets and out-houses, to completion of abandoned WPA projects, districts of the third and fourth class, to condition of grounds and shade trees, to summer schools, etc., to possession of telephone pagers prohibited, to nonprofit school food program, to antitruancy programs, to medical care for children under six with defective hearing, to report, to care and treatment of pupils and to local wellness policy; further providing for fire and emergency evacuation drills; repealing provisions relating to foreign language academies, to monthly reports to school directors in districts second, third and fourth class, to alcohol, chemical

and tobacco abuse program, to read to succeed, to reporting, to department duties and powers; further providing for duties of State Board for Vocational Education and reports; repealing provisions related to schools or classes, supervisors, principals, instructors and etc., to estimate of expenses and reimbursements and appropriations and to teachers of evening schools; further providing for powers and duties of the board of trustees; repealing provisions related to annual report, to duties of public institutions of higher education, to medical education loan assistance, to special study on the revenue impact of out-of-State tax credits, and to powers and duties of the board and to reports and recommendations.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, May 1, 2015.

Senators ARGALL, ALLOWAY, TARTAGLIONE, AUMENT, SMITH, SCAVELLO, TEPLITZ, WOZNAK, DINNIMAN, McILHINNEY, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, HUGHES and BARTOLOTTA presented to the Chair **SB 795**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, May 1, 2015.

Senators SMITH, GREENLEAF, BREWSTER, VOGEL, BLAKE, COSTA, TEPLITZ, WILEY, YUDICHAK, BAKER, HUGHES, VULAKOVICH, FARNESE, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, WILLIAMS and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 796**, entitled:

An Act providing for portability of professional and occupational licenses for military spouses.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, May 1, 2015.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

April 23, 2015

Senators DINNIMAN, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, COSTA and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SR 57**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to study the issue of the most efficient and effective manner to provide information to the residents of this Commonwealth that clearly and concisely outlines the animal control responsibilities of State and local agencies and any nonprofit organizations.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 23, 2015.

Senators VOGEL, GREENLEAF, FOLMER, DINNIMAN, SMITH, YAW, MENSCH, AUMENT, VULAKOVICH, ALLOWAY, WOZNAK, BROOKS and BAKER presented to the Chair **SR 95**, entitled:

A Resolution urging Federal and State regulatory agencies to utilize science-based data in evaluating crop protection chemistry and nutrients.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 23, 2015.

May 1, 2015

Senators BOSCOLA, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, MENSCH, ARGALL, ALLOWAY, BREWSTER, SCHWANK and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SR 58**, entitled:

A Resolution expressing concern that a cement manufacturing plant funded by the Province of Quebec will negatively impact the cement manufacturing industry in Pennsylvania and urging Ambassador Michael Froman, the United States Trade Representative, to review the funding for possible violations of international trade rules.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, May 1, 2015.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Community and Economic Development
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North St., 4th FL
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

February 19, 2015

The mission of the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) is to foster opportunities for businesses to grow and for communities to succeed and thrive in a global economy. Our mission is to improve the quality of life for Pennsylvania citizens while assuring transparency and accountability in the expenditure of public funds.

The work of the more than 300 professionals at DCED and our hundreds of community and economic development, local government and tourism partners throughout the commonwealth have contributed to the positive outlook included in this annual report.

At the end of the day, what we do at the state level would not be possible without our statewide, regional and local partners, who are working every day to reinvent and revive your communities, attract visitors to your tourism destinations and create job opportunities for your residents.

Please review DCED's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2013-14 to learn more about our efforts to build a Pennsylvania that is Built to Advance.

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

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE DISPOSITION OF TORT CLAIMS PURSUANT TO THE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY ACT

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Office of Attorney General
Strawberry Square, 16th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

April 2015

Dear Senator Scarnati and Representative Turzai,

Under Pennsylvania law, the Office of Attorney General is required to submit an annual report to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate

and the Speaker of the House relating to the Sovereign Immunity Act. That report for Fiscal Year 2013-14 is attached.

Please contact me at the number below if you have any questions. Thank you.

ALYSSA L. WEINHOLD
Government Affairs Liaison
PA Office of Attorney General

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

Senator Camera Bartolotta as a member of the Children's Trust Fund Board.

Mr. Joseph Mangarella as a member of the State Transportation Advisory Committee.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the Minority Leader has made the following appointment:

Mr. William Leonard as a member of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Smucker, and legislative leaves for Senator Tomlinson and Senator Ward.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Smucker, and legislative leaves for Senator Tomlinson and Senator Ward. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, May 4, 2015

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, May 11, 2015, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, May 11, 2015, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Tomlinson has returned, and his legislative leave is cancelled.

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-47

Alloway	Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Tomlinson
Argall	Farnese	Mensch	Vance
Aument	Folmer	Pileggi	Vogel
Baker	Fontana	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Bartolotta	Gordner	Scarnati	Wagner
Blake	Greenleaf	Scavello	Ward
Boscola	Haywood	Schwank	White
Brewster	Hughes	Smith	Wiley
Brooks	Hutchinson	Smucker	Wozniak
Corman	Kitchen	Stefano	Yaw
Costa	Leach	Tartaglione	Yudichak
Dinniman	McGarigle	Teplitz	

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 Smucker has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators GREENLEAF, HAYWOOD, WOZNIAC, FONTANA, FARNESE, DINNIMAN, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, BREWSTER, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, AUMENT, SMITH, VULAKOVICH, MENSCH, TARTAGLIONE, ALLOWAY and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 98**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2015 as "Phenylketonuria Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, I ask for unanimous support for this resolution that designates May 2015 as "Phenylketonuria Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. PKU is a rare disease where the body cannot process an amino acid called phenylalanine, or Phe, which is found in all foods containing proteins. PKU is caused by a deficiency of a liver-produced enzyme. When this enzyme is absent or deficient, Phe accumulates

in the blood and is toxic to brain tissue and can cause severe intellectual disabilities. About 1 in every 15,000 infants are born with PKU in the United States. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Health figures for 2013, of the 139,022 newborns screened, 21 were diagnosed with PKU, or approximately 1 in 6,500 births. Early detection of PKU through newborn blood screening is crucial in helping to prevent major health problems. When treatment is begun within the first few weeks of life and adhered to, affected children can expect normal development and a normal lifespan.

In 1965, the Pennsylvania General Assembly approved the Newborn Child Testing Act requiring newborn children to be screened for six genetic or metabolic disorders. Although there is no cure for PKU, treatment involving medical foods, medications, and restrictions of Phe intake can prevent progressive, irreversible brain damage. In 1996, the General Assembly approved the Medical Foods Insurance Coverage Act requiring health insurance carriers in Pennsylvania to cover the cost of formulas that are medically necessary to treat PKU and certain other disorders that prevent children from consuming normal foods.

Researchers across the United States are conducting important research projects involving PKU. The National PKU Alliance, a nonprofit organization, is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with this disease and pursuing a cure.

GUESTS OF SENATOR STEWART J. GREENLEAF PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, in the gallery are my constituents, the Davis family from North Wales, Pennsylvania. Alexis Davis and her husband, Jim; their daughter, Tara; and their granddaughter, Violet, traveled to Harrisburg today to witness the adoption of this resolution. Mrs. Davis wrote to me informing me of her granddaughter, Violet, who has a rare, inherited metabolic disorder that I have just mentioned, PKU, and the importance of bringing awareness of this disorder to our body and to the State generally. It has also been recognized at the Federal level.

Violet, who is now age 5, was diagnosed with PKU at birth through newborn screening. As a result of this disease, Violet must be on a very strict diet to avoid major health problems and will probably need to follow medical and dietary guidelines throughout her life. If the President would not mind, I would like to introduce my guests and also first, of course, have a vote on the resolution. I appreciate your support.

The PRESIDENT. Senator, let us recognize your guests and to show that their presence here makes a difference, then we will do a roll call on the resolution. I am sure that they see their presence makes you successful.

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, thank you very much.

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

(Applause.)

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR ELISABETH J. BAKER AND SENATOR JOHN T. YUDICHAK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I rise with my friend and colleague, Senator Yudichak, to introduce our guests, who are visiting today from Borton-Lawson in Wilkes-Barre. Borton-Lawson is an architectural engineering design firm with more than 150 employees. They were recently awarded the Marcellus Shale Coalition Speakers Bureau Award for helping to promote and educate on the impacts of responsible natural gas production here in Pennsylvania. The group is part of their leadership development program, Borton-Lawson's Leadership Development Institute. They are here to learn more about State government and how they can become involved in the legislative process in Harrisburg. Senator Yudichak and I had a roundtable discussion with the group earlier today, and we ask that you please give our visitors from Borton-Lawson our usual warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne, Senator Yudichak.

Senator YUDICHAK. Mr. President, I join my Senate colleague, Senator Baker, to offer a hearty welcome to the Borton-Lawson engineering firm, and two dear friends, Chris Borton and Tom Lawson, the founders of that great firm in northeastern Pennsylvania. Not only have they built up a tremendous engineering business, but they are great community leaders engaged in the community and are on several community boards, and are always looking out for the best interests of northeastern Pennsylvania. So please, Mr. President, welcome our guests.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Baker and Senator Yudichak please rise so that we may give you a warm Senate welcome.

(Applause.)

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 my pleasure to introduce special guests from Lycoming County who are seated in the Senate gallery. Joining us today are five area school district superintendents who have traveled to Harrisburg to meet with Senator Smucker and myself. I would like to welcome Daphne L. Bowers from the Montgomery Area School District; Don Adams from the Williamsport Area School District; Gerald McLaughlin from the Loyalsock Township School District; Michael Pawlik from the East Lycoming School District; and Timothy Bowers of the Montoursville Area School District. Also with them is Jason Fink, executive vice president of the Williamsport Chamber of Commerce, who organized this tour today. I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming my guests to the Senate of Pennsylvania.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MATTHEW H. SMITH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SMITH. Mr. President, I rise to welcome visitors from my district who are visiting Harrisburg today and touring the Capitol. Nearly 50 area residents departed this morning from the Mount Lebanon Recreation Center to spend the day in the area touring the Capitol visiting with Representative Dan Miller and me, and finally exploring Hershey's Chocolate World before heading home. It is always a special experience for me when I am able to introduce constituents to the Capitol and give them an idea of what happens during Session and certainly hear their thoughts on current legislative issues. I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in acknowledging the residents of Mount Lebanon visiting today, and although they are not with us here right now in the Senate Chamber, I trust that they will hear, as they are in the Capitol somewhere, a rousing, thunderous applause from the Senate, if you please, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Smith has requested a rousing and thunderous applause for his guests. I think we should try and oblige the Senator, and welcome the guests of Senator Smith with a rousing and thunderous Senate applause.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR DAYLIN LEACH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator LEACH. Mr. President, I am very excited. We have an intern with us today visiting the Senate for the first time. Her name is Meron Afutu, and she is here today. If the Senate would give her its usual warm welcome.

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

(Applause.)

REQUEST FOR RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room, followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the first floor 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. For the Members of the Senate, I am going to sign my first two bills here as Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate. You can applaud, Senator Brewster. If anyone would like to be in pictures, I would be honored.

RECESS

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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Blake and Senator Hughes, and legislative leaves for Senator Brewster, Senator Kitchen, and Senator Schwank.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a legislative leave for Senator Hutchinson.

Senator Fontana requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Blake and Senator Hughes, and legislative leaves for Senator Brewster, Senator Kitchen, and Senator Schwank.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 159 (Pr. No. 145) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for medical professional liability reciprocal exchange-to-stock conversion and for adoption of plan of conversion; imposing duties on Insurance Commissioner; providing for contents of plan of conversion, for optional provisions of plan of conversion, for alternative plan of conversion, for effective date of plan, for rights of subscribers whose policies are issued after adoption of plan and before effective date, for corporate existence, for conflict of interest, for failure to give notice, for limitation on actions, for reciprocal insurer insolvent or in hazardous financial condition, for rules and regulations, for laws applicable to stock company, for licensing of stock company and commencement of business as an insurance company, for amendment of policies and for prohibition on acquisitions of control.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-47

Alloway	Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Tomlinson
Argall	Farnese	Mensch	Vance
Aument	Folmer	Pileggi	Vogel
Baker	Fontana	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Bartolotta	Gordner	Scarnati	Wagner
Blake	Greenleaf	Scavello	Ward
Boscola	Haywood	Schwank	White
Brewster	Hughes	Smith	Wiley
Brooks	Hutchinson	Smucker	Wozniak
Corman	Kitchen	Stefano	Yaw
Costa	Leach	Tartaglione	Yudichak
Dinniman	McGarrigle	Teplitz	

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 330, SB 489 and SB 622 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 7 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 22 (Pr. No. 7) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, further providing for dog purchaser protection.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 70, HB 89, HB 90 and SB 104 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

HB 150 (Pr. No. 130) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for Share the Road plate.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 157 and HB 192 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 264 (Pr. No. 144) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the sale of shark fins; and imposing a penalty.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 329, HB 341 and SB 398 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 501 (Pr. No. 497) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for protection of paychecks of certain workers, for the collection of membership dues and political contributions; and repealing certain provisions of The Administrative Code of 1929 and the Public Employee Fair Share Fee Law.

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

SB 501 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 501, Printer's No. 497, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 524 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 590 (Pr. No. 566) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 5, 2012 (P.L.1102, No.132), known as the State System of Higher Education Intellectual Property Act, further providing for title of act, for short title, for definitions and for repeal.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 594 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 643 (Pr. No. 652) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in open meetings, further providing for executive sessions.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 678, SB 683, SB 687, SB 688 and SB 695 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 699 (Pr. No. 683) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the disposition of certain lands situate in Plymouth Township, Luzerne County, subject to Project 70 restrictions.

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

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

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

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION

January 14, 2015

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, William Lieberman, 201 Gladstone Road, Pittsburgh 15217, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

NOMINATION LAID ON THE TABLE

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

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

EXECUTIVE NOMINATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator ALLOWAY,
That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering a certain nomination made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I call from the table a certain nomination and ask for its consideration.

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

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TOM CORBETT
Governor

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

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

YEA-47

Alloway	Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Tomlinson
Argall	Farnese	Mensch	Vance
Aument	Folmer	Pileggi	Vogel
Baker	Fontana	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Bartolotta	Gordner	Scarnati	Wagner
Blake	Greenleaf	Scavello	Ward
Boscola	Haywood	Schwank	White
Brewster	Hughes	Smith	Wiley
Brooks	Hutchinson	Smucker	Wozniak
Corman	Kitchen	Stefano	Yaw
Costa	Leach	Tartaglione	Yudichak
Dinniman	McGarrigle	Teplitz	

NAY-0

A constitutional two-thirds 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 ALLOWAY. 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 WARD, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bills:

SB 3 (Pr. No. 840) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act providing for the medical use of cannabis in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

SB 284 (Pr. No. 783) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for special motorcycle plates for veterans.

SB 285 (Pr. No. 163) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for Veterans' Trust Fund.

SB 442 (Pr. No. 391) (Rereported)

An Act requiring notification in advertising.

SB 644 (Pr. No. 841) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Independent Fiscal Office, further providing for duties of office and for access to information.

SB 645 (Pr. No. 842) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act providing for notice and disclosure of proposed collective bargaining agreements and related documents and for open records.

HB 221 (Pr. No. 464) (Rereported)

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in selection and retention of judicial officers, further providing for continuing education requirement; and, in municipal police education and training, further providing for powers and duties of Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator WARD, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following resolution:

SR 27 (Pr. No. 510) (Rereported)

A Resolution directing the Advisory Committee on Public Health Law of the Joint State Government Commission to study the issue of youth vaccinations and immunizations to determine whether any amendments should be made to the Commonwealth's public health law.

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

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators BARTOLOTTA, FONTANA, BREWSTER, HAYWOOD, WARD, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, WHITE, ARGALL, ALLOWAY, SMITH, RAFFERTY, COSTA, MENSCH, VULAKOVICH, AUMENT, YUDICHAK, McILHINNEY, LEACH, BAKER, SCHWANK, FARNESE, BOSCOLA and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 99**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 11 through 15, 2015, as "Women's Lung Health Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, lung cancer is the number one cancer killer of women, killing almost twice as many women as any other cancer. On average, less than half of all women diagnosed with lung cancer will be alive 1 year after their diagnosis. Although smoking is the leading cause of lung cancer, exposure to radon and air pollution is the second leading cause among women. Many people also do not know that every 5 minutes a woman in the U.S. is told she has lung cancer, and the lung cancer death rate in women has more than doubled over the last 35 years.

Mr. President, I have personally lost seven close family members to different cancers in a 10-year period. Both of my grandmothers died of lung cancer. One smoked nearly every day for over 60 years of her 80-year life, and the other never smoked a day in her life. Together, we can increase awareness and advocacy efforts, which will result in better treatment and more options, particularly for women. Ultimately, our goal is to help save lives. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the week of May 11 to 15, 2015, as "Women's Lung Health Week" in Pennsylvania and vote in the affirmative on this resolution.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentlewoman on her very informative and important 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 GORDNER, EICHELBERGER, YAW, SCARNATI, WARD, RAFFERTY, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, SCAVELLO, FOLMER, BLAKE, PILEGGI, COSTA, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, VULAKOVICH, BAKER, WHITE, ALLOWAY, BROOKS, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE and WILLIAMS, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 100**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 7, 2015, as the "National Day of Prayer" in Pennsylvania and encouraging the celebration of religious freedom.

Which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote.

Senators FARNESE, TEPLITZ, HAYWOOD, AUMENT, GREENLEAF, EICHELBERGER, SCAVELLO, FONTANA, KITCHEN, BREWSTER, MENSCH, DINNIMAN, VANCE, PILEGGI, COSTA, RAFFERTY, WHITE, FOLMER, BLAKE, SMITH, VULAKOVICH, BOSCOLA, ALLOWAY, HUTCHINSON, BROOKS, YUDICHAK and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 101**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2015 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness 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, ALS is also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. It is a fatal disease affecting as many as 30,000 Americans. Each year, more than 5,000 people are diagnosed with ALS. It is estimated that there are 1,000 Pennsylvanians currently battling the disease. ALS occurs indiscriminately, crossing racial, ethnic, and socio-economic boundaries. Those affected by ALS are unable to live a normal life. Muscle weakness leads to impaired use of the arms and legs. As the disease progresses, essential functions such as swallowing and breathing become a daunting task. Many ALS patients lose their ability to walk, gesture, speak, and breathe on their own. Eventually, complete paralysis moves in. After diagnosis, the average life expectancy of an ALS patient is between 2 and 5 years. Military veterans, Mr. President, are disproportionately affected by ALS, with their current rates twice as high as the general population. Most diagnoses occur in people between 40 and 70 years of age. Lou Gehrig, one of the greatest baseball players to ever play the game, died from ALS when he was only 38 years old.

Mr. President, I would like to formally thank the ALS Association, particularly the Western Pennsylvania Chapter and Greater Philadelphia Chapter, for their ongoing efforts in this research. They stand by the victims of this disease and their families, offering services to enhance the quality of life of all ALS patients. This minuscule yet essential funding we have appropriated to ALS patients' care in this Commonwealth goes a very long way under the guidance of these organizations. I hope our recognition today and moving forward, we will all advocate for more research and give the patients living with ALS and their families much needed support in their search for a cure.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for very important information.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator Teplitz.

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, I rise to join Senator Farnese in urging my Senate colleagues to designate May 2015 as "ALS Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. ALS awareness holds a very personal meaning to me. My grandfather died of complications from ALS when I was a teenager. I want to thank advocates, including individuals themselves who are living with ALS, who are raising awareness about this terrible disease and sharing their stories. I know that last year's ice bucket challenge, which many of us participated in, became a massive fundraiser and brought much needed attention to ALS and the many lives

affected by it, but we must continue to raise awareness and continue to support researchers with the hope that we someday find a cure. So with that, I ask my colleagues to join Senator Farnese and me in declaring the month of May as ALS Awareness Month in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the Senator for his great work on this important issue.

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

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

Senators VANCE, AUMENT, BAKER, MENSCH, KITCHEN, DINNIMAN, HAYWOOD, SCHWANK, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, SCAVELLO, WHITE, COSTA, FONTANA, SMITH, TARTAGLIONE, TEPLITZ, WOZNIAK, YUDICHAK, BOSCOLA and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 102**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of May 10 through 16, 2015, as "National Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator VANCE. Mr. President, I think we all know that hospitals play a very integral role in delivering healthcare service to all of the people of Pennsylvania, but they are a key element in Pennsylvania's economy, as well, because they provide 591,000 direct and indirect jobs. Whether it is acute inpatient care, outpatient, emergency rehabilitation, or behavioral health, hospitals serve a vital mission. "National Hospital Week" dates back to 1921 in Chicago as an event to build trust after the Spanish flu outbreak. Please join me in supporting this resolution.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Vance. The hospitals not only keep people healthy, but they create economic health in our State.

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

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

Senators BAKER, FONTANA, VULAKOVICH, SCAVELLO, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, AUMENT, SMITH, COSTA, YUDICHAK, MENSCH, ALLOWAY and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 103**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2015 as "Building Safety Month" and encouraging residents to participate in "Building Safety Week" from May 3 through May 9, 2015, in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, building safety is one of those less than glamorous subjects that people tend to think about only when controversy flares up over costs or requirements. It is a fundamental consideration for those who live, work, or visit these structures. As we are frequently reminded, building safety is a major, ever-present concern for emergency responders. We take the structural integrity of buildings for granted, but the truth is, there are individuals and organizations working year-round to try to give us peace of mind. So we should acknowledge and respect the skilled and diligent builders, architects, engineers, inspectors, and others who make this prevention and protection system work. Building construction is an arena where the one constant is change. Severe weather events and natural disasters force us to rethink standard practices and cope with new challenges. When the public mood and policy shift toward lowering environmental impact and increasing sustainability of buildings, codes must be adapted to take into account green technologies. In a world filled with trouble, we sometimes neglect to focus on the parts that are functioning properly most of the time.

The purpose of this resolution is to remind and acknowledge the work of skilled and dedicated people who are making our lives safer as our quality of life continues to improve. So, please join me in making May 2015 national "Building Safety Month" 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 FONTANA, TEPLITZ, WOZNIAK, HAYWOOD, DINNIMAN, KITCHEN, GREENLEAF, BREWSTER, EICHELBERGER, BAKER, MENSCH, COSTA, LEACH, FARNESE, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, McILHINNEY, SCHWANK, BLAKE, SMITH, AUMENT, ALLOWAY, BROOKS, YUDICHAK and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 104**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2015 as "Brain Tumor Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in adopting this resolution which designates May 2015 as "Brain Tumor Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, there are more than 120 types of brain tumors, and they do not discriminate against gender, age, or ethnic background. They can develop in anyone. Symptoms associated with brain tumors often include headaches, seizures, sensory and motor loss, hearing loss, vision loss, fatigue, and behavioral and cognitive changes. Estimates show that nearly 70,000 new cases of primary brain tumors will be diagnosed this year alone. With that in mind, Mr. President, I would like to pay special tribute to one

of my staff members, Becki Molinaro, who was the motivation behind my getting involved with this issue and my inspiration for this resolution. Becki was diagnosed with a brain tumor earlier this year. She is currently undergoing treatment and is inspiring all of us as she undertakes this courageous battle with determination, dignity, and strength. To my Senate colleagues and staff, feel free to stop by my office any morning to offer Becki your best wishes and prayers.

Mr. President, Brain Tumor Awareness Month is an opportunity for us to come together as a community and spotlight the tributes and triumphs of all of those, like Becki, who are impacted by the brain tumor diagnosis in need for greater understanding of the disease and safer, more effective treatments. It is my hope that this resolution will help bring to light the serious issue of brain tumors and urge individuals who are experiencing unusual symptoms to go to their doctors for testing.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Fontana. We also thank Becki for her courage and will take up the gentleman on his offer to come by and talk about brain tumor awareness with Becki personally.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators TEPLITZ, DINNIMAN, LEACH, SCHWANK, HAYWOOD, ARGALL, WILLIAMS, FONTANA, ALLOWAY, TARTAGLIONE, VULAKOVICH, HUTCHINSON, PILEGGI, SMITH, YUDICHAK, BROOKES, COSTA, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, MENSCH and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 105**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 67th anniversary of the birth of the State of Israel.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TEPLITZ. Mr. President, this resolution, which is also co-prime-sponsored by Senator Schwank, Senator Dinniman, and Senator Leach, commemorates the 67th anniversary of the birth of Israel. The land of Israel is the birthplace of the Jewish people and the source of our religious and spiritual identity. The atrocities of the Holocaust and the deaths of millions of Jews in Europe under the Nazi regime became the impetus for an independent Jewish state. In 1947, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution calling for the establishment of an independent Jewish state and directed inhabitants of the country to take actions facilitating that resolution. So, on May 14, 1948, the State of Israel was established as a sovereign and independent country and the first Jewish state in 2,000 years.

In a relatively brief time, and despite difficult challenges on the issues of peace and security, Israel has emerged from a fledgling state to one with a successful democracy, a strong economy, and a powerful military. The Senate recently adopted a resolution that we sponsored that recognized the Days of Remembrance of

the Victims of the Holocaust. The proximity of the Days of Remembrance and the celebration of the birth of the State of Israel demonstrates the resilience of the Jewish people. Israel thrives because its residents are committed to insuring a free democratic state. So, Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the 67th anniversary of the State of Israel.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman and says mazel tov to the State of Israel for 67 wonderful years. We commend Senator Teplitz, along with Senator Dinniman, Senator Leach, and Senator Schwank. The Chair notes one more time there is no greater ally in the world with the United States than the State of Israel.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators VULAKOVICH, ALLOWAY, AUMENT, BAKER, COSTA, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HAYWOOD, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, SCAVELLO, SMITH, TARTAGLIONE, TEPLITZ, WOZNAK, BOSCOLA and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 106**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of May 3 through 9, 2015, as "National Arson Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator VULAKOVICH. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to support this resolution designating May 3 through 9 as "National Arson Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania. I would like to submit my remarks for the record.

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

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

Mr. President, this resolution highlights the issue of arson in our Commonwealth and across the nation. Nationally, 17,400 residential building fires were set intentionally, and I repeat, intentionally, from 2010 through 2012. On top of that, there were 9,000 nonresidential building fires intentionally set. The average loss per incident is \$15,086. Thankfully, when the bell rings, our fire and EMS crews answer the call.

While we cannot predict when arson will occur, we can help provide the tools to investigators to determine the cause and ultimately hold those responsible accountable for their actions. In this regard, "accelerant detection canines," or "arson dogs," have become a major asset to fire departments and law enforcement agencies. Canines have a sense of smell that is 100,000 times more acute than a human's. Accelerant detection canines are trained to sniff out minute traces of accelerants - gasoline, lighter fluid, et cetera - that may have been used to start a fire. Each dog works and lives with their handler, a law enforcement officer or firefighter trained to investigate fire scenes. The canine and handler are required to complete 200 hours of training.

An accelerant detection canine can cover a fire scene within 30 minutes, whereas it can take a human days. Canines are accurate. At best, humans can make educated guesses about possible accelerant use and will need to collect an average of 20 samples to send off to a lab for

testing. With an ADC, its nose narrows down the guesswork, and it winds up taking three samples on average. Higher quality lab samples speed up investigations and result in a higher conviction rate. So this year's theme of "Arson Awareness Week" is appropriately entitled "Accelerated Detection Canines - Sniffing Out Arson."

I would like to personally commend State Farm, one of the nation's leading insurance providers, for helping fire and law enforcement in our communities with the purchase of accelerated detection canines. Recently, State Farm has provided dogs to Allentown and Altoona, and will soon be providing a trained dog to Beaver Falls in western PA. All told, since 1993, State Farm has funded the acquisition and training of over 350 arson dog teams.

Mr. President, thank you for this opportunity to highlight the issue of arson in Pennsylvania and the work that is being done by State Farm and others in addressing this costly crime. 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.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christine Dutter-Goodman and to the Emmaus Public Library by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Adrian Shanker by Senators Boscola and Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Hayden Novosel by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Edna F. Richard Cramer, Diana C. Hoopes, Alice Markiewicz, Julie Myers, Sally Bopp, Michael Kelly and to New Century Club of West Chester by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Holly Graver and to Citadel Bank by Senators Dinniman and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Fred Neil Imler, Sr., by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to International House Philadelphia by Senator Farnese.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hogan and to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Sherman by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Antoinetta Cutrufello by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Catherine C. McMullen by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jack Walker by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew Dean Schaeffer and to Devon William Keller by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Shawn Michael Galbreath by Senator Vogel.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Ernest E. Atiyeh, Jr., by Senator Boscola.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Richard L. Seidel and to the family of the late Anthony J. Carabello by Senator Schwank.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Geraldine Estelle Carter by Senator Williams.

POSTHUMOUS CITATION

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

A posthumous citation honoring the late Corporal Michael J. Crescenzo was extended to the family by Senator Dinniman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015

9:00 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (public hearing to consider the impacts of increasing minimum wage)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:30 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider the nomination of Curtis Topper as Secretary of General Services)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
11:30 A.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (public hearing on the 2014 Annual Report from the Pennsylvania Game Commission)	Room 8E-A East Wing
11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 95, 294, 373 and 663)	Room 8E-B East Wing
12:00 P.M.	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (public hearing to consider the nomination of Acting Secretary Dennis M. Davin to the Dept. of Community and Economic Development)	Room 461 Main Capitol
12:00 P.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (confirmation hearing on the nomination of Major General James R. Joseph as the Adjutant General of the PA Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs; and to consider Senate Bill No. 490)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015

9:30 A.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (public hearing and committee meeting to consider the nomination of Garold Tennis as Secretary of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs and Senate Bills No. 396 and 472)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
10:00 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider the nomination of Eileen McNulty as Secretary of Revenue) P O S T P O N E D	Room 8E-A East Wing
10:00 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 73, 556 and 691)	Room 8E-A East Wing

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015

1:00 P.M.	FINANCE (public hearing on tax credits for waterfront development and data center investment)	Pt. Park University
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TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015

10:00 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing to discuss collateral consequences of criminal convictions)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
11:30 A.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (public hearing to receive the 2014 Annual Report from the PA Fish and Boat Commission)	Room 8E-B East Wing
11:30 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider the executive nomination of Pedro Cortes for appointment as Secretary of the Department of State)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
12:00 P.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider the nomination of Russell Redding as Secretary of the Dept. of Agriculture)	Room 8E-A East Wing

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015

9:30 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (joint informational meeting with the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee on Industrial Hemp - Senate Bill No. 50 and House Bill No. 967)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
1:30 P.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (public hearing on E-911)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I am ready to talk about something that we are very proud of from Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. I know that you recently experienced the wonderful weekend we had in Pittsburgh. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment and talk about the Pittsburgh Marathon, which took place last Sunday in Pittsburgh in Allegheny County. As you know, Mr. President, this is an annual tradition in Allegheny County, and what is great about the event is that even though it is a race, there really are no losers who participate in this event.

First and foremost, Mr. President, it is important that I recognize everyone involved for helping to make this year's event a very successful event. I hope we can all appreciate that it takes tremendous cooperation, dedication, and commitment of really the entire city and our entire county and our region to allow this event to take place. From the marathon committee to the city of Pittsburgh's officials and public works officials, to the police and the paramedics, hundreds and hundreds of volunteers, and local neighborhoods and constituents who were impacted by road closures, the event truly is one of a kind that our region has been able to bring together, like not many other folks are able to do. It not only gives us a chance to celebrate the importance of health and fitness, but more importantly, Mr. President, it allows us to see the true strength of those who run this race and the community that comes out to support them.

Mr. President, let us talk about the community support: 150,000 spectators, more than 100 bands and groups cheering folks along the route, the 26-plus miles route, visitors from 50

States and all around the world come together to Allegheny County and the city of Pittsburgh to participate in this race. This year, Mr. President, we had more than 40,000 runners, including yourself. I want to commend you for the fine work that you did preparing to be a participant in this year's marathon, and welcome you back to the city of Pittsburgh for the second consecutive year. As I understand it, you were able to shave a few minutes off of your time from last year. That is a tribute to your great training that you have been able to do over the course of the past year. I would be remiss, Mr. President, if I did not recognize some of the staff folks from the Senate who participated, in particular Edie Shealy from our staff, who led a contingent of marathoners, put together a group who participated in a team competition with my colleagues from other parts of the western part of the State, as well. Mr. President, there was also a record number of children participating, 6,000 children participating in a portion of the marathon activities. That is a significant number, and the message sent to those 6,000 kids is that health and fitness are very, very important. In fact, Mr. President, 33 percent of the folks who ran in this year's race ran for the first time. We would like to welcome them to the Pittsburgh Marathon family and sincerely hope that they had a good time in Pittsburgh, but more importantly, that they plan on joining us again next year.

Equally important is the economic impact that an event like this brings to our Pittsburgh region. All of these folks come to town, they stay at hotels, they have dinner the night before, they eat breakfast the next morning, and they bring their family and friends who support them along the running route, and they support our economy as well. As you can see, Mr. President, there are a lot of good stories to tell about this annual event, but probably the most important one is how much money is raised for charity. More than \$6 million was raised since 2009, all making its way back into charitable organizations across our region. That story by itself is a reason to celebrate.

Finally, Mr. President, I want to recognize what it takes to compete in an event like the Pittsburgh Marathon. Running a race is not easy. Running a marathon, therefore, may seem impossible to many folks. It takes strength, endurance, and not to mention mental and physical fitness. Even the most seasoned of athletes can find it very challenging. As a result, Mr. President, nearly 50 folks were treated either on-scene or at local hospitals as a result of race-related injuries. In fact, one young man, in his early 20s, was the victim of cardiac arrest. We understand he is doing okay now and recovering at a local hospital, and I ask that my colleagues, friends, and families provide our thoughts and prayers to the young man as he continues to recuperate and recover in a Pittsburgh hospital.

Mr. President, I appreciate you and my colleagues indulging me for a few moments to talk about our Pittsburgh Marathon. It is no secret that I am Pittsburgh proud, and this is another reason why. If you ever want to join us in Pittsburgh for the marathon or consider participating in some of the activities that take place there, we welcome you to do that whether you are running, volunteering, or just coming out to lend support, we welcome you to the city of Pittsburgh.

Mr. President, again, I want to thank you for participating and providing the opportunity to spend some time in Pittsburgh and enjoy the race. I am glad to see that you finished very, very well.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Costa for his remarks and for the great work on the Pittsburgh Marathon. He should be Pittsburgh proud. We should all be Pennsylvania proud.

I want to point out another participant who did a great job was Senator Gordner, who ran with his daughter, and they ran at a very good pace, and it shows that fitness also brings families together, which I know your mother would be very proud to hear. Your son Anthony helped us a great deal in coming to the marathon. I could go on all day, but all I can say is we should all be Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania proud. The Pittsburgh Marathon is a wonderful event that brings people together, and everyone who gets a chance, please find a way to participate next year.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, thank you. I apologize. I was not aware Senator Gordner and his daughter ran in the race. This demonstrates the true bipartisan nature of this Senate of Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDENT. So true. Thank you, Senator Costa.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Wozniak, who has been patiently prowling around, waiting for an opportunity to also speak on Petitions and Remonstrances.

Senator WOZNIAK. Well, Mr. President, Senator Costa is Pittsburgh proud, and I have to admit that I am Johnstown proud. I want to thank all of the people who listened to me through my Facebook, through my Twitter, and through my e-blast, and all of the people of the four corners of the United States who supported Johnstown in the Kraft competition for Hockeyville USA. The grand prize was \$150,000 for our Cambria County War Memorial, which will go to improvements upon our ice rink, but I think most importantly it was the absolute mobilization of a lot of citizens out there in support of our small town of Johnstown, showing how incredibly involved we can be. I want to thank Decatur, Illinois, a city of 70,000 people, that was our competition in the west, and Johnstown, with a population of 20,000 was able to compete. So perhaps we can have the hockey game of Decatur meet Johnstown, but we know that September 29, the Pittsburgh Penguins, and I am not sure who they are playing, but they will be playing a preseason game in Johnstown.

To show you how significant the effort was, there were over 18,000 submissions made, over 1,400 individual city arenas, hockey rinks throughout the United States competing, and our small town in west-central Pennsylvania was able to succeed. A lot of it was because of the success of the cult movie *Slapshot* with Paul Newman, and I think the opportunity is out there to use this as a springboard to bring some notice to my small town.

So, I want to thank all of those people who called in on their cell phones, who texted on their cell phones—not while driving, of course—and also did all of that emailing to accomplish that goal, and using social media to get that message across. I am not sure what Kraft Industry's concept was with all of that competition, but we thank them for their \$150,000, and I want to thank all of the people who participated. It was fun, and as you know, as you just finished a race yourself, and faced a marathon in a previous race, winning does feel good. So today I am Johnstown proud, and I thank everybody who participated.

The PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senator Wozniak and Johnstown, a great town on the move.

BILLS SIGNED

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

HB 152 and **HB 178**.

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 Tuesday, May 5, 2015, 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 5:35 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.