

WEEKLY SESSION NOTES

SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE – DAVID G. ARGALL, CHAIRMAN

Monday, March 18, 2019

[Senate Bill 128](#) (Regan) would amend Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to designate the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs as the liaison for the Pennsylvania Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. The Department would be directed to provide administrative support within the limits of authorized appropriations. In addition, the Department would receive and supervise expenditures of state funding used by the Civil Air Patrol, supervise the maintenance and use of Commonwealth facilities used by the Civil Air Patrol, and receive requests from Commonwealth instrumentalities for assistance from the Civil Air Patrol. Requests for assistance would have to be in accordance with federal procedures and in consultation with the Adjutant General or the Adjutant General's designee and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. Nothing in the bill could be construed to limit, diminish, or impair an authority, right, or agreement validly established and existing on the effective date of the legislation. The measure would also repeal unnecessary language in Title 74 (Transportation). **Passed: 44-0.**

[Senate Resolution 36](#) (Tomlinson) recognizes the month of March 2019 as "National Athletic Training Month" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 37](#) (Schwank) designates the week of March 18 through 22, 2019 as "Pennsylvania Ag Literacy Week" and commends the Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation, originator of this observance, and the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, its sponsor. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 38](#) (Schwank) designates the month of March 2019 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 39](#) (Blake) designates the month of March 2019 as "Irish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 40](#) (Scavello) designates the month of March 2019 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and also recognizes the month as "National Problem Gambling Awareness Month." **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 41](#) (Hutchinson) designates the week of March 17 through 23, 2019 as "Maple Producers Week" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

Executive Session

Nominations to Various Boards and Commissions. **Confirmed: 44-0.**

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

[Senate Bill 43](#) (K. Ward) would designate the portion of U. S. Route 30 in Westmoreland County from North Greengate Road, Hempfield Township to East Pittsburgh Street, Hempfield Township as the J. Edward “Hutch” Hutchinson Memorial Bypass. **Passed: 45-0.**

[Senate Bill 117](#) (Langerholc) would designate the bridge located on State Route 3016 (Bedford Street) over Solomon Run in the City of Johnstown, Cambria County as the Seaman Apprentice Kenneth D. Scaife Memorial Bridge. **Passed: 45-0.**

[Senate Bill 190](#) (Stefano) would authorize the Department of General Services to convey 0.227 acres of land and improvements in Somerset Township, Somerset County to Jeffrey C. Walker for \$1,000. No portion of the property could be used for a licensed gaming facility or it would revert to the Commonwealth. The Secretary of General Services could impose any covenants, conditions or restrictions on the property as determined to be in the best interests of the Commonwealth. Costs and fees incidental to the conveyance would be borne by the grantee. If the conveyance is not fully executed within two years, the authority for the transaction would expire. **Passed: 45-0.**

[Senate Resolution 42](#) (Schwank) recognizes the month of March 2019 as “National Nutrition Month” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 43](#) (Haywood) designates March 19, 2019 as “Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Day” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

Executive Session

Nominations to Various Boards and Commissions, including Teresa E. Osborne to the State Civil Service Commission. **Confirmed: 45-0.**

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

[Senate Bill 113](#) (DiSanto) would amend the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act to make pension forfeiture apply to any state offense graded as a felony or punishable by over five years of imprisonment and certain federal crimes as outlined in the legislation. Forfeiture would be applied retroactively to the date when a public employee or public official was convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere with respect to a crime related to public office or employment. Forfeiture would not be stayed or affected by the pendency of an appeal. An additional provision would require the sentencing court to transmit a notice to the appropriate benefits administrator within three days after entry of the plea, verdict or order by a public official or employee. Until restitution is determined by a court, the appropriate benefits administrator could not make payment of any refund of contributions to the public official or public employee until the court notifies the appropriate benefits administrator that no restitution is due. The court would be required to notify the appropriate benefits administrator if restitution is or is not ordered and the amount, if applicable. **Concurrence in House Amendments: 44-0.**

[Senate Resolution 44](#) (Martin) designates March 21, 2019 as “World Down Syndrome Day” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 45](#) (Kearney) designates the month of April 2019 as “Sikh Heritage Day” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 46](#) (Brooks) commemorates the 100th anniversary of the American Legion and recognizes and honors the American Legion for its dedicated service to the United States Armed Forces service members, veterans and their families. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

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