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SENATE

MONDAY, June 10, 2019

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.
The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor John K. Fetterman)
in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Most Reverend EDWARD C. MALESIC, Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg, Greensburg, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Creator God and giver of all that is good, we are grateful for the work You give us as men and women who help to build, sustain, and govern Your world. May we all be blessed with the gifts of wisdom and courage as we seek the common good for our society and the people of Pennsylvania. Make us aware that the person who sits beside us, behind us, and before us is made in Your image and must be loved. Let us strive to defend the innocent and those who need our help the most, because every life You give us is a gift to be cherished and respected.

Today we are saddened by the tragic death of Brian Henry Swatt, a member of Senator-elect Pittman's staff, a student, a son, a friend, a young man of great promise, and a person with a servant's heart. May he rest in peace and may his family find consolation in our support and our prayers. His death at an early age reminds us that life is fragile and another morning is never guaranteed. We know that what we do for each other today matters for each other tomorrow. So, may we criticize each other with respect, may we correct each other in charity, may we hold our tongues when tempted to gossip, and when we open our mouths, may we speak only words of truth seeking the good of the other person before we seek our own good.

O God, we have issues, plenty of them, and that is not a secret. We have divisions, too many to count. It does not feel good to us or to our neighbors. We have sinned. Not one of us can say otherwise, but swallowing this dose of humility is good for our souls. Our human weakness makes us depend on Your divine perfection. For our past mistakes, both great and small, grant us Your mercy and Your forgiveness; make us stronger, holier, better servants of the people You have asked us to lead. Make us to be good stewards of Your many gifts so that we will use what You have given us only according to Your will. Give our newly elected Senators the confidence to lead us well. Finally, good and gracious God, bless the work of this Senate and all of those who serve us in government. We ask this of You, for You are our powerful and loving God, now and always. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Bishop Malesic, who is the guest today of Senator-elect Pittman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

**RECALL COMMUNICATIONS
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

June 5, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 16, 2019, of Kathy Boockvar, 76 Pine Valley Road, Doylestown 18901, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of the Commonwealth, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Pedro Cortes, Harrisburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

June 5, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 12, 2019, of Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until January 21, 2020, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ryan Devlin, Brockway, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING

June 6, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 2, 2019, of Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Daniel Drake, West Chester, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

June 5, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Kathy Boockvar, 76 Pine Valley Road, Doylestown 18901, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of the Commonwealth, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Pedro Cortes, Harrisburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

June 5, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Robert Armstrong, Jr., 1633 E. Caracas Avenue, Hershey 17033, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Denise Foltz, Townville, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

June 5, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Lisa Frank, 1507 Buena Vista Street, Pittsburgh 15212, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Cecelia Dougherty, Philadelphia, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

June 5, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Tammy Lininger, 1594 Methodist Road, Greenville 16125, Mercer County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Anne Henry, Harrisburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

June 5, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, John P. Scullin, III, 4025 Main Street, Adamsville 16110, Crawford County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Samuel Garloff, Palmyra, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

June 5, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Alice Yoder, 698 Hempfield Hill Road, Columbia 17512, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Paul Boehringer, Lower Gwynedd, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

June 5, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mark Anderson, 3918 Concordia Road, Columbia 17512, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until January 21, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ryan Devlin, Brockway, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

June 5, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Brandon Aukamp, 630 Groff Avenue, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until January 18, 2022, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Elizabeth Brewer, Riverside, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

June 5, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michelle Duggan, 1764 North Meadow Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until January 18, 2022, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Audrey Silverstein, Merion Station, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

June 5, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Nicole R. Hill, 609 W. King Street, Shippensburg 17257, Cumberland County, Thirty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until January 18, 2022, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice George Drake, Landenberg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

June 5, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Robert Hollister, 598 Millcross Road, Lancaster 17601, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until January 18, 2022, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice James Gilhooley, Dunmore, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

June 5, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Stacey Marten, 438 W. Lemon Street, Lancaster 17603, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until January 19, 2021, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Meghan Nese, Pittsburgh, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

June 5, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Ronald J. Drnevich, 989 North Fairville Avenue, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

June 5, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, John Mast, 1030 Branch Mill Road, Telford 18969, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to

serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ed Cernic, Sr., Johnstown, deceased.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

June 5, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Frank Paczewski, 415 Orchard Way, Dallas 18612, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

June 5, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Paige Willan, 1937 Mountain Street, Philadelphia 19145, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to serve for a term of six years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Cristina Cavalieri, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

June 6, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Andrew Bloschichak, 1304 King Arthur Drive, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph Reilly, Camp Hill, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

June 6, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Vic Navarro, 416 E. Court Street, Doylestown 18901, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ruth Neely, Dallas, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

June 6, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael Davis, 128 South Main Street, Muncy 17756, Lycoming County, Twenty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until January 19, 2021, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Lisa Barbour, Mars, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

June 6, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, James D. Kingsborough, 6 Wellington Court, Carlisle 17013, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT BOARD

June 7, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Ashley Fehr, 115 Molleystown Road, Pine Grove 17963, Schuylkill County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Employees' Retirement Board, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice T. Terrance Reese, Greensburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**CORRECTIONS TO NOMINATIONS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

June 7, 2019

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

Please note that the letter dated June 6, 2019, of Andrew Bloschichak, 1304 King Arthur Drive, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph Reilly, Camp Hill, whose term expired. I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises [*sic*], should be corrected to read:

Andrew Bloschichak, 1304 King Arthur Drive, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph Reilly, Camp Hill, whose term expired. I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises [*sic*].

MEMBER OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT BOARD

June 7, 2019

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

Please note that the letter dated June 4, 2019, for the nomination of Gregory Thall, 115 East Lauer Lane, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Employees' Retirement Board, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice T. Terrance Reese, Greensburg, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Gregory Thall, 115 East Lauer Lane, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Employees' Retirement Board, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Stephen Aichele, Malvern, whose term expired.

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:

June 6, 2019

Senators DINNIMAN, SCHWANK, COSTA, FONTANA, LEACH, A. WILLIAMS, MUTH, BLAKE, HUGHES, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, HAYWOOD, STREET, KILLION, BOSCOLA, FARNESE, TARTAGLIONE, IOVINO, KEARNEY, SABATINA, COLLETT, YUDICHAK and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 676**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for Pennsylvania Nonprofit Security

Grant Program; and establishing the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Security Grant Committee within the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Security Grant Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, June 6, 2019.

Senators K. WARD, STEFANO, BAKER and BARTOLOTTA presented to the Chair **SB 678**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further defining "public utility."

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 6, 2019.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, A. WILLIAMS, FONTANA, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, COLLETT, HAYWOOD, MUTH, SANTARSIERO and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 681**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time, further providing for no limitation applicable and for other offenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 6, 2019.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, A. WILLIAMS, FONTANA, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, COLLETT, HAYWOOD and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 682**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time, further providing for two year limitation and for no limitation.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 6, 2019.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, FARNESE, AUMENT, BROWNE, BREWSTER, SANTARSIERO, TARTAGLIONE, YUDICHAK and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 683**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, June 6, 2019.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, FARNESE, SCHWANK, AUMENT, BREWSTER, SANTARSIERO, TARTAGLIONE, YUDICHAK and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 684**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and immunities, providing for nondisclosure agreements.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 6, 2019.

Senators DiSANTO, FOLMER and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 704**, entitled:

An Act providing for electric generation facility cessation mitigation; establishing the Electric Generation Facility Cessation Mitigation Program; and providing for eligibility of grants and for grant funding relating to tax loss for a qualifying event.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, June 6, 2019.

Senators SCAVELLO, BROWNE, COSTA, LANGERHOLC, YUDICHAK and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 706**, 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, June 6, 2019.

Senators SANTARSIERO, FONTANA, BREWSTER, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 713**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in forgery and fraudulent practices, providing for patient brokering.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 6, 2019.

Senators SANTARSIERO, FARNESE, BLAKE, COSTA and KEARNEY presented to the Chair **SB 719**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for local option.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, June 6, 2019.

Senators SANTARSIERO, COLLETT, FARNESE, LEACH, FONTANA, HUGHES, STREET, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, MUTH, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, YUDICHAK, BLAKE and KEARNEY presented to the Chair **SB 721**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1959 (P.L.1913, No.694), known as the Equal Pay Law, further providing for definitions, for wage rates and for collection of unpaid wages.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, June 6, 2019.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, FARNESE, KEARNEY, COSTA, KILLION, BREWSTER, BOSCOLA, MUTH, TOMLINSON, ARGALL, FONTANA, J. WARD and STREET presented to the Chair **SB 722**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, further providing for powers and duties.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, June 6, 2019.

Senators LAUGHLIN, STREET, FOLMER, LANGERHOLC, MENSCH and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 723**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in high schools, further providing for courses of study.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 6, 2019.

Senators CORMAN and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 724**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes as follows: In Title 24: for retirement for school employees, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in membership, contributions and benefits, further providing for payments by employers and providing for nonparticipating employer withdrawal liability and further providing for actuarial cost method; in School Employees' Defined Contribution Plan, further providing for vesting; in administration and miscellaneous provisions, further providing for Public School Employees Retirement Board; and, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions. In Title 71: for retirement for State employees and officers, in membership, credited service, classes of service and eligibility for benefits regarding administration of the State Employees' Retirement Fund, further providing for election to become a Class A-6 member or solely a participant in the plan and for eligibility for death benefits; and, in benefits, further providing for maximum single life annuity.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, June 6, 2019.

Senators YUDICHAK, KILLION, FONTANA, FARNESE, LEACH, TARTAGLIONE, COLLETT, STREET, COSTA, BLAKE, MENSCH, BREWSTER, SCAVELLO, HAYWOOD, MUTH, BOSCOLA, SABATINA, SCHWANK, L. WILLIAMS, HUGHES, A. WILLIAMS, KEARNEY, SANTARSIERO, TOMLINSON and IOVINO presented to the Chair **SB 725**, 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 infrastructure revenue; and making a related repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 6, 2019.

Senators BARTOLOTTA, LANGERHOLC, REGAN, ARGALL, WHITE, K. WARD, HUTCHINSON, MENSCH, J. WARD and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 726**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 13, 1988 (P.L.530, No.94), known as the Environmental Hearing Board Act, further providing for definitions and for jurisdiction.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 6, 2019.

Senators BARTOLOTTA, LANGERHOLC, REGAN, ARGALL, WHITE, K. WARD, MENSCH, J. WARD and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 727**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 13, 1988 (P.L.530, No.94), known as the Environmental Hearing Board Act, further providing for Environmental Hearing Board.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 6, 2019.

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Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, FOLMER and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 254**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in procedure relating to legislation, prohibiting the passage of unfunded directives from the General Assembly concerning education passed through legislation.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 7, 2019.

Senators KEARNEY, SANTARSIERO, FARNESE, KILLION, BREWSTER and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 728**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations relating to liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, providing for deed restrictions.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, June 7, 2019.

Senators COSTA, HUGHES, FONTANA, FARNESE, BLAKE, LANGERHOLC, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, MUTH, MENSCH, BROWNE, YUDICHAK and STEFANO PRESENTED to the Chair **SB 729**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school safety and security, further providing for School Safety and Security Grant Program and for school safety and security training; providing for threat assessment; and, in school health services, further providing for confidentiality, transference and removal of health records.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 7, 2019.

Senators J. WARD, K. WARD, ARGALL, YAW, MENSCH, STREET and KILLION presented to the Chair **SB 730**, entitled:

An Act providing for certification of central service technicians; imposing continuing education requirements on central service technicians; and providing for duties of hospitals and ambulatory surgical facilities and the Department of Health.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, June 7, 2019.

Senators J. WARD, BLAKE, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, HUGHES, FARNESE, SCHWANK, COSTA, VOGEL, K. WARD and PHILLIPS-HILL presented to the Chair **SB 731**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in casualty insurance, providing for cost-sharing calculation.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, June 7, 2019.

Senators BARTOLOTTA, ARGALL, REGAN, YAW, DiSANTO, STEFANO, J. WARD, TOMLINSON, SCAVELLO and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 732**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in nuisances, further providing for scattering rubbish.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 7, 2019.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA and SCAVELLO presented to the Chair **SB 733**, entitled:

An Act providing for the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund Capital Budget for 2019; itemizing projects to be assisted by the Department of Community and Economic Development, together with their estimated financial costs; authorizing recurring payments for certain projects; and making appropriations.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 7, 2019.

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Senators FONTANA, COSTA, FARNESE, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, BLAKE, KEARNEY, YUDICHAK, K. WARD, STEFANO, BROWNE and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 734**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the Pennsylvania Amber Alert System, the Missing Endangered Person Advisory System (MEPAS) and the Pennsylvania Green Alert System and for duties of the Pennsylvania State Police; assessing costs; providing for immunity and penalties; and making a related repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, June 10, 2019.

Senators TOMLINSON, KILLION, DINNIMAN, BOSCOLA and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 735**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in charter schools, further providing for funding for charter schools.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 10, 2019.

Senators TOMLINSON, KILLION, DINNIMAN, BOSCOLA and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 736**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in charter schools, further providing for funding for charter schools.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 10, 2019.

Senators TOMLINSON, KILLION, DINNIMAN, BOSCOLA, HUTCHINSON and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 738**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, further providing for Commonwealth reimbursements for charter schools and cyber charter schools.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 10, 2019.

Senators TOMLINSON, KILLION, DINNIMAN, BOSCOLA and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 739**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in charter schools, further providing for funding for charter schools.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 10, 2019.

Senators COSTA, FONTANA, FARNESE, BREWSTER, HUGHES, BLAKE and KEARNEY presented to the Chair **SB 741**, entitled:

An Act imposing a fee on municipalities for services provided by the Pennsylvania State Police; and providing for allocation of funds and for penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, June 10, 2019.

Senators K. WARD, LANGERHOLC, STEFANO, VOGEL, BROOKS, FOLMER, GORDNER, MENSCH, BAKER and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 742**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 10, 2019.

Senators K. WARD, BROOKS, LANGERHOLC, STEFANO, VOGEL, FOLMER, MENSCH, BAKER and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 743**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 10, 2019.

Senators LANGERHOLC, K. WARD, STEFANO, VOGEL, BROOKS, GORDNER, MENSCH, BAKER and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 744**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for prohibition on expenditures for emission inspection program.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 10, 2019.

Senators STEFANO, K. WARD, LANGERHOLC, VOGEL, BROOKS, MENSCH, BAKER and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 745**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for prohibition on expenditures for emission inspection program.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 10, 2019.

Senators VOGEL, K. WARD, LANGERHOLC, STEFANO, BROOKS, FOLMER, GORDNER, MENSCH, BAKER and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 746**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inspection of vehicles, providing for date for emissions testing equipment.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 10, 2019.

Senators MENSCH, BROWNE, BARTOLOTTA, J. WARD, REGAN, DINNIMAN, BOSCOLA and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 747**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in corporate net income tax, further providing for manufacturing innovation and reinvestment deduction.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, June 10, 2019.

Senator BARTOLOTTA presented to the Chair **SB 748**, entitled:

An Act designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 50 in Independence Township, Washington County, as the Lt. Col. Juanita L. Warman Memorial Highway.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 10, 2019.

Senators COSTA, FONTANA, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, BLAKE, HUGHES, COLLETT and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 749**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in intermediate units, repealing provisions relating to psychological services; in professional employees, further providing for definitions and providing for school social workers; and, in school health services, further providing for health services and providing for school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers and school nurses.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 10, 2019.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 10, 2019

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, SCARNATI, FOLMER, KILLION and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SR 153**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to ratify the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement on Trade.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 10, 2019.

HOUSE MESSAGES

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:

June 5, 2019

HB 276 -- Committee on Judiciary.

June 6, 2019

HB 360 and **1402** -- Committee on Judiciary.

HB 364, 869, 1387 and **1388** -- Committee on Transportation.

HB 630 and **1050** -- Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

HB 672 and **1001** -- Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 775 -- Committee on Aging and Youth.

HB 858 and **1016** -- Committee on Banking and Insurance.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

RESIGNATION OF MEMBER FROM STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

June 6, 2019

The Honorable Joseph B. Scarnati, III
President Pro Tempore
Room 292, Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati,

Please accept my resignation from the Senate Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee and the Senate Intergovernmental Operations Committee effective Monday, June 10, 2019.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

JUDY WARD
State Senator - 30th District

**RESIGNATION OF MEMBER FROM
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE**

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

June 6, 2019

Dear Senator Scarnati,

Please accept this letter announcing my resignation from the Senate Appropriations Committee.

It has been a privilege to serve.

Sincerely,

RYAN P. AUMENT
State Senator
36th District

**RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN FROM
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE**

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO: Honorable Joe Scarnati
President Pro Tempore
Senate of Pennsylvania

FROM: Senator KIM WARD

DATE: June 7, 2019

I hereby resign as Vice Chair and as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**RESIGNATION OF MEMBER FROM
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE**

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

June 10, 2019

The Honorable Joe Scarnati
President Pro Tempore
Senate of Pennsylvania
292 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati:

Please accept this letter as my official resignation from the Communications and Technology Committee and the Transportation Committee.

It has been a privilege to serve on both of these committees and I thank you for giving me the opportunity.

Sincerely,

WAYNE LANGERHOLC, JR.
State Senator
35th Senatorial District

**RESIGNATION OF MEMBER FROM
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE**

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

June 10, 2019

The Honorable Joseph Scarnati
President Pro Tempore
Senate of Pennsylvania
292 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati:

This is my formal notice to you that I am resigning effective immediately from the Senate Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve this committee. It has been a great honor.

Sincerely,

PAT STEFANO
32nd Senatorial District

**RESIGNATION OF MEMBER FROM
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE**

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

June 6, 2019

Dear Senator Scarnati,

Please accept this letter announcing my resignation from the Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee.

It has been a privilege to serve.

Sincerely,

RYAN P. AUMENT
State Senator
36th District

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator SCAVELLO, from the Committee on Banking and Insurance, reported the following bills:

SB 66 (Pr. No. 926) (Amended)

An Act providing for health insurance coverage requirements for stage four, advanced metastatic cancer.

SB 332 (Pr. No. 314)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in forgery and fraudulent practices, further providing for bad checks.

HB 195 (Pr. No. 167)

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for medication synchronization.

Senator HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on Finance, reported the following bills:

SB 724 (Pr. No. 894)

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes as follows: In Title 24: for retirement for school employees, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in membership, contributions and benefits, further providing for payments by employers and providing for nonparticipating employer withdrawal liability and further providing for actuarial cost method; in School Employees' Defined Contribution Plan, further providing for vesting; in administration and miscellaneous provisions, further providing for Public School Employees Retirement Board; and, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions. In Title 71: for retirement for State employees and officers, in membership, credited service, classes of service and eligibility for benefits regarding administration of the State Employees' Retirement Fund, further providing for election to become a Class A-6 member or solely a participant in the plan and for eligibility for death benefits; and, in benefits, further providing for maximum single life annuity.

HB 330 (Pr. No. 883)

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, making editorial changes to incorrect references.

HB 538 (Pr. No. 529)

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

HB 615 (Pr. No. 1784)

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in retirement for State employees and officers, further defining "enforcement officer"; and providing for installment payments.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator SCAVELLO, from the Committee on Banking and Insurance, reported the following resolution:

SR 49 (Pr. No. 518)

A Resolution urging the President and the Congress of the United States to enact H.Res. 1595 or similar legislation to remove the obstacles preventing financial institutions from providing banking services to cannabis-related businesses operating under state law.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Blake.

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

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Blake.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, June 10, 2019

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, June 17, 2019, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore; 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, June 17, 2019, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-48

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

Collett	Iovino	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Corman	Kearney	Scarnati	Yaw
Costa	Killion	Scavello	Yudichak

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.

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN M. DiSANTO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator DiSANTO. Mr. President, it is my honor to recognize in the gallery Ms. Mallory Kauffman of Tuscarora Township, Millerstown, Perry County. Mallory just graduated from Greenwood High School. At the recent PIAA Class AA State Track and Field championships, she won the gold medal in both discus and shot put. Her discus throw of 151 feet, 7 inches, was nearly 15 feet more than her nearest competitor. Mallory's shot put of 48 feet, 3 1/2 inches, set her school and the Perry County record. Mallory is now headed to Penn State University, main campus, on a scholarship, where she will be participating in track and field. She is joined by her parents, Bryan and Darla Kauffman. Please join me in welcoming Mallory and her parents.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MARIO M. SCAVELLO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, today I am honored to introduce to you and to the Members, Matthew Ruiz. This exceptional young man is in the Capitol today as my guest shadow and Page. This fall, Matt will be a senior at East Stroudsburg High School South. As a senior, Matt is looking to the future and has recently applied to all of the Ivy League schools to further his education. Matt plans to double major in politics and chemistry. He has aspirations to be an orthopaedic surgeon. I assure you that this young man will be able to do anything that he sets his mind to. Matt is also an athlete and competes on several varsity teams, plays tennis, swims, wrestles, and runs cross country. Since the early age of 4, Matt has played the piano, and that is very difficult for a young person at that age. He recently competed in a piano competition at Carnegie Hall in New York. Even more recently, this morning, he played an impromptu song for me at the piano in the East Wing. What an impressive and extremely talented young man. Matt is an exemplary role model to his three younger triplet brothers, who will start high school with him this year. As their older brother, Matt has certainly given them solid footsteps to follow.

Please join me in welcoming Matt Ruiz to the Senate, as well as his father, Raymond Ruiz, who is seated in the gallery.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL J. FOLMER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Folmer.

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, it is with real honor and humility to be able to rise today to introduce a very, very special guest from the 48th Senatorial District, a man who has served Middletown Borough, Dauphin County, for over 50 years, Mayor Robert Reid. Mayor Reid was first elected to Middletown Borough Council in 1968. After 10 years of service, he was elected as the first African American mayor in the history of Pennsylvania in 1978. At the risk of dating myself, some of you may remember Mayor Reid as one of the faces of central Pennsylvania during the Three Mile Island nuclear accident, when he helped to calm citizens during that disaster. He then served as court administrator for the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas from 1994 to 2000, and was again elected as mayor of Middletown in 2000, serving through 2014, and he is currently finishing his four-year term on the Middletown Borough Council after being elected in 2015.

Mayor Reid attended the Middletown public schools and the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and graduated from Shippensburg State University with a bachelor of science in education. He served our country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Army in Germany with the 3rd Infantry Brigade, and received an honorable discharge in 1959. After returning to Middletown, Mayor Reid served as a teacher in the Middletown Area School District for over 30 years, having retired in 1993.

Mayor Reid was appointed to many boards and commissions throughout the years, including the PA Council on Aging, Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging, Middletown Red Cross Board of Directors, Shippensburg Alumni Board of Advisors, and the Penn State University at Harrisburg Board of Advisors, just to name a few. He is a member of the Dauphin County No. 359 of Elks and served as its exalted ruler for a number of years. He was also a member of the Middletown Rotary Club and served as its president for 2 years. He is a member of the Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church in Middletown, where he served on the trustee board. Mayor Reid has received countless awards and was inducted into the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University's sports hall of fame in 2005 for boxing, and the Robert G. Reid Elementary School in the Middletown Area School District has been named in his honor.

Mayor Reid is joined here today with his wife, Priscilla Pettis Reid; his daughter, Bobbie; his sons, Randolph and Erik; his brother, Tom; and his sister-in-law, Althea. Mayor Reid also has five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren who were not able to join us today. Mayor Reid has lived a full and productive life, dedicating his time and effort to serving others. Through his many laudable actions and deeds, Mayor Reid has truly been an asset to Middletown Borough and this Commonwealth. He is truly a shining example of community spirit whose contributions are worthy of deep gratitude and respect.

Senators, please join me in welcoming and honoring our very, very special guest today, Mayor Robert Reid.

The PRESIDENT. Would the mayor and his guests please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR MICHAEL R. REGAN
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Regan.

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, it is my pleasure today to introduce Nuncio Massara, my shadow for today. Nuncio is a junior at Cumberland Valley High School, and his interests include playing soccer and guitar. Nuncio also participates in the Pennsylvania Bar Association mock trial competitions. Nuncio is the son of Nuncio Massara III and Krista Rebo-Massara.

Mr. President, I ask that you, and the rest of the Senate, please give a warm welcome to my guest, Nuncio Massara.

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

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR CAMERA BARTOLOTTA
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, today we have a group of very special guests who are joining us from across the Commonwealth. This group is called Gateway to Re-Entry. Tracey L. Fisher is the CEO of Gateway to Re-Entry. The mission of this group is to provide our youth and individuals with decisionmaking resources that will assist them to navigate through life and give them the tools to succeed. I will touch upon the importance of reentry in the introduction of my resolution later on today, but for now, Mr. President, please join me in extending a very warm Senate welcome to Mr. Fisher and the coalition members.

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

(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR JUDITH F. WARD
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, it is with great excitement that I rise today to recognize Alivia Jacobs, Miss Teen Pennsylvania International 2019. She is the daughter of Jim and Lisa Jacobs of Altoona. Alivia is a senior at Bellwood Antis High School, where she serves as president of the National Honor Society, editor of the yearbook, officer of the Key Club, fundraising chair for Minithon, and a member of the unified bocce, tennis, and swimming teams. She also holds the titles of Miss Central Pennsylvania's Outstanding Teen 2018, and Miss Junior Teen Pennsylvania International 2014.

As her platform for Miss Teen Pennsylvania International, she chose to support the Jared Box Project, a non-profit organization that fills plastic shoeboxes with toys and games for children in local hospitals. Active in her community, Alivia also raises funds for the Central Pennsylvania Humane Society. As we all know,

any definition of a full and productive life must include service to others. Through her many laudable actions and deeds, Alivia has truly proven herself to be an asset to her community and this Commonwealth. In July, Alivia will be traveling to Charleston, West Virginia, to compete for Miss Teen International. We wish you well and you certainly have a bright future ahead of you.

Thank you, and if I could ask my colleagues to please give Alivia a warm welcome to the Senate.

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

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CALENDAR

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OUT OF ORDER

Without objection, the following bills on today's Calendar were called out of order by Senator CORMAN, as Special Orders of Business.

**BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED**

SB 93 (Pr. No. 882) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, providing for the offense of drug delivery resulting in serious bodily injury; and, in sentencing, providing for sentencing for drug delivery resulting in serious bodily injury.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

SB 712 (Pr. No. 845) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in Treasury Department, further providing for investment of moneys.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

HB 800 (Pr. No. 1676) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in educational tax credits, further providing for definitions and for limitations.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
Upon motion of Senator CORMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBERS**

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, as a special order of business, I ask that the Senate proceed to receive the returns of elections for the special election held in the 33rd and 41st Senatorial Districts on the 21st day of May and that the oath of office be administered to Senator-elect Mastriano and Senator-elect Pittman.

The PRESIDENT. At the request of Senator Corman, and without objection, as a special order of business, the Senate will now proceed to receive the official election returns for the special elections held in the 33rd and 41st Senatorial Districts and administer the oath of office to Senator-elect Mastriano and Senator-elect Pittman.

ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED

The PRESIDENT. The Chair now recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The SERGEANT-AT-ARMS. Mr. President, I have the honor to introduce the Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth, Kathy Boockvar.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes Acting Secretary Boockvar.

Acting Secretary BOOCKVAR. Mr. President, I have the privilege and honor of presenting the election returns and the certification of campaign expense compliance for the special elections held on May 21, 2019, in the 33rd and 41st Senatorial Districts.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Acting Secretary Boockvar.

The Chair lays before the Senate the following communications from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, which the Clerk will read.

The Clerk read the election returns as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the Special Election for Senator in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania held in the Thirty-third Senatorial District, as the same has been certified to and filed with my office by the Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, and York County Boards of Elections. Doug Mastriano, having received the highest number of votes in the Special Election, and having complied with the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code pertaining to Primary and Election Expenses, was duly elected a Senator in the General Assembly.

(SEAL)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at the city of Harrisburg, this tenth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen and of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-third.

KATHY BOOCKVAR
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

OFFICIAL RETURNS
SPECIAL ELECTION
SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
33rd Senatorial District

May 21, 2019

VOTES

DEMOCRATIC	- Sarah E. Hammond	9,490
REPUBLICAN	- Doug Mastriano	20,595
WRITE-INS	- Scattered	72

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the Special Election for Senator in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania held in the Forty-first Senatorial District, as the same has been certified to and filed with my office by the Armstrong, Butler, Indiana, and Westmoreland County Boards of Elections. Joe Pittman, having received the highest number of votes in the Special Election, and having complied with the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code pertaining to Primary and Election Expenses, was duly elected a Senator in the General Assembly.

(SEAL)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at the city of Harrisburg, this tenth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen and of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-third.

KATHY BOOCKVAR
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

OFFICIAL RETURNS
SPECIAL ELECTION
SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
41st Senatorial District

May 21, 2019

VOTES

DEMOCRATIC	- Susan Boser	13,219
REPUBLICAN	- Joe Pittman	25,017
WRITE-INS	- Scattered	84

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. For the record, the Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth has also certified that both Senators-elect Mastriano and Pittman have filed the accounts and affidavits as required by the election laws of this Commonwealth.

GUESTS OF SENATOR JAKE CORMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. Before proceeding to the administration of the oath, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, it is always an honor to have so many guests here on the Senate floor for such a special occasion, and although everyone here is special, we do want to introduce a few elected officials and former elected officials who have joined us. First, one of the reasons why we are here today is because our good friend, Senator Don White, retired. Fortunately for us, he has joined us here on the Senate floor with his much, much better half, Anne, and I ask the Senate to give them both a warm welcome.

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

(Applause.)

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, also a very good friend of mine and a former Speaker of the House, Sam Smith.

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

(Applause.)

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, as well as a great friend and a mentor of mine, the former Majority Whip of the Senate Republican Caucus, Senator Jeffrey Piccola.

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

(Applause.)

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, we are joined by quite a few House Members, which I said normally, the only time we have this many House Members on the Senate floor is during swearing-in day when they are becoming Senators. There are quite a few here today who I will recognize all at once: the chair of the Majority Policy Committee, Representative Donna Oberlander; Representative Rob Kauffman; Representative Marci Mustello; Representative Cris Dush; Representative James Struzzi; Representative Torren Ecker; and my State Representative, Representative Stephanie Borowicz.

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

(Applause.)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. The Chair takes this opportunity to announce that permission has been granted for a photographer from Republican Communications to take photographs on the floor of the Senate during today's swearing-in ceremony. For our guests, however, I politely advise you that taking still pictures or videotaping in the Senate Chamber is not permitted. So I ask that during the administration of the oath of office, no pictures be taken or videos be taped. At the end of today's ceremony, however, the Senate will recess so that you may take photographs.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

The PRESIDENT. It is an honor and privilege to have with us today the Honorable Kevin Brobson, Judge of the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania. Judge Brobson has kindly consented to be with us today to administer the oath of office to

Senator-elect Mastriano and Senator-elect Pittman in accordance with Article VI, Section 3, of the Pennsylvania Constitution.

Will the Senators-elect please present themselves at the bar of the Senate and face the Members of the Senate.

Members and guests will please rise.

Judge Brobson will now administer the oath.

Judge BROBSON. Gentlemen, it is an honor for me to be here with you today to administer your oath of office. Congratulations on your election to the Senate of Pennsylvania. I wish you well.

With that, place your left hand on the Bible, raise your right hand, and repeat after me:

I, Douglas Mastriano and Joe Pittman, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause.)

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. On behalf of the Senate, the Chair thanks Judge Brobson for presiding at this ceremony, and congratulates Senator Mastriano and Senator Pittman.

CLOSING PRAYER

The PRESIDENT. Now, to offer a closing prayer for today's ceremony, the Chair recognizes Rebbie Mastriano, Chaplain, and wife of Senator Mastriano.

Chaplain MASTRIANO. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Pennsylvania has been a battleground State through history, but we thank You for Your faithfulness to us. May we stand strong for freedom. We are grateful for our God-given right to worship in spirit and truth, and may each of us here choose today whom we will serve. Keep us mindful of those who have sacrificed and paid an extremely high price for our freedom. We are called to be free, but do not let us use our freedom to indulge the simple nature of man; rather, to serve one another in love. Show us truth, O God. We are truly the land of the free and the home of the brave. Lead us and guide us into Your glorious light, in the name of Yeshua. Amen.

APPOINTMENTS OF CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS TO STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

June 10, 2019

TO: Megan Martin
Secretary of the Senate

FROM: Senator Joe Scarnati
President Pro Tempore

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Senate Rules, as President Pro Tempore, I hereby appoint Senator Doug Mastriano to serve as Vice Chair of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee.

Senator Gene Yaw will no longer serve as Vice Chair of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee, but will remain a member.

Senator Judy Ward will no longer serve as a member of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee.

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Senate Rules, as President Pro Tempore, I hereby appoint Senator Gene Yaw to serve as Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee.

Additionally, Senator Pat Stefano and Senator Joe Pittman will serve as members of the Appropriations Committee.

Senator Kim Ward and Senator Ryan Aument will no longer serve as members of the Appropriations Committee.

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Senate Rules, as President Pro Tempore, I hereby appoint Senator Joe Pittman to serve as a member of the Banking & Insurance Committee.

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Senate Rules, as President Pro Tempore, I hereby appoint Senator Joe Pittman to serve as a member of the Communications & Technology Committee.

Senator Wayne Langerholc will no longer serve as a member of the Communications & Technology Committee.

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Senate Rules, as President Pro Tempore, I hereby appoint Senator Joe Pittman to serve as Vice Chair of the Environmental Resources & Energy Committee.

Senator Elder Vogel will no longer serve as Vice Chair of the Environmental Resources & Energy Committee, but will remain a member.

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Senate Rules, as President Pro Tempore, I hereby appoint Senator Pat Browne to serve as Vice Chair of the Finance Committee.

Senator Ryan Aument will no longer serve as Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, but will remain a member.

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Senate Rules, as President Pro Tempore, I hereby appoint Senator Elder Vogel to serve as Vice Chair of the Game & Fisheries Committee.

Additionally, Senator Doug Mastriano and Senator Joe Pittman will serve as members of the Game & Fisheries Committee.

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Senate Rules, as President Pro Tempore, I hereby appoint Senator Doug Mastriano to serve as Chair of the Inter-governmental Operations Committee.

Senator Judy Ward will no longer serve as a member of the Inter-governmental Operations Committee.

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Senate Rules, as President Pro Tempore, I hereby appoint Senator Joe Pittman to serve as a member of the Judiciary Committee.

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Senate Rules, as President Pro Tempore, I hereby appoint Senator Wayne Langerholc to serve as a member of the Labor & Industry Committee.

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Senate Rules, as President Pro Tempore, I hereby appoint Senator Ryan Aument to serve as Vice Chair of the Law & Justice Committee.

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Senate Rules, as President Pro Tempore, I hereby appoint Senator Ryan Aument, Senator Kim Ward, and Senator Judy Ward to serve as members of the Rules & Executive Nominations Committee.

Senator Pat Stefano will no longer serve as a member of the Rules & Executive Nominations Committee.

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Senate Rules, as President Pro Tempore, I hereby appoint Senator Doug Mastriano to serve as a member of the State Government Committee.

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Senate Rules, as President Pro Tempore, I hereby appoint Senator Doug Mastriano to serve as a member of the Transportation Committee.

Senator Wayne Langerholc will no longer serve as a member of the Transportation Committee.

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Senate Rules, as President Pro Tempore, I hereby appoint Senator Doug Mastriano to serve as a member of the Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Senator Ryan Aument will no longer serve as a member of the Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, it was mentioned earlier today by our Senate Chaplain for the day, the Senate endured an unspeakable tragedy last week. Mr. President, everyone knows

here about the rigors of campaigning and holding public office. As candidates and Members, we have staff that we trust to accompany us to events and the many hours on the road traveling to those events. We also trust that staff, in some cases, may have to stand in for us when we cannot make those certain events. The long hours mean that those people who we trust as our staff to fill in for us become more than just staff, they become family. Today, we rise to honor a member of that Senate family. Brian Swatt tragically died in a car accident last week.

Just last week, Brian started working for the Senate as a staffer for our newly sworn-in Senator, Joe Pittman. At just 21 years old, Brian had left quite a mark on our State and his adopted community at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

He served as an appointee to the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education and was a two-term president of IUP's student government association. Brian had just finished his junior year at IUP and was majoring in political science. There, he was involved in the College Republicans and the Kappa Sigma social fraternity. Brian hailed from Lackawanna County. He was a 2015 graduate of Lakeland High School. He is the son of Brian and Christine Swatt. Our prayers go out to his family and friends, and to Senator Pittman and his staff. This is a terrible and tragic loss for all of us and for those who had the privilege of knowing Brian.

Mr. President, I ask the Members of the Senate to join me in a moment of silence to honor this extraordinary young man.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman has requested a moment of silence to remember Brian Henry Swatt, a member of Senator Pittman's office team. Please rise.

(Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of BRIAN HENRY SWATT.)

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate, first, for purposes of photographs to be taken with the newly-elected Members followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senate Democrats will meet at 2:10 p.m. in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of taking photographs with newly-elected Senate Members, to be followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Elisabeth J. Baker) in the Chair.

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

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Madam President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, which will be followed by a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room in the rear of the Senate immediately.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room in the rear of the Chamber, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Baker, and a legislative leave for Senator Martin.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator A.H. Williams.

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Hughes.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Gordner requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Baker, and a legislative leave for Senator Martin.

Senator A.H. Williams requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Hughes.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 112, SB 174 and HB 318 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 543 (Pr. No. 607) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 11, 1889 (P.L.188, No.210), entitled "A further supplement to an act, entitled 'An act to establish a board of wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for the regulation of pilots and pilotage, and for other purposes,' approved March twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and three, and for regulating the rates of pilotage and number of pilots," further providing for rates of pilotage and computation, for pilotage fees and unit charge and for charges for services.

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-50

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 547, HB 548, SB 572 and SB 593 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 703 (Pr. No. 843) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 45 (Legal Notices) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in publication and effectiveness of Commonwealth documents, further providing for Joint Committee on Documents.

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-50

Argall	DiSanto	Leach	Stefano
Aument	Farnese	Martin	Street
Baker	Folmer	Mastriano	Tartaglione
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Tomlinson
Blake	Gordner	Muth	Vogel
Boscola	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
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Corman	Killion	Scarnati	Yudichak
Costa	Langerholc	Scavello	
Dinniman	Laughlin	Schwank	

NAY-0

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

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 22, SB 28, SB 45 and SB 107 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 116 (Pr. No. 84) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in taxation and finance, providing for spending limitations.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 123 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 131 (Pr. No. 108) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for examination of applicant for driver's license; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for prohibiting text-based communications and providing for prohibiting use of interactive wireless communications device by novice drivers.

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

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9, the bill was laid on the table.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 140, SB 149, SB 217 and SB 305 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 321 (Pr. No. 717) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the option to prohibit the location of an establishment license within a municipality.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 337, SB 351 and SB 356 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 370 (Pr. No. 360) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law, further providing for purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 396, HB 404, SB 454 and SB 481 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 485 (Pr. No. 514) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for authorized license-issuing agents.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 531, SB 569 and SB 619 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 619 (Pr. No. 614) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the annual designation and holiday observance June 19 as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day" in this Commonwealth.

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

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

SB 633 (Pr. No. 863) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the declaration of a public health emergency, for duties of the Department of Health, for temporary regulations and for immunity from liability.

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

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

SB 698 (Pr. No. 835) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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, for physician assistants and for physician assistant license.

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

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

SB 699 (Pr. No. 836) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, further providing for physician assistants.

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 701 (Pr. No. 847) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey certain lands and improvements situate in the City of Allentown and the City of Bethlehem, Lehigh County, through a competitive solicitation process; and making a related repeal.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 807 (Pr. No. 900) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania National Guard, further providing for compensation of division commander or equivalent; and making a related repeal.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 808 and **HB 856** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 1172 (Pr. No. 1989) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L.345, No.48), entitled "An act empowering the General Counsel or his designee to issue subpoenas for certain licensing board activities; providing for hearing examiners in the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs; providing additional powers to the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs; and further providing for civil penalties and license suspension," providing for licensure by endorsement.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1210 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator BROWNE, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bills:

SB 25 (Pr. No. 507) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, further providing for title, for definitions, for State Board of Nursing, for dietitian-nutritionist license required, for unauthorized practices and acts not prohibited, for temporary practice permit, for graduates of schools of other states, territories or Dominion of Canada, for persons entitled to practice, for certified registered nurse practitioners and qualifications, for scope of practice for certified registered nurse practitioners, for prescriptive authority for certified registered nurse practitioners, for Drug Review Committee, for professional liability, for reporting of multiple licensure, for continuing nursing education, for punishment for violations, for refusal, suspension or revocation of license, for reinstatement of license and for injunction or other process; and providing for the expiration of the State Board of Nursing's power to license certified registered nurse practitioners.

SB 93 (Pr. No. 882) (Rereported)

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, providing for the offense of drug delivery resulting in serious bodily injury; and, in sentencing, providing for sentencing for drug delivery resulting in serious bodily injury.

SB 118 (Pr. No. 937) (Rereported)

An Act establishing Recovery-to-work as a pilot program within the Department of Labor and Industry; and providing for local recovery-to-work pilot programs, for incentives to encourage business participation and for powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry.

SB 223 (Pr. No. 407) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, further providing for definitions and for unlawful acts.

SB 432 (Pr. No. 401) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of October 27, 2014 (P.L.2911, No.191), known as the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act, further providing for access to prescription information.

SB 536 (Pr. No. 859) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, establishing the Public Higher Education Funding Commission.

SB 575 (Pr. No. 930) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in environmental stewardship and watershed protection, further providing for agencies; providing for Pennsylvania Clean Water Procurement Program; establishing the Watershed Innovation and Improvement Fund; and making an appropriation.

SB 621 (Pr. No. 866) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, amending provisions relating to school police officers and school resource officers, and imposing powers and duties on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

SB 675 (Pr. No. 820) (Rereported)

An Act providing for certification of buprenorphine office-based prescribers; limiting the use of buprenorphine; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.

SB 695 (Pr. No. 833) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for medical assistance payments for institutional care; in nursing facility assessments, further providing for time periods; in intermediate care facilities for persons with an intellectual disability assessments, further providing for time periods; and, in hospital assessments, further providing for time period.

SB 700 (Pr. No. 846) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for construction and renovation of buildings by school entities; and establishing a grant program for maintenance projects.

SB 712 (Pr. No. 845) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in Treasury Department, further providing for investment of moneys.

HB 800 (Pr. No. 1676) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in educational tax credits, further providing for definitions and for limitations.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1**

BILL AMENDED

SB 621 (Pr. No. 866) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, amending provisions relating to school police officers and school resource officers, and imposing powers and duties on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

REGAN AMENDMENT A1718

Senator REGAN offered the following amendment No. A1718:

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 8 and 9:

"School security personnel." School police officers, school resource officers and school security guards.

Amend Bill, page 8, line 12, by striking out "PUBLIC"

Amend Bill, page 9, line 10, by striking out "PUBLIC"

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Regan.

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, this amendment is in response to last week's floor debate and Members from across the aisle wanting to see a definition of school security personnel. Quite simply, the amendment defines school security personnel as school police officers, school resource officers, and school security guards. Further, the amendment strikes out two uses of the word "public" in the bill, which were unnecessary.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration, as amended?

REGAN AMENDMENT A1823

Senator REGAN offered the following amendment No. A1823:

Amend Bill, page 9, line 15, by striking out "or individual's"

Amend Bill, page 11, line 26, by striking out "The" and inserting:

Except as set forth in subsection (d) or (e), the

Amend Bill, page 11, line 28, by striking out "The" and inserting:

Except as set forth in subsection (d) or (e), the

Amend Bill, page 12, line 4, by striking out "section 111" and inserting:

sections 111 and 111.1 and 23 Pa.C.S. § 6344 (relating to employees having contact with children; adoptive and foster parents)

Amend Bill, page 12, line 5, by striking out "or retired"

Amend Bill, page 12, lines 5 and 6, by striking out "or retired"

Amend Bill, page 12, line 8, by striking out "(C)(2)" and inserting:

(c)(1) and (2)

Amend Bill, page 12, by inserting between lines 11 and 12:

(e) Retired law enforcement officers.--A retired law enforcement officer shall be exempt from the training requirements for school security guards under subsection (c)(1) and (2) if the retired officer:

(1) complies with section 8.1 of the Lethal Weapons Training Act; or

(2) has been issued a firearm training and qualification card under section 5 of the act of December 13, 2005 (P.L.432, No.79), known as the Retired Law Enforcement Identification Act.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Regan.

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, this amendment makes changes to exemptions for active and retired law enforcement serving as armed security guards. Active law enforcement can be exempt with proof that they have completed MPOETC training. Retired law enforcement officers can be exempt in two ways. The first way is they meet requirements in Section 8.1 of Act 235 pertaining to retired law enforcement officers. This section of law exempts a retired law enforcement officer from going through Act 235 training if they have 20 years of full-time police service, separated in good standing, and are starting the job as a security guard within 3 years of their retirement. Also, for those starting after 3 years, they must complete the psychological and physical requirements of Act 235. Number two, that they have

been issued a firearms training and qualification card under the Retired Law Enforcement Identification Act.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration, as amended?

L. WILLIAMS AMENDMENT A1733 OFFERED

Senator L. WILLIAMS offered the following amendment No. A1733:

Amend Bill, page 11, lines 28 through 30, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

(2) The school security guard:

(i) has successfully completed the training as required by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission under 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D (relating to municipal police education and training); or

(ii) graduated from the Pennsylvania State Police Academy, was employed as a State trooper with the Pennsylvania State Police and separated from that service in good standing.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator Lindsey Williams.

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, parents across our Commonwealth are worrying every day about sending their kids to school. The arming of security personnel in our schools is a complicated question, and it is a debate best handled on a local level. Something I think we can all agree on is that whoever has access to firearms in a school should have the absolute best training available. The author of this bill stated its original intent was to include retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in Act 44, but if that were the case, we would have simply amended Act 44. Instead, this bill, and adopted amendments of this bill, have now opened up the door to any school security guard with subpar training to possess a firearm in our schools.

School resource officers and school police officers must complete MPOETC training or graduate from the Pennsylvania State Police Academy in order to carry a weapon within our schools. Under Act 120, this 900 hours of training includes application of force, communications, training on how to handle violent and dangerous people, and first aid and CPR, in addition to the annual firearms training that they receive. This training goes way beyond the 40 hours of Act 235 firearms training that would be required of armed school security guards under this bill. Additionally, the Act 235 firearms training is renewed every 5 years instead of every year as under the MPOETC training.

It is my understanding that, currently, third-party vendors that provide schools with unarmed school security guards hire almost exclusively former law enforcement officers, and they pay them accordingly for their training and expertise. However, because of the way this bill is currently written, those third-party vendors would now be able to hire any person off the street and, after a mere 40 hours of firearms training and the basic school resource officer's course, they would be allowed to carry a weapon in a

school. This is not the best training available, and it is not acceptable. It seems rather likely that if a third party could hire an untrained individual and pay them less, they would have a financial motivation to move away from hiring former law enforcement officers, who they have to pay more for their expertise. This would have the opposite effect as a stated reason for the bill and less law enforcement retirees would be working in our schools.

We must hold all people possessing firearms around our children to the same professional training and standards. I ask that my colleagues vote in favor of this amendment that will make that possible.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator BREWSTER. Mr. President, very briefly, as a member of the School Safety and Security Committee, along with Senator Langerholc, this issue of training comes up on a regular basis, particularly with some of the horrific events that have happened over the last few years. I believe Senator Williams' amendment makes a good bill better, Senator Regan. I do not like the gap between 1 year and 5 years. I think it gives school boards an opportunity to decide whether they want armed guards in the schools, that is their decision. Our responsibility is to make sure there is a comprehensive training program where we can be consistent with firearm training. The bill is close, but with regard to security guards, the 5-year requirement versus the 1-year requirement for retired police and municipal officers is too big of a gap. It is important that we send the message to our students, parents, and teachers that we put together a comprehensive training bill which, I think, for the most part, Senate Bill No. 621 does. So I ask my colleagues to consider Senator Williams' amendment to make this an even stronger bill.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Regan.

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, MPOETC training, good training that all municipal police officers must attend, is a 900 hour training course which costs anywhere between \$4,000 and \$9,000. I think the net result of requiring school security officers to go to that training would be that schools will stop putting security officers in their school. They will not want to bear that price and the net result will be less armed security officers in our school.

With regard to the Member's comments about Act 235, Act 235 was established for the sole purpose of training individuals such as private detectives, investigators, and security guards who are employed within the Commonwealth to carry and use lethal weapons, including firearms, as an incidence of their employment. So, additionally, that is what Act 44 called for. After meeting with the Governor, his insistence was that we add NASRO training to Act 235 to make sure that our officers within the school are appropriately trained, which we did. That is, I think, more than enough to make for a situation and environment in schools which are safe for our students. I ask my Members to vote "no" on this amendment. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes, for the second time, the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Brewster.

Senator BREWSTER. Senator, I may have misheard you. With regard to private detectives, are they qualified under Senate Bill No. 621?

POINT OF ORDER

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, point of order. I think proper procedure of the Senate Rules is either the Member asks for another Member to stand for interrogation or that he directs his comments to the Chair, not to ask Members direct questions without asking for interrogation first.

The PRESIDENT. Okay.

Senator BREWSTER. I apologize, Mr. President, and I apologize to my colleague.

Mr. President, would you ask the maker of the bill if private detectives are qualified to work in a school and carry a weapon.

POINT OF ORDER

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, point of order. To date, I still do not think the gentleman has asked the maker of the bill, or, actually, it is not even his amendment, if he would stand for interrogation. So that is the first process of our Rules is to ask a Member if he wishes to stand for interrogation. Again, this is not his amendment. It is another Member's amendment, which, normally, if you have an interrogation that deals with that amendment. Having said that, still, if he would like to request that, the Senator can decide whether he wants to or not.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Regan, would you like to stand for interrogation?

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I do not think it is necessary to have an interrogation. I think the gentleman just wants to make a comment without interrogating the amendment, and he has the opportunity to do that.

Senator CORMAN. Absolutely, just do not do it during the question.

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. I know. I understood what you are talking about.

Senator BREWSTER. Everybody happy now? Okay.

My question was--no questions. All right, let me put it to you this way. I am a licensed private investigator, okay? So if I am hired tomorrow to work in a school district, I cannot tell you the last time I had training. That is a problem. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes for the second time the gentleman from York, Senator Regan.

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, I think the important distinction is that private investigators are not required, under Act 235, to go through NASRO training. The NASRO training is the training which is the salient point here, which teaches people who have Act 235 training how to be able to react in the schools to make them qualified to deal with our students in the school, which it still does. Thank you.

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

The yeas and nays were required by Senator L. WILLIAMS and were as follows, viz:

YEA-22

Blake	Farnese	Leach	Tartaglione
Boscola	Fontana	Muth	Williams, Anthony H
Brewster	Haywood	Sabatina	Williams, Lindsey
Collett	Hughes	Santarsiero	Yudichak
Costa	Iovino	Schwank	
Dinniman	Kearney	Street	

NAY-28

Argall	DiSanto	Martin	Scavello
Aument	Folmer	Mastriano	Stefano
Baker	Gordner	Mensch	Tomlinson
Bartolotta	Hutchinson	Phillips-Hill	Vogel
Brooks	Killion	Pittman	Ward, Judy
Browne	Langerholc	Regan	Ward, Kim
Corman	Laughlin	Scarnati	Yaw

Less than a majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration, as amended?

HAYWOOD AMENDMENT A1766 OFFERED

Senator HAYWOOD offered the following amendment No. A1766:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 6, by striking out ", and" and inserting a semicolon

Amend Bill, page 1, line 8, by inserting after "Delinquency":
; and establishing a security guard training and certification program

Amend Bill, page 11, lines 26 and 27, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

(1) The school security guard has successfully completed and received certification for the completion of a program established under section 1317-C.

Amend Bill, page 13, by inserting between lines 6 and 7:

Section 1317-C. Security guard training and certification program.

(a) Establishment.--The Municipal Police and Education Training Commission shall establish a security guard training and certification program to provide instruction for the education and certification of school security guards in accordance with the provisions of this article.

(b) Certification.--The basic requirements for certification under the program shall not exceed 40 hours of instruction and shall include all of the following:

(1) Firearms training that is consistent with the firearms training provided under the program established under 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D (relating to municipal police education and training).

(2) Instruction on cultural, social and religious considerations and personal bias regarding race, ethnicity, sex or sexual orientation or identification.

(3) Instruction on recognizing mental illness, intellectual disability or autism that is age appropriate for school-aged children.

(4) Proper techniques to interact with and deescalate individuals engaging in behavior indicative of mental illness, intellectual disability or autism that is age appropriate for school-aged children.

(5) Behavioral management and crisis intervention.

(c) Ineligibility for compensation.--An individual hired as a school security guard shall be ineligible to receive any salary, compensation or other consideration for the performance of duties as a school security guard unless the individual has met all the requirements as established by the commission, including the certification requirements.

(d) Penalty.--An individual who orders, authorizes or pays a salary, compensation or other consideration to an ineligible individual under subsection (c) commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or a term of imprisonment not to exceed a period of 30 days. The commission may stop payment of all funds paid or payable to a municipality where a school entity is located if the school entity employs a school security guard who is in violation of this section. The commission shall notify the State Treasurer to discontinue the disbursement of any State funds until the municipality is in compliance with this section.

(e) Temporary regulations.--

(1) The commission shall promulgate regulations to implement this section. In order to facilitate the prompt implementation of this section, regulations promulgated by the commission shall be deemed

temporary regulations and shall expire no later than two years after the publication of the temporary regulations in the Pennsylvania Bulletin:

(i) Sections 201, 202, 203, 204 and 205 of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), referred to as the Commonwealth Documents Law.

(ii) Section 204(b) of the act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164), known as the Commonwealth Attorneys Act.

(iii) The act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act.

(2) The authority provided to the board to adopt temporary regulations under paragraph (1) shall expire no later than two years after the publication of the temporary regulations. Regulations adopted after this period shall be promulgated as provided by law.

(f) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

"Certification." The assignment of a certification number to a school security guard after successful completion of the program.

"Commission." The Municipal Police and Education Training Commission established under 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D.

"Program." The security guard training and certification program established under subsection (a).

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, I would like to, first, introduce several newspaper articles that all address the challenge of black children being killed by authorized law enforcement and fear of it happening in a school setting. There are five articles, for the record. May I introduce those? Thank you.

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

(The following articles were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator HAYWOOD:)

Black Children Will Be the Victims of Armed Teachers
TIME - Sherrilyn Ifill
March 5, 2018

In her one-woman show Notes from the Field, Anna Deavere Smith exposes the consequences of America's abandonment of our most vulnerable and troubled children. She reveals that what is now known as the "school-to-prison pipeline" is, in fact, the sum of our failures to meet the needs of our children — in particular, children of color.

I found it brutally ironic that this show premiered on HBO just as the nation turned its attention to Parkland, Fla., where a 19-year-old living with mental illness went to his former high school and shot and killed 17 students and educators. More ironic still was that in response, the President of the United States called for teachers to be armed with high-powered weapons and floated to offer them "a little bit of a bonus" if they were willing to take up arms in the classroom. This would help schools become a "hardened target," he said, using language peddled by the National Rifle Association.

What should have been dismissed within hours as madcap rambling by our president has instead become the subject of serious policy discussions. Within days, Donald Trump's words began to shape public policy in Florida and in Washington. Perhaps it is the logical next step in our cruel abandonment of our children to the criminal justice system that we would contemplate meting out in the schoolhouse the ultimate punishment — death — at the hands of teachers. But it is also madness.

And make no mistake: Although the perpetrators of mass school shootings have been almost exclusively white, there's little doubt that arming teachers will lead disproportionately to the killing — by teachers — of children of color.

The school-to-prison pipeline has been, without question, built on the foundation of racially discriminatory school discipline practices. Every study that has examined harsh school disciplinary policies has revealed that such policies are visited with greater frequency on children of color. In 2013, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund filed a complaint challenging the practice of the Bryan Independent School District in Brazos County, Texas, of issuing Class C misdemeanor tickets to high school students for disrupting class or swearing; although black students constituted only 21% of the school population, 46% of the misdemeanor tickets were issued to African-American students. Similarly, the Department of Justice challenged the school discipline practices in Meridian, Mississippi, where the majority African-American high school sent its own kids to a juvenile detention facility over minor disciplinary incidents.

More broadly, African-American girls are 5.5 times more likely to be suspended from school than their white peers, according to the National Women's Law Center, and 18% of African American boys received out-of-school suspensions versus only 5% of white boys, according to data from the U.S. Department of Education. Children as young as 5 or 6 years old have been handcuffed in schools and even arrested, which happened to a Miami boy who was led away from school in handcuffs after an altercation with a teacher earlier this year. The children subjected to this kind of harsh treatment are almost always children of color.

It does not take a great deal of imagination to contemplate instances in which armed teachers dealing with recalcitrant children will react out of fear and racial stereotype and discharge their weapons as they do the disciplinary code. Police officers — ostensibly trained in the use of firearms and the observation of criminal behavior — have shot and killed black children at an alarming rate, often citing their fear of the child or mistaken belief that the child was armed. They rarely, if ever, pay the consequences. We have every reason to believe that armed teachers will react similarly and keep their jobs with impunity. Just this past weekend, the Florida Senate is charging ahead with a proposal to arm teachers anyway — over the objections of Parkland victims' families and students. More than two dozen black lawmakers, in particular, are keenly aware that letting educators pack heat is a "recipe for disaster." They get it.

As I indicated to Anna Deveare Smith when we spoke for her film, the creation of the school-to-prison pipeline represents a societal choice to invest in the criminalization of children of color. The investments made — towards housing children in juvenile jails, trying them as adults for crimes and expanding our criminal justice system to process and cage those who have dropped out of school — come at the expense of other investments we could have made: in increased and robust mental health and social service interventions in our schools, in parental support and in early intervention for our most vulnerable children. The school-to-prison pipeline is not an inevitable pathway for children. It has been constructed from conscious policy choices made and carried out with the tacit understanding that the effects will be experienced almost exclusively by children of color.

This is why we cannot ignore the deranged suggestion that teachers carry weapons. It would have been beyond our imagination only a few decades ago to contemplate issuing criminal tickets to students for using foul language. Thirty years ago, students committing this kind of violation would have been sent to the vice principal's office. But that was then. Today, we must forcefully and relentlessly resist calls for arming schoolteachers. Implicit and explicit bias against students of color resulting in the school-to-prison pipeline render the stakes of this moment too high to ignore.

In one of the most moving segments in *Notes from the Field*, a Native American tribal judge, Abby Abinanti, offers wise counsel for how we should deal with our most troubled children. She says that when children are damaged and break the rules, the path isn't to push them away, but to draw them "closer."

It appears that many fine teachers at Stoneman Douglas and in middle school attempted to do this for Nikolas Cruz over many years. We should explore why those interventions failed and invest in services that can effectively spot and treat a child demonstrating the dysfunctions that Cruz displayed from a very young age. To bring the child closer rather than push him or her to a cycle of more violence and self-destruction.

For the sake of other children on the verge of being pushed away, this moment should be a reckoning to think long and hard about what

really works to help them, to keep all children safe. But to invest instead, as our president has insisted, in turning those teachers into armed guards patrolling our classrooms would be the final act of hostility and abandonment of our nation's children. And we will know — from the outset — that the children who will be the foremost victims of this effort will be children of color.

Give Teachers Guns, and More Black Children Will Die

Newsweek - Calandrian Simpson Kemp

March 16, 2018

In response to the growing calls for action to prevent gun violence in our schools, President Trump has proposed arming teachers to keep kids safe. I'm not alone in being alarmed and terrified at that proposal. As a black mother who has had a child killed by gun violence, I know all too well how this dangerous proposal would add to the worries of other black and brown parents, and entire communities.

My son, George Jr., was shot and killed in 2013 when he was only 20 years old. Like many Texans, his life revolved around his family, football, his horse and country music. He had finished one year of college, and we had big dreams for his future. Losing George, my only son, knocked me down to the point that I thought I'd never get back up.

Like so many black victims in our country, George's life story was completely rewritten by the defense attorneys for his murderers. They ignored the stories shared by people who knew and loved George, and instead painted my son as a "gang member"—a mischaracterization the media was all too ready to amplify.

Unfortunately, this kind of bias is the rule in our country—not the exception. Black and brown children are considered more dangerous than white kids. Too often, they face the mistaken belief that they are armed when they're not.

In classrooms, these beliefs mean that children of color are more likely to be disciplined than white peers. A report from the New York Civil Liberties Union found that 99 percent of children handcuffed in New York City public schools were black or Latino. Research from the National Women's Law Center shows that African-American girls are more than five times more likely to face suspension and six times more likely to face expulsion than white girls. Meanwhile, only six percent of white male students receive out-of-school suspensions, compared to 20 percent of black male students. And this gap begins in preschool.

Already, students of color are being pushed out of their classrooms and losing out on the education they need to succeed after graduation. When guns are involved, this kind of bias has life or death consequences. Like it did for Tamir Rice, who was playing with a toy gun when he was shot and killed by police at just 12 years old.

If teachers are allowed to carry handguns in classrooms, Trump's proposal will only make black and brown children like mine less safe—facing an increased risk of gun violence in the places they go to learn and grow.

Even in the face of a school shooting, arming teachers is unlikely to keep any child safe. Armed civilians are almost never successful in active shooting situations and in many instances make it harder for law enforcement to intervene. It's not surprising that teachers overwhelmingly oppose Trump's plan.

Instead of giving handguns to teachers, elected leaders should turn to proven solutions. Requiring criminal background checks on all gun sales has the support of 97 percent of voters and a track record of success. In Connecticut, gun homicides declined by 40 percent after the state passed a law requiring background checks for handgun sales.

Red flag laws can help keep those who are an immediate risk to themselves or others from purchasing a gun. Raising the minimum age to purchase semi-automatic rifles and shotguns and keeping guns out of the hands of domestic abusers will make a real difference, too.

The children taken by gun violence aren't just statistics or stories on the news. They are real families and real communities, whose lives have been shattered because our elected leaders refused to embrace the solutions we know will work.

I'm not the only black mom who has had a child killed by gun violence in America. After my son was killed, support from other moms helped me realize that I'm a survivor—not a victim. And this is the reason why I will continue to push forward, and demand our lawmakers do more to keep all communities safe, and not just some.

It may be too late for my son, but it is not too late to help save the lives of other black and brown children across our country. I'll keep fighting because I know we can win. I'll keep fighting because parents deserve a country where there is no fear that our children will be shot in schools, churches, nightclubs or movie theaters. And I'll keep fighting because my son's story deserves to be told in a way befitting of the amazing life he led in his short time here.

"Guns and Safety Aren't Synonymous For Us":
Some Black Texans Fear Plans To Arm More Teachers
The Texas Tribune - Alex Samuels
May 1, 2019

Ahmir Johnson knows what can happen when people who look like him get in law enforcement's crosshairs.

The senior at Round Rock High School recalled hearing stories earlier this year of a black student who was grabbed and thrown to the ground by a police officer just outside of nearby Cedar Ridge High School. He recounted another incident at his own school a few years back in which a school resource officer reportedly grabbed a student by the throat after being called to break up a fight.

District officials said the Cedar Ridge student was charged with assault and resisting arrest, but no criminal charges were filed in the Round Rock High incident. But because black students are overrepresented in all types of disciplinary referrals and are more likely to have their behavior addressed by school police officers than their white peers, Johnson worries about how law enforcement officers react to his fellow students of color.

And now, as Texas lawmakers look to expand the state's school marshal program in the wake of last year's deadly Santa Fe High School shooting, Johnson's concerns extend beyond school resource officers and city police. Come fall, the high school senior's worries will focus on younger black students at schools where educators trained as school marshals can carry their concealed handguns when students are present. He's even more concerned that there could be no limit on how many marshals a school district can appoint — and that those marshals could have immunity in court for any "reasonable action" taken to maintain safety.

"We already get profiled based on the clothes we wear, how we look, our hair, what color our eyes are — and the main thing is the color of our skin," Johnson said. "[Lawmakers] can't cover up how these programs might have an unintentional impact on students of color."

The marshal program trains school personnel, whose identities are kept secret from all but a few local officials, to act as armed security officers — or peace officers — in the absence of law enforcement. Advocates for the program say it gives schools the option to implement a last-minute line of defense if there's an active shooter on campus. But gun control activists have decried the program because it puts more guns in Texas schools.

A spokeswoman for Round Rock ISD, where Johnson's brother is a freshman, said the district is not considering a marshal program for this coming fall or in the future. When asked whether the district is keeping its options open, another spokeswoman for the district told *The Texas Tribune* she couldn't speak to what future trustees might prioritize.

The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement has no report of a negligent discharge from any of the 170 school marshals currently appointed in the state. But lawmakers in others states with similar programs have pointed out that the proliferation of guns on campus, even in the hands of teachers, make students of color feel unsafe. As Texas lawmakers appear poised to expand the program, some fear minority students might unnecessarily be put in harm's way.

"After the Parkland shooting, African American parents [in Florida] expressed concerns that their kids might be disproportionately affected by these programs," said state Sen. José Rodríguez, D-El Paso, who voted against bills expanding the program this year. "I think it's understandable that parents might feel if we start having school marshals, minority students might be the ones getting harmed.

"People bring their biases and life experiences to the work setting — in this case that would be the schools — and sometimes those biases unfairly harm kids of color."

While there's no data saying the program so far has disproportionately hurt students of color, advocates say Johnson's anxieties aren't unfounded. And some criminal justice advocacy groups also note there's no data to back up the claim that increasing the number of police or armed personnel on school campuses actually makes them safer. Some experts also warn that increasing the number of police or armed personnel in schools can have an adverse effect on students.

"I would be a little bit more cautious and keep my eyes open if I knew my teacher had a weapon on them," said Addison Savors, a junior at Round Rock High School. "In fact, I would be more focused on that than actually learning."

"The next best thing"

The idea of arming Texas school personnel is not new. It first emerged after a shooting in 2012 at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut, which left 28 dead — including 20 children and the shooter. At the time, former state Rep. Jason Villalba, a Dallas Republican, authored the bill that created Texas' school marshal program.

"I had a kindergartner, and it was my duty at my house to drop her off at school every morning," Villalba said in a recent interview with *The Tribune*. "As I dropped her off and started hearing the reports of what was happening in Newtown, I realized that this was a risk that existed not only in a place like Connecticut ... but also for my own daughter here in Texas. After that, I immediately started looking at ways we could protect our children."

When he first introduced his bill, Villalba said, the legislation was modeled after the federal air marshal program. Participants in the program would only be authorized to respond to an active shooter or other emergency situations that threatened the lives of public school students on campus and could only act before police arrived.

The bill didn't pass without backlash. Some Democrats at the time wanted assurance that bill wouldn't become a vehicle for other gun bills, and others expressed concerns about having more guns at Texas schools.

"Anytime you have a proliferation of guns, you increase the risk somebody is going to be harmed as a result," said Rodríguez, who voted against the 2013 program. "Overall, I think school marshals give a false impression people are going to be safer, and I just don't think that's the case."

Still, just days before lawmakers adjourned for the regular legislative session in May 2013, the bill passed the Texas Senate 27-4. Former Gov. Rick Perry later signed it into law.

Villalba's bill allowed for local school districts to appoint staff members as schools marshals. Under the law, marshals have access to firearms on campus after they undergo psychological exams, take at least 80 hours of training and obtain a license from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. Under Texas' program, schools can designate one marshal for every 200 students.

"It's not the best or perfect fix for Texas schools — that would obviously be a uniformed officer in every classroom," Villalba said, "but this is the next best thing we can do to protect our children and know we have the ability to see our kids at night."

Senate moves to expand controversial program

The program remained relatively untouched since its passage. But after a deadly shooting last spring at Santa Fe High School outside Houston that left 10 dead and another 13 wounded, lawmakers — with the urging of Gov. Greg Abbott — have been looking at ways to make it more accessible for Texas school districts.

In a 43-page school safety plan released days after the shooting, Abbott outlined suggestions for changing the program. Among the proposals: reducing the required 80 training hours, eliminating a requirement that teachers keep their firearms under lock and key, and increasing the number of marshals that can be appointed per school.

"This isn't a forced issue, and it's a totally voluntary decision by every individual school district," said Craig Bessent, one of Texas' first school marshals and the assistant superintendent of the Wylie school district north of Dallas.

Since the governor's plan was released, lawmakers from both chambers have filed bills to change the program. Several have already gained traction at the Capitol.

The Senate advanced a handful of bills last month that would expand the program. One bill by state Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, would remove a cap on the number of school personnel who can carry firearms at schools. Another measure by state Sen. Brian Birdwell,

R-Granbury, would allow marshals to carry their concealed guns on campuses instead of keeping them locked up. The chamber also approved a bill by state Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, that would give school marshals immunity from lawsuits for any "reasonable action" taken to maintain safety.

The measure by Birdwell, who did not respond to request for comment, is slated to go before a House committee Wednesday, and another House committee recently approved Hughes' bill.

"We got feedback from a lot of our school board members that there was a reluctance to participate in the school marshal program because the schools were nervous about getting sued," Hughes said. "We don't want a fear of litigation to keep schools from putting safety measures in place."

All three bills advanced through the Senate with little debate. Still, their passages reopened old wounds: Gun control advocates and Democrats are wary of expanding a program they already consider dangerous.

"Things like [the marshal program] have a way of showing up and having a disparate impact on children of color," state Rep. Harold Dutton, D-Houston, told the Tribune, "but my objection to expanding it is that I don't think adding more guns to a situation makes it any safer."

"It's terrifying to imagine what could happen"

Stuck in the middle of this year's political back-and-forth are students and parents of color who fear something the Legislature hasn't discussed at length: whether expanding the program will put students of color — who are already overrepresented in exclusionary discipline across grade levels — in an unsafe learning environment.

"If we can't even treat black and brown students with respect when all they're doing is walking or talking, why would parents feel safe if we're then arming people who are not law enforcement or increasing the amount of law enforcement at schools?" said Courtney Robinson, a scholar whose research focuses on the school-to-prison pipeline.

When Robinson, who is also the black mother of two kids at Pflugerville schools, first learned about the program — and legislation to expand it — from other professionals who work in her field, she immediately considered moving her youngest daughter to a new school should her district ever implement the program.

"Even when our children are young," she said, "in some ways they've been imagined as more aggressive and more dangerous. With an expansion of the marshal program, it's terrifying to imagine what could happen."

According to Texas Education Association data for the 2017-18 school year analyzed by the advocacy group Texas Appleseed, black students made up 25% of in-school suspensions and 33% of out-of-school suspensions even though they represent just 13% of the student body population.

Children of color are also more likely to receive harsher punishments than their peers for the same behaviors, said Ellen Stone, the director of research for Texas Appleseed. That disproportionately exists in all levels of public schooling.

"Black youth aren't more likely to misbehave, but they're more likely to get punished," Stone said.

That's why black students and parents are sounding the alarm about the school marshal program and an increase of firearms on campuses.

"There's a long history of a complicated relationship with the police in the black community," Robinson said, "so police and guns and safety aren't synonymous for us."

Implicit bias and lingering hesitations

Those looking to expand the program insist that marshals would be trained to neutralize and confront an active shooter only in a situation when someone goes to campus and is actively threatening kids' lives.

"It seems we need to work on relations between the police and the community," Hughes said. "At the same time, we cannot keep that from taking reasonable steps for school safety. The school marshal programs exist to protect all students — regardless of their race."

But rather than expanding the program, Robinson, Johnson and Savors said they're pulling for legislative changes like increased mental health programs for students, putting more counselors in place, and "hardening" schools through the installation of bulletproof windows and locks on doors.

The Texas Senate overwhelmingly approved a broad school safety bill Monday that would strengthen mental health initiatives in Texas schools, among other things.

Johnson said it might help if school personnel who choose to become marshals undergo required training on cultural sensitivity and implicit bias — but he's still hesitant.

"I have dreads, I'm African American, so as soon as people see me, they open up the book and just read me. That's something I'm going to have to deal with my whole life," Johnson said. "Training might help, but at the end of the day, teachers having guns at their disposal is not right in my eyes."

Florida to Let Teachers Carry Guns.
Will Black Students Pay the Price?
The New York Times - Patricia Mazzei
May 2, 2019

The outcome of the vote in the Florida State House this week was a foregone conclusion: A proposal to allow teachers to carry firearms in school would easily win approval.

But that did not mean the debate would not be long and emotional, as Democrats implored Republicans in the majority to consider the possible risks — one of them being teachers with guns who might represent yet another source of risk for black and Latino students.

The tension peaked when Representative Shevrin D. Jones, a Democrat who is African-American, tried unsuccessfully to pass a pair of amendments on the House floor on Tuesday aimed at protecting children from the possibility that an armed teacher in a chaotic situation could assume that a black student was a threat.

One amendment would have required any teacher who volunteers for the so-called school guardian program to be trained in implicit bias, or stereotypes that could unconsciously affect spur-of-the-moment decisions. The other would have prohibited a teacher who shoots a student by mistake in a situation with an active shooter on campus from claiming self-defense under Florida's Stand Your Ground law.

"We are talking about black boys and girls who are getting murdered by police officers!" Mr. Jones, who represents the city of West Park, near Fort Lauderdale, shouted into the microphone. "There are bad police officers and there are bad teachers."

He portrayed some Republicans, who have preferred assigned seats in the chamber as a result of their majority, as uninterested in the plight of racial and ethnic minorities.

"There's a reality that some of us have that some of you on the front row could care less about," Mr. Jones said. Some people, he said, might look at a "boy who's got dreads in his hair and be intimidated by him."

"I fight for those people!"

As Mr. Jones delivered his fervent speech, which brought him nearly to tears, a couple of other Democrats walked toward him in a show of support. But his amendments, as expected, went nowhere.

On Wednesday, the House passed the legislation mostly along party lines, with a vote of 65-47. Five Republicans broke with their party to vote no. The bill, which was approved by the State Senate last week, now heads to the desk of Gov. Ron DeSantis, a Republican, who is expected to sign it.

In the eight days that elapsed between the Senate vote and the House vote, a gunman killed a woman at a synagogue in San Diego and another killed two people at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. And as House lawmakers debated the legislation on Tuesday, news broke in Florida that a school resource officer's holstered firearm went off at a Pasco County school cafeteria as the officer leaned against a wall. No one was hurt.

Several Republicans pointed to the San Diego shooting, in which a man said he rushed the shooting suspect, as a reason Florida should allow local school districts to partner with sheriff's offices to train teachers who volunteer to do so to carry guns on campus.

"None of us want to be debating this," Representative Byron Donalds of Naples, the only African-American in the House Republican caucus, said on Wednesday. "But the one thing that we have to acknowledge — as unfortunate as it is — is that when a psychotic person enters a facility, a school, where kids are at play or at study or at lunch and they pull a weapon, the first responders, the real first responders, are the school staff that love our children."

Mr. Jones, 35, who suffered a serious nerve injury in 2016, was absent from Wednesday's vote. His office said he had been rushed to the hospital on Wednesday morning suffering from vertigo, and was prescribed bed rest.

School districts in some of the state's biggest cities, with large numbers of black and Hispanic students, have declined to participate in the guardian program, which was created last year after the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland that left 17 people dead and 17 wounded. The compromise worked out last year allowed certain school staff, but not classroom teachers, to be trained to carry guns.

In December, a state commission investigating the shooting recommended expanding the program to include classroom teachers. Investigators concluded that an armed teacher might have stopped the confessed attacker in Parkland. The provision was written into legislation that incorporated a slew of other commission recommendations relating to school safety and students' mental health.

Representative Kristin Jacobs, a Democrat whose district includes Parkland, called the provision for arming teachers a "poison pill" that would prevent the legislation from garnering the same bipartisan support that lawmakers gave last year's school safety package.

"We're going to vote along party lines. We all know the outcome," she lamented on Wednesday. "And we knew the outcome on my side of the aisle the minute the bill came up. And why did we know? Because we're not really at the table."

In Broward County, where Parkland is, Sheriff Gregory Tony said in a letter to school board members and the school district superintendent on Wednesday that he did not intend to expand the local guardian program to include teachers.

The sheriff's position was notable because he was appointed to the job by Mr. DeSantis in January after the new governor removed former Sheriff Scott Israel, accusing him of incompetence during and after the shooting at Stoneman Douglas.

"Arming teachers is not the right approach to keep our children safe," Sheriff Tony wrote. "This program would place students, teachers and first responders at risk, when our focus should be on keeping our students safe and making schools places where they feel they belong."

Arming teachers would put black and Latino kids in danger
The Washington Post - Stacey Patton
February 27, 2018

President Trump wants to arm teachers to prevent, or reduce the carnage from, future school shootings like the one at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., this month. "A teacher would have shot the hell out of him before he knew what had happened," Trump said last week about the attacker in Florida. He's not the only one who thinks this is a good idea: Several states are already considering legislation to allow guns to be carried into schools, ostensibly to protect kids.

But putting guns into the hands of schoolteachers would be extraordinarily dangerous for black and Latino students, who are already often forced to try to learn in hostile environments where they're treated as threats.

How long would it be, if Trump's plan became reality, before a teacher shoots a black student and then invokes the "I feared for my life" defense we continually hear from police officers who misinterpret young black people's behavior with deadly consequences?

A mountain of data on persistent racial biases and disparities in education and on police presence in schools — as well as a recent increase in racial harassment in schools — makes it clear that kids of color won't be safe if their teachers are carrying weapons.

Those children are the ones who always feel the brunt of policing inside and outside of schools. Most high-profile mass shootings have been committed by white men, but metal detectors, school police and armed guards are disproportionately placed in public schools with majority black and other nonwhite students, along with locked gates, random sweeps, and a host of other surveillance and security measures to maintain control in their schools. Research shows that such practices foster hostile environments that have contributed to racial disparities in school suspensions, expulsions and arrests leading to the "school-

-to-prison pipeline," by pushing more students of color out of school and into the juvenile justice system.

One report last year found that "school resource officers, who essentially function as law enforcement personnel, are more likely to be deployed on campuses with large numbers of black students." A 2014 Department of Education publication reported that black students were disproportionately likely to be referred to school resource officers or arrested — they made up 16 percent of total enrollment but 27 percent of students referred to resource officers and 31 percent of students arrested in school-related matters. White students, who were 51 percent of the total, accounted for only 41 percent of resource officer referrals and 39 percent of arrests. Another study found that "implicit bias" on the part of teachers often means young black males in schools are seen as "irresponsible, dishonest and dangerous." Considering that about four of every five teachers in U.S. public schools are white, there's ample reason to worry about how that bias would play out with guns involved.

Already, we have a disturbing number of examples of white teachers mistreating black students. For example, Patricia Cummings, a middle school teacher in the Bronx borough of New York, made her seventh-grade students lie on the floor while she stepped on one student's back to illustrate the trauma of the Middle Passage of the slave trade during Black History Month. White teachers and school officers have cut off black students' hair and been accused of cutting the hoods off their jackets, slapped them, berated them with the n-word, tackled and thrown them across the classroom and allegedly snatched them out of their seats violently for not standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Some teachers have been fired for posting racist rants on social media. Maybe that's no surprise, though: A 2016 study in Denver Public Schools found that many teachers, especially young white women, are afraid of their black students. The report also found that white students are punished differently from their black counterparts for the same offenses. In one example, a white student deemed bored in class threw chairs around the classroom and was promoted to a higher math class while a black student was suspended for simply balling his fists.

So with good reason, black and Latino students, and their parents, would probably see arming teachers as a threat, even though the idea is supposed to be protecting kids. That would make it even harder than it already is to establish trust across racial lines in the classroom.

No wonder teachers are already vehemently against Trump's plan.

"I fear my little alternative high school of 100 students and 15 teachers will turn into an armed prison camp," says Joe Lieb, an education consultant and activist who teaches at the Alternative Center for Excellence in Danbury, Conn., located just five minutes from Sandy Hook Elementary School. "By playing into this armed teacher agenda, we are setting up our at-risk students, especially our black and brown students, as targets for the pipeline as well as actual physical targets of teachers' bullets. It is insanity driven by greed, prejudice and privilege."

Anjene Davis works in the Charleston County Public School District in South Carolina, where more than 80 percent of the teachers are white women. Davis, a black man, says that "arming white teachers would be like trying to put out a fire with gasoline. In many cases, the little cultural nuances in black kids are often foreign to white teachers. Black assertiveness is seen as black hostility to white teachers, as opposed to the teachers recognizing that it is a strength in the black student. I fear that when black students stand up for themselves, white teachers will interpret that as the students attacking them." Davis also fears that any black or Latino teachers who carry weapons to "protect" students would wind up being shot by police during an active-shooter crisis in their schools.

Teachers know what they really need to transform their classrooms and school into places of empowerment, and it's not guns. On Twitter, they used the #ArmMeWith hashtag to list more important priorities: smaller classrooms, improved textbooks, adequate supplies and more resources for students with challenges.

These recent calls aren't really about protecting young people. Calling for stricter policing, metal detectors and guns in schools is an attempt to change the subject from gun control. This is about protecting the narrative that white suburban schools are places of safety and preserving the idea that violence is elsewhere, that black and Latino youth represent danger. Even white children aren't immune from the dangers of mass shootings in schools. If their families and governments can't keep them safe, what reason is there to expect a mostly white teaching force to magically overcome the risks of implicit bias, prejudice and

racial microaggressions to protect children of color whom they already have difficulties communicating with and perceive as threats?

“My biggest fear and disappointment is that I think many students and families of color would simply opt out of public education if arming teachers were to be enacted,” says Melissa Fontana Quiñones, a former special education teacher-turned school social worker at the Ohrenberger School in Boston. “Rightfully so. The fear would be absolutely legitimate, but disengagement would further divide us so much further. It would lead to a setback like never before in the movements for civil rights and human rights.”

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, last week I raised a concern that armed school personnel may sadly join the list of law enforcement officers that have shot and killed an unarmed black person, even a child. I have several news articles raising the same concern from around the United States. Back in 2013, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund ended up filing a complaint, challenging a school district in Texas for issuing misdemeanor tickets to high school students for disrupting classes. That is relevant because, although black students constitute only 21 percent of the school population, they ended up getting 46 percent of the misdemeanor tickets. There is a long history of disproportionate discipline affecting African American children. Now, the training components included in this bill that were discussed last week and earlier today can hopefully make a difference. But, it is not enough, and that is why I have my amendment that would provide additional training for all school personnel that we authorize to have firearms in schools. The training that is proposed in my amendment includes: bias training; cultural, social, and religious considerations in training; recognizing people based upon differences of race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation. The training in this amendment also includes all recognition on how to de-escalate, how to deal with individuals who may have mental illness, intellectual disabilities, and other challenges where training, especially, is needed.

For these reasons, I urge your support for having this specialized training to make it less likely that we can be in a position where armed personnel are shooting our children. I urge your support of this amendment to obtain this training for these personnel matters.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Regan.

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, I encourage my colleagues to vote against this amendment for a couple of obvious reasons. Number one, the amendment would require MPOETC to create an entirely new program that would only prolong the ability for schools to hire armed security guards and put them back to work in their school, 120 hours total, while being redundant. One of the things we talked about when we talked about NASRO training is how specialized it is to crafting officers' work within the schools. There is something I would like to point out. I have a copy of their training documents, and "Section XII: Developing and Supporting Successful Relationships with Diverse Students." The goal is, "This module is designed to provide awareness of biases within oneself and within others that can be a barrier to successful and trusted relationships with diverse school populations. Successful SROs build relationships by recognizing their existing biases and implementing strategies that build trust and respect."

Mr. President, it is truly a tragedy when any child or anyone is killed by a mistake or by a bias, no matter what their race. But, I truly believe that this NASRO training will prepare any school resource officer, school police officer, or school security officer not to make that mistake, or be trained not to make that mistake.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator A.H. Williams.

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I want to make my comments, and then will follow up with a suggestion. The comments are, with all due respect, this space is one that, frankly, divides this country, depending upon who you are and how you see the set of circumstances. The reality is, whatever training is going on in this country, clearly, is not serving people of color well when it comes to their relationship with law enforcement. So, that training that the previous gentleman just mentioned is long standing and, frankly, it has long been failing, if that is to be held as the standard of success. The reality is, this is a suggestion that would advance the manner in which we do training in this country. It would be a gold standard. We do not have a gold standard presently, not just in Pennsylvania but across this nation. So, with all due respect, I think there is an exception to the comments made that this particular type of training is adequate when it comes to biases that we see within this country. That concludes my comments, Mr. President.

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

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

YEA-22

Blake	Farnese	Leach	Tartaglione
Boscola	Fontana	Muth	Williams, Anthony H
Brewster	Haywood	Sabatina	Williams, Lindsey
Collett	Hughes	Santarsiero	Yudichak
Costa	Iovino	Schwank	
Dinniman	Kearney	Street	

NAY-28

Argall	DiSanto	Martin	Scavello
Aument	Folmer	Mastriano	Stefano
Baker	Gordner	Mensch	Tomlinson
Bartolotta	Hutchinson	Phillips-Hill	Vogel
Brooks	Killion	Pittman	Ward, Judy
Browne	Langerholc	Regan	Ward, Kim
Corman	Laughlin	Scarnati	Yaw

Less than a majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 695 (Pr. No. 833) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for

medical assistance payments for institutional care; in nursing facility assessments, further providing for time periods; in intermediate care facilities for persons with an intellectual disability assessments, further providing for time periods; and, in hospital assessments, further providing for time period.

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-50

Argall	DiSanto	Leach	Stefano
Aument	Farnese	Martin	Street
Baker	Folmer	Mastriano	Tartaglione
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Tomlinson
Blake	Gordner	Muth	Vogel
Boscola	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Brewster	Hughes	Pittman	Ward, Kim
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Costa	Langerholc	Scavello	
Dinniman	Laughlin	Schwank	

NAY-0

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

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

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

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

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING

June 6, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 2, 2019, of Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Daniel Drake, West Chester, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

June 5, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 16, 2019, of Kathy Boockvar, 76 Pine Valley Road, Doylestown 18901, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of the Commonwealth, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Pedro Cortes, Harrisburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

June 5, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 12, 2019, of Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until January 21, 2020, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ryan Devlin, Brockway, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I request that the nominations just read by the Clerk be returned to His Excellency, the Governor.

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

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be returned to the Governor.

(The Clerk proceeded to read.) Latanishen, Boockvar, Cornick.

The PRESIDENT. The recalls will be honored.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Senators BARTOLOTTA, LEACH, FONTANA, DINNIMAN, STREET, TARTAGLIONE, FARNESE, BROWNE, KEARNEY, HUGHES, BLAKE, AUMENT, BAKER, COSTA, J. WARD, HAYWOOD and BREWSTER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 154**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of June 2019 as "Reentry Month" 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, as the co-chair of the Senate criminal justice reform caucus, along with my colleague, Senator Haywood, this resolution is near and dear to my heart. Each year, more than 20,000 inmates earn parole or complete their prison sentence. Approximately 40 percent of the inmates who will be released from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections will be rearrested or reincarcerated within 1 year of release from prison, and 62 percent will be rearrested or reincarcerated within 3 years of their release from prison, in great measure because we place nearly insurmountable barriers to reentry in their way.

Our Commonwealth recognizes the importance of establishing effective reentry strategies through collaboration with State and county agencies, citizens, community service providers, and social service advocates to efficiently use and streamline resources. For example, Pennsylvania offers multiple vocational educational programs at State correctional institutions in an effort to prepare inmates for the workforce upon release. We are coming together to create better opportunities for these returning citizens to fully reintegrate into their communities, go to work, get a job, raise their families and their children. Reentry initiatives aim to positively change inmate behavior starting at reception through release to community supervision to reduce recidivism and victimization while also promoting public safety. Criminal records are not lifelong barriers that should prevent successful reentry to work in society.

Please join me in designating June 2019 as "Reentry Month" in Pennsylvania and acknowledging those citizens who return to their communities and earn the opportunity, once again, to become contributing members of society.

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 HUTCHINSON, ARGALL, AUMENT, DINNIMAN, VOGEL, J. WARD, COSTA and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 155**, entitled:

A Resolution celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Appalachian Region Independent Power Producers Association and designating the week of June 10 through 17, 2019, as "ARIPPA - 30 Years of Producing Environmentally Beneficial Alternative Energy - Recognition Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Venango, Senator Hutchinson.

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I rise today to offer this resolution, which recognizes June 10 through 17, 2019, as ARIPPA's 30th anniversary. Since 1989, ARIPPA has removed

and converted over 225 million tons of coal refuse into alternative energy. They have reclaimed over 7,200 acres of formerly mine-scarred lands, and they have restored more than 1,200 miles of formerly dead and polluted streams. ARIPPA members eliminate public health and safety hazards that are produced by coal refuse piles, which can spontaneously combust emitting ground-level pollutants, they can leach acid mine water and other hazardous substances, and they are major sources of land, air, and water pollution. Without these privately financed and operated ARIPPA plants, the full cost of remediation would fall on the taxpayers.

Mr. President, thousands of people are directly or indirectly employed by ARIPPA-member plants and they live, along with their families, in communities within close proximity of these alternative energy plants. The surrounding communities, lands, and streams have experienced vast environmental and economic improvements due mainly to the decades of hard work and dedication that these workers and the coal refuse energy industry have provided.

ARIPPA plants also provide a downstream environmental benefit of improved water quality throughout the Delaware, Susquehanna, and Ohio River watersheds. ARIPPA has also donated thousands of dollars to various deserving volunteer watershed and conservancy groups performing abandoned mine land reclamation or acid mine drainage remediation improvements.

Mr. President, adoption of this resolution allows the Senate to show their appreciation for ARIPPA's 30 years of dedicated service to this Commonwealth, producing environmentally beneficial alternative energy and cleaning up abandoned mine sites to help create jobs. I ask my colleagues for their support.

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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators KILLION, FARNESE, FONTANA, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, BLAKE, BROWNE, HUGHES, BAKER, SCHWANK, PHILLIPS-HILL, SCAVELLO, MARTIN, AUMENT, FOLMER and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 156**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of July 8 through 14, 2019, as "Juror Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators KILLION, BARTOLOTTA, J. WARD, MARTIN, DINNIMAN, VOGEL, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, BROWNE, HUGHES, PHILLIPS-HILL, BLAKE, BREWSTER, FOLMER, AUMENT, COSTA and SCHWANK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 157**, entitled:

A Resolution designating July 31, 2019, as "Heatstroke Prevention Day" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators HAYWOOD, FARNESE, FONTANA, DiSANTO, GORDNER, HUGHES, COSTA and SCHWANK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 158**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the historical importance of the 15th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and encouraging the establishment of a monument upon the grounds of the Pennsylvania State Capitol Complex.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, after the Union victory in the Civil War, three major amendments were passed: the 13th Amendment, abolishing enslavement; the 14th Amendment, recognizing citizenship for the formerly enslaved; and the 15th Amendment, protecting the right to vote for the formerly enslaved. Now, here in Harrisburg, in the Old Eighth Ward, there is a spot where this was a primarily African American community at the Capitol Complex, and after these amendments were being considered in Congress, they had to be ratified by the States. Here in Pennsylvania, there was a significant debate about the 15th Amendment, and prior to that debate, the *Pittsburgh Gazette* said in its editorial, "We believe the masses are in favor of the Amendment. If they are not now willing to award the long delayed justice to an oppressed race, we are mistaken in their intelligence and love of freedom, liberty and equality." After many days of cajoling and arguing, the General Assembly, here in Pennsylvania, adopted, ratified the 15th Amendment on March 25, 1869. Immediately thereafter, the *Pittsburgh Gazette* reported that black residents of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County had planned ceremonies for the jubilee to celebrate their political emancipation. Pennsylvania was the 12th State to ratify the amendment, which later passed in 1870.

However, now, 150 years since the ratification here in our General Assembly, a monument to honor those who fought for these rights, then the 15th Amendment, shall be installed on the grounds of the great debate. The monument will be unveiled tomorrow, June 11, at 4 p.m., at the Strawberry Square atrium. All are invited to participate in this historic occasion. This resolution recognizes the struggle and victory for freedom, and it is for this I request unanimous support of the Senate for the installation and the ceremony for our ratification here of the 15th Amendment.

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

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

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of all bills reported from committees for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.
The bills were as follows:

SB 66, SB 332, SB 724, HB 195, HB 330, HB 538 and HB 615.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

9:45 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bills No. 94 and 601)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:00 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 60, 81, 320, 714 and 715; and House Bills No. 235, 276, 315, 502 and 504)	Room 8E-B East Wing
10:30 A.M.	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (to consider House Bill No. 826)	Room 8E-B East Wing
10:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 200, 723 and 729; and House Bills No. 297 and 522)	Room 8E-A East Wing
10:30 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Resolution No. 140; and House Bills No. 233 and 859)	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 314, 321, 633, 698, 699, 724 and 733; and House Bill No. 619)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019

9:00 A.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on Innovation in Education)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
9:30 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider Senate Bill No. 661)	Room 461 Main Capitol
9:30 A.M.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (to consider Senate Resolutions No. 47 and 48)	Room 8E-A East Wing
10:45 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider House Bill No. 751)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, it has now been 4,714 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last raised the State's minimum wage. I rise today to offer some real context and real perspective on what the absence of legislative action on

this issue has meant to the millions of low-wage workers of the Commonwealth. I would like to talk about some of the hard and horrible decisions that these working people are forced to make every time they visit the grocery store to buy food for their families, every time they feel ill or get injured and need medical help, every time their rent or mortgage payment comes due, and every time they contemplate their family's prospects for breaking the cycle of poverty.

For Pennsylvania, the Federal government's paltry \$7.25 minimum wage simply is not getting the job done. The Bureau of Labor Statistics tells us that consumer prices have risen 27 percent since Pennsylvania last enacted a minimum wage increase in July 2006. There are numerous examples of the impact inflation has had on the prices of everyday goods. Grocery items, on average, cost 19 percent more than they did just a decade ago. Prices have soared more than that on many staple items like bread, pasta, fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, cooking oil, baked goods, and pet food. As we all know, food is just one of the necessities included in our personal budgets, and another is healthcare.

Studies showed that the average American paid \$7,232 on healthcare in 2006. That includes insurance premiums, copays, deductibles, prescriptions, and State and Federal taxes used to fund programs like Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP. In 2017, the average American paid \$10,739. Mr. President, that is a 33-percent increase in personal healthcare costs. The story is no different with housing. In July 2006, the median price of a new home in the U.S. was \$238,100. Now, it is more than \$340,000. That is an increase of more than 30 percent. For those who cannot afford a mortgage, renting offers little relief. In the last 13 years, average rent in the U.S. has increased by almost 42 percent. That means the same apartment that cost \$1,000 in 2006 now costs around \$1,400. Sadly, the rising cost of higher education offers low-wage earners little hope of breaking away from the cycle of debt and poverty.

In 2006, tuition for a public university was \$5,800. Now, it is almost double that, and those figures do not include the college expenses like room and board. According to the College Board, the average total cost for attending a public university in the U.S. is now over \$21,000 a year. The truth is, just about everything we need to live and prosper costs more now than it did the last time Pennsylvania raised its minimum wage. Sadly, our minimum wage is still just \$7.25 an hour, and thousands of tipped workers are making as little as \$2.83 an hour in regular wages.

Senate Bill No. 12 would correct this injustice. It would establish the Commonwealth as a national leader on the critical economic issue, and it would grant millions of Pennsylvanians the financial independence that they have worked so long and hard to earn.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I will be very brief. I want to take a few moments to talk a little about a continuing saga in Allegheny County and western Pennsylvania with regard to the UPMC and Highmark dispute. The dispute continues, and I think a lot of folks know, today and tomorrow, there will be hearings that will take place in Commonwealth Court to try to resolve this matter, but, more importantly, what occurred over the course of the past week, two important things have occurred. One, UPMC

has agreed to drop its obnoxious and unconscionable plan to require our seniors and others to pay up front for emergency services or other types of services that will be conducted for Highmark customers at UPMC facilities. They have agreed to drop that. Secondly, they have allowed the extension of the contract as it relates to those individuals who have care that is taking place at the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, as well as UPMC Children's Hospital, which will continue to be discussed, and I think Western Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute.

Mr. President, that is all good news. However, there are a lot of questions that remain about the specificity of these particular agreements. In fact, there are no agreements, and that is what has a lot of folks concerned. While it appears that it is an eleventh-hour attempt to try to influence the court case that is taking place, the fact of the matter is we need to have contract language that supports the statements made by one of the parties, UPMC. That being said, Mr. President, there are two bills in this Chamber, Senate Bill No. 310 and Senate Bill No. 311, which would help address that particular issue, particularly as it relates to Senate Bill No. 311, which addresses the issue of binding arbitration. If, in fact, we had in place something along the lines of binding arbitration for these entities, these integrated healthcare delivery systems, as it relates to the services they provide and the money that is being paid, there would not be a need to wait until at some point in time later where this agreement, or this statement, that was made by one party would be effectuated.

That is why it is appropriate for us to have this legislation, and I will continue my call for us to be able to address this issue, ask the Members of the Committee on Banking and Insurance to ask the chairman, along with myself, to report the bill out for consideration and move it to the Senate floor for its consideration as well so that we can move forward between now and June 30. We do have time to complete this legislation and get it to the Governor's desk by the June 30 deadline as it relates to this consent decree. We do not know what the outcome of the court is going to be. They promised to have a decision by the end of this week as it relates to Commonwealth Court. I do not know what the nature of the timeline will be with regard to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court as to whether or not a decision will be rendered in time to implement the June 30 deadline or not. Our legislation would eliminate that need to worry about that, and that is why I am, again, asking for that to take place. I appreciate the opportunity to say a few remarks on this issue.

Thank you, Mr. President.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 43**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 223**.

BILLS SIGNED

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

SB 43 and **HB 223**.

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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, June 11, 2019, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:46 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.