

WEEKLY SESSION NOTES

SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE – DAVID G. ARGALL, CHAIRMAN

Monday, March 2, 2015

[Senate Bill 130](#) (Gordner) would amend Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to prohibit a person sentenced to a term of supervised community service or required by a court or a paroling authority to participate in a public or nonprofit community service program from purchasing credit in lieu of performing the community service in any form. [Passed: 48-0.](#)

[Senate Resolution 34](#) (Pileggi) recognizes the week of March 2 through 8, 2015 as “Sleep Awareness Week” in Pennsylvania. [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

[Senate Resolution 35](#) (Ward) designates the month of March 2015 as “Problem Gambling Awareness Month” in Pennsylvania and observes the month of March 2015 as “National Problem Gambling Awareness Month.” [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

[Senate Resolution 36](#) (Wiley) designates the week of March 15 through 21, 2015 as “Poison Prevention Week” in Pennsylvania. [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

[Senate Resolution 37](#) (Teplitz) recognizes the 70th anniversary of The Silver Academy and honors the great works of Rabbi David L. Silver and the school’s faculty, staff, students and alumni. [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

[Senate Resolution 38](#) (Greenleaf) designates the month of March 2015 as “Brain Injury Awareness Month” in Pennsylvania. [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

[Senate Resolution 39](#) (Baker) designates the week of March 8 through 14, 2015 as “Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week” in Pennsylvania. [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

[Senate Resolution 40](#) (Boscola) recognizes March 2015 as “Eye Donor Month” in Pennsylvania. [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

[Senate Resolution 41](#) (Dinniman) recognizes March 25, 2015 as “National Medal of Honor Day” in Pennsylvania. [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

Executive Session

Nominations to Bucks County Court of Common Pleas (Two-Thirds Vote Required).

[Confirmed: 46-2.](#)

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

[Senate Bill 42](#) (Baker) would amend Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to make it a summary offense for a person to falsely represent himself as a veteran of the United States Armed Forces on a driver's license or identification card. The offense would be punishable by a fine of \$300, or imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days, or both. **Passed: 48-0.**

[Senate Bill 266](#) (Eichelberger) would authorize the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, to convey to the Bear Valley Franklin County Pennsylvania Joint Authority two permanent utility and access easements at the Fort Loudon Historical Site in Peters Township, Franklin County for purposes of groundwater withdrawal for a one-time payment of \$19,500. In the event the parties have not entered into an easement agreement within one year of the effective date of the legislation, the authorization for the conveyance would expire. **Passed: 48-0.**

[Senate Resolution 28](#) (Scavello) is a concurrent resolution establishing the Joint Select Committee on Institutions of Purely Public Charity to examine, investigate and complete a study of the laws of the Commonwealth regarding tax exemptions provided to institutions of purely public charity. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 42](#) (Vogel) designates March 31, 2015 as "Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Day" and congratulates Pennsylvania Farm Bureau members for their significant contributions to the Commonwealth and its agricultural industry. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 43](#) (Teplitz) observes March 14, 2015 as "Charter Day" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 44](#) (Teplitz) designates the month of April 2015 as "Distracted Driving Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 45](#) (Eichelberger) recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure for multiple sclerosis; expresses appreciation to the Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for their work; and recognizes the week of March 2 through 8, 2015 as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 46](#) (Pileggi) designates the week of March 15 through 21, 2015 as "Sunshine Week" in Pennsylvania to commemorate the anniversary of James Madison's birth. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 47](#) (Boscola) recognizes March 8, 2015 as "International Women's Day" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 48](#) (Vulakovich) recognizes March 30, 2015 as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

[Senate Resolution 49](#) (Tomlinson) recognizes the month of March 2015 as “National Athletic Training Month” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 50](#) (Rafferty) designates the month of March 2015 as “Irish American Heritage Month” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 51](#) (Eichelberger) designates the month of March 2015 as “International DeMolay Month” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

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