SENATE
WEDNESDAY, June 19, 2019

The Senate met at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend GLEN BAYLY, of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, Mifflinburg, offered the following prayer:

Will you join me as we go before the Lord in prayer.

Our gracious heavenly Father, we come before You at this time to stop what we are doing and reflect on Your presence here in this place today and to seek Your blessing, for Your blessing is the most important thing that we can achieve and receive. We pray for the Session that is going to take place today. We ask that You give wisdom and guidance from above that the things that are said and done in this place might be pleasing in Your sight and also beneficial to the residents of Pennsylvania.

We thank You for Your many blessings for our food, our clothing, and our shelter, for all of the freedoms that we have in America. We are a blessed people and a blessed Commonwealth in Pennsylvania. We thank You for the prosperity that You have given us. We ask for the people of our State that You would grant each one a sense of Your presence and Your love today.

We pray for the Members of this Chamber. We ask for Your blessing on the individuals and their families. We ask that they would know Your presence and Your provision for their needs, and whatever they may be facing that they could come to You. We ask that we might all know Your forgiveness of our sins, for we recognize both in deed, and in word, and even in our thoughts, You are aware of those things that we do that are harmful to ourselves and to others, and we ask for Your forgiveness.

We pray that each one might know that forgiveness and also the assurance of eternal life to come.

We now commit this day to You. We ask You to be with our President Trump, with our Governor Wolf, our Congressmen and Senators, our House of Representatives, and these State Senators, and we ask all of these things in Your powerful and mighty name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Bayly, who is the guest today of Senator Yaw.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator TOMLINSON, from the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported the following bills:

SB 67 (Pr. No. 60)
An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; providing for the form of the compact; imposing additional powers and duties on the Governor, the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Compact.

SB 258 (Pr. No. 1022) (Amended)
An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in service and facilities, providing for pipeline emergency management information.

SB 284 (Pr. No. 1023) (Amended)
An Act amending the act of November 29, 2006 (P.L.1435, No.156), known as the Public Utility Confidential Security Information Disclosure Protection Act, further providing for definitions; providing for pipeline operation and emergency response plans; and further providing for prohibition.

SB 586 (Pr. No. 644)
An Act amending the act of May 3, 1933 (P.L.242, No.86), referred to as the Cosmetology Law, further providing for eligibility requirements for examination, for limited licenses and for requirements of a School of Cosmetology.

Senator J. WARD, from the Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing, reported the following bills:

SB 31 (Pr. No. 649)
An Act amending the act of December 3, 1959 (P.L.1688, No.621), known as the Housing Finance Agency Law, in Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Program, further providing for fund.

SB 352 (Pr. No. 1021) (Amended)
An Act authorizing local taxing authorities to provide for tax exemption incentives for certain deteriorated industrial, commercial, business and residential property and for new construction in deteriorated areas of communities; providing for an exemption schedule; and establishing standards and qualifications.
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 Brooks, and a legislative leave for Senator Mensch.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Leach.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Gordner requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Brooks, and a legislative leave for Senator Mensch.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Leach. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, June 19, 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 the week of Sunday, June 23, 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 the week of Sunday, June 23, 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 GORDNER 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
Brown  Iovino  Sabatina  Williams, Lindsey
Collett  Kearney  Santarsiero  Yaw

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.

GUEST OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, I am very pleased to introduce Cole Gordner, who is seated in the gallery today. Cole is a legal intern in my Harrisburg office for the summer. Cole is the son of John and Lori Gordner, a.k.a. Senator Gordner. He is a graduate of Dickinson College, where he majored in political science. He is currently a rising second-year law student and attends Dickinson Law School. This summer, Cole has not only one internship, but two. In addition to interning with the Senate, he is also interning with the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas. Cole is class representative for the Student Bar Association. He enjoys playing the guitar, running, he is an Eagle Scout, and a huge history buff. Cole is a bright young man who has already become a great addition to my Harrisburg office. You can see his enthusiasm and his willingness to help out and be part of this wonderful body that we all work for.

So, Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues offer Cole and Senator Gordner our usual warm welcome.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR WAYNE LANGERHOLC PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I rise this morning to seek recognition for a young wrestler from my district from Forest Hills Elementary, Bo Bassett. Recently, Bo won his fifth consecutive State title in the 80-pound weight class for 11- and 12-year-olds at the Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling Tournament. Bo defeated his opponent by a technical fall with a score of 20-4 to capture the title. Bo's first State title came in 2015 as a 60-pounder in the 7- and 8-year-old group. He has been winning State titles ever since. His fifth title has put Bo into an elite class of wrestlers. He has tied the record for most Pennsylvania junior wrestling championships by a local wrestler, which has stood since 1987. If Bo continues on this path, he could very well challenge some of Pennsylvania's greatest wrestlers.

Bo is a member of the Ranger Pride wrestling club, as well as the Young Guns wrestling club. His record stands at 96 wins and 5 losses. Along with being a five-time junior wrestling champion, Bo has won four freestyle State titles and a pair of Greco-Roman crowns, and, in 2018, he won the Junior title in the 72-pound weight class at the Ohio Tournament of Champions.
You could say wrestling is in the Bassett blood. Bo’s brother, Keegan, seated next to Bo here on the Senate floor, is also a fierce competitor on the wrestling mat, and their father, Bill, is a coach. At such a young age, Bo already exemplifies the characteristics of a true champion. He is hardworking, dedicated, humble, and demonstrates good sportsmanship. I have no doubt that Bo is on track to accomplish all of the goals he sets for himself, both on the mat and in life. I hope these championships and his presence in the State Capitol today will be close to his heart forever. He has made his school, friends, family, teammates, coaches, and this Senator very proud.

Bo is joined here today by his parents, Bill and Karissa, his brother, Keegan, and grandmothers, Sharon Bassett and Pam Stertz, and Bo and Keegan’s uncle, Jack Bassett.

Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in giving Bo and his family a warm Senate welcome.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR STEVEN SANTARSIERO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SANTARSIERO. Mr. President, I rise this morning to recognize four college students who I am lucky to have interning in my Newtown and Doylestown district offices. First, we have Emily Silverman. Emily is from Newtown, Pennsylvania. She is a rising senior at Tulane and aspires to go on to law school, but all is not lost because she wants to work in public service.

Zach Kirk lives in my hometown of Lower Makefield. He is a rising sophomore at William and Mary, and he hopes to learn more about State and local government operations. We are very happy to have Zach, and I also have to divulge that I was, at one time, his baseball coach, at least once, maybe twice, I do not remember.

Michael Gunden is from Sellersville, Pennsylvania. He is a rising senior at Catholic University of America. He aspires to learn about State legislative operations to help prepare him for a career in State and local government. Michael is doing a fine job for us as well.

Last, but not least, is Marcella Molenari. Marcella hails from Doylestown, and, like my daughter, Nancy, and my older son, Billy, she is a student at Boston University, where she is a rising senior graduate student and a political science major. After graduating with her master's and bachelor's in political science, she is hoping to take a gap year in 2020 to work on a campaign. Then, after that, enter law school. After law school, she is considering, perhaps, following in our footsteps and running for office. I am excited to see how that goes in the future. She is on the Boston University Women’s Water Polo Team, which had a first-place finish this spring. So, we are excited about that.

I ask that my colleagues join me in extending to Emily, Zach, Michael, and Marcella our usual warm Senate welcome.

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

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR VINCENT J. HUGHES PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I take this time to introduce Davier Massey, who is interning in my Harrisburg office today and is learning more about the legislative process as we negotiate the 2019-20 budget. He is from Mount Airy, in the 4th Senatorial District of my colleague, Senator Haywood. Davier is entering his junior year at Lincoln University, where he studies criminal justice with a double minor in business and prelaw. Davier plans to attend law school and would like to pursue a career as a sports, business, and entertainment attorney. I am told he is already angling for having the opportunity to represent LeBron James or Anthony Davis. We are happy to have Davier here today and wish him luck in his studies.

Mr. President, if this body could give a warm round of applause for one of our more promising young men, Davier Massey.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Hughes 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, the young man who did such a great job of gaveling us in today is a young man named Jacob Bender, who is a summer intern in the policy office at the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. The Fish and Boat Commission is hosting Jacob as part of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation internship program. Jacob is currently a chemistry honors student at Messiah College. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, drawing, and video gaming. After college, Jacob would like to get a job in the chemistry field with an emphasis on laboratory analysis. Not only that, Jacob is a very, very nice young man, Mr. President.

I ask you and the rest of the Senate to join me in giving Jacob a warm welcome.

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

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR SCOTT E. HUTCHINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I welcome my constituent, R.J. Lauand, today. R.J. is currently interning with the Center for Rural Pennsylvania, where his major project is analyzing the impact of Medicaid expansion on rural hospital finances. R.J. is a lifelong resident of Clarion. He is currently attending Clarion University, where he was the captain of the men's basketball team, while majoring in mathematics and economics. During his time at Clarion University, he has made the dean’s list six times, and after graduation this December, he is planning to pursue a career in business in western Pennsylvania.
Mr. President, and fellow Senators, please join me in giving R.J. Laugand a warm Senate welcome.

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

(Appause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR PAM IOVINO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator Iovino.

Senator IOVINO. Mr. President, I acknowledge a very special guest in the gallery today, Sadie Trout. Sadie started interning here in my Harrisburg office this summer shortly after my swearing-in. She is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. She is passionate about protecting and improving our environment and about public participation engagement in our democracy. Sadie will soon be moving on to new opportunities, and we are grateful for her contributions and service to the residents of the 37th Senatorial District. During her time interning in the Senate, Sadie has written bill analyses and policy responses to constituent questions. She has attended meetings in the House and Senate, tracking important legislation. She has been an invaluable member of our team. Sadie, I thank you for all you have done. I hope you found the experience enriching, and we wish you the absolute best in your future endeavors.

Would my colleagues please join me in giving Sadie a warm Senate welcome.

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

(Appause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR TIMOTHY P. KEARNEY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Kearney.

Senator KEARNEY. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce two new summer interns who are going to be working in my Springfield and Upper Darby offices. They are residents of Yeadeon and Lansdowne, which, of course, puts them in Senator Anthony Williams' district, but I stole them away for the summer.

Niya Ray is a rising junior and a political science major at Spelman College. She has been a junior councilperson on the Lansdowne Borough Council in Delaware County, and has previously interned with the Georgia Innocence Project. She is most passionate about criminal justice reform, and in her free time she simply enjoys watching movies with her family.

We also have Monet Gregory. Monet Gregory is a rising junior and a political science major with a minor in sociology at Temple University. Monet loves studying current political events and anything sociological. Monet's previous internship was with the Temple Political Science Public Engagement Project, and she will intern in the Senate in Harrisburg this fall as well. She is passionate about public health, education, and social justice, and loves spending time with her family and exploring new places.

Niya and Monet are here today with my legislative director, Kristin Seale, with whom they will be working over the summer on legislative issues in my district and in Harrisburg.

So, please offer a warm Senate welcome to Niya and Monet. The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Kearney please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Appause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, I welcome the Pine Grove Area High School Softball Team, our PIAA Class AAA Girls' Softball State Champions. They are now seated in the gallery. At 28-0, this was their first State title in their program's history just a few days ago. Can we give a warm welcome to these talented young women, their coaches and managers, and the parents who have supported them throughout the many practices year after year.

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

(Appause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR LISA M. BOSCOLA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, today I am honored to introduce Bekah Zelner and Madison Scarfaro. These young women made a special trip to Harrisburg today to watch democracy in action. They work for Marsy's Law for Pennsylvania. As advocates for the passage of Marsy's Law, House Bill No. 276, which is scheduled to be run today in this Chamber, they wanted to be present in the Chamber to see this bill being voted on. The bill is a resolution amending the Pennsylvania Constitution to establish a crime victims' bill of rights.

I am so proud that Bekah and Madison made the trip to Harrisburg. They were so engaging and warm to talk to. I often tell visitors, young and old, that democracy is a participatory sport, and these young fine women are examples of that idea. They are so happy to be here today, and we are all going to be happy once the bill passes. If we could give them our usual warm welcome.

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

(Appause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL J. FOLMER AND SENATOR JOHN M. DISANTO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, I rise today, along with my colleague from the 15th Senatorial District, Senator DiSanto, to introduce an outstanding group of athletes from a school district we both represent, a group I am very honored to have visited the Senate, the Central Dauphin High School Softball Team, who claimed the 2019 PIAA State Class AAAAAA championship. This team, coached by Kenneth Williams and assisted by Sam Hartley and Stephanie Reese, demonstrated superior sportsmanship and remarkable athletic abilities, finishing their champion-
ship season with 25 wins and only 2 losses. The Rams' roster included the following players: Samantha Gress, Tyler White, Samantha Burns, Hailee Beaver-Beaston, Isabella Culp, Kristin Cusick, Alondra Figueroa, Jillian Kendra, Kyler Nelson, Promise Drake, Mackenzie Fisher, Nicole Sellers, Grace DeAngelo, Jileann Gray, and Abbey Hinson.

Mr. President, before we give this talented group of athletes a round of applause, could you please recognize Senator DiSanto for further remarks.

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

Senator DiSANTO. Mr. President, Central Dauphin clinched their first softball State championship ever after two 3-hour rain delays with a 3-1 victory over Hazleton. Pitcher Samantha Gress allowed only one run on four hits and had 11 strikeouts, having carried a no hitter into the sixth inning. All of the players, with their collective talents and skills, throughout the season played a major contribution in winning this title. To the players and coaches, we want to wish you all success in your future endeavors, and Senator Folmer and I, as well as your entire community, are very proud of your wonderful achievement. A special congratulations to Coach Williams, as he previously announced his retirement from coaching. What a way to end his career with a State championship. Congratulations.

Senators, would you please join me in welcoming my alma mater, I graduated in 1978, with our usual warm Senate welcome. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Folmer and Senator DiSanlo please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Appause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR ARTHUR L. HAYWOOD PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, I rise to introduce my guest, Alyssa Hurley. She is among a number of outstanding young women who are here today as part of the Girls State program sponsored by the Pennsylvania American Legion. Alyssa is a rising senior at Abington High and is in the honors program at the school. Most especially, she is the president of her school's Future Business Leaders of America chapter, and she will be attending the national organization and meeting of the Future Business Leaders later this month. She is interested in studying political science in the future. I was able to have a tremendous meeting with her today, and she has tremendous intelligence. I shared that many decades ago, I was part of Boys State, but I am sure many things have changed since that time.

I ask all of us to give Alyssa a warm welcome. She may or may not be with us. I know that they are in the House and then seeing the Governor, but please let us recognize her, as well as all of the young women who are part of the Girls State program.

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

(Appause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I appreciate the time to welcome two sets of guests, actually, who I have here today. One of the things that we do in the district is we offer a tour of the Capitol and lunch to individuals who donate to worthy causes. So both of my guests, actually, have done that. Susan Dougherty is here. Susan won lunch and a tour of the Capitol through the Exeter Library silent auction earlier this year. I certainly appreciate her strong support for a really great local library. Speaking of strength, Susan is currently undergoing treatment for stage 4 metastatic breast cancer at St. Joe's Penn State Hospital and has had success with her treatment so far. We certainly want to wish her continued good luck. Susan is joined by her fiance, Kirk Blessing, her daughter, Siobhan, and her 5-year-old grandson, Vincent, who recently graduated from pre-K and will attend kin-
The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Schwank please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, in addition, I am welcoming John and Sandy Blackburn, who are actually constituents of Senator Argall. They are also here winning a tour and lunch. Their donation benefited Friend, Inc., a social service organization that serves northern Berks County. John is a United States Marine Corps veteran and has been working for East Penn Manufacturing, one of our most important employers in the district, for the past 36 years. He is the divisional vice president of sales, wholesale markets, and automotive batteries.

Sandy has worked as a certified public accountant for 20 years. She earned her MBA from Villanova and worked in public accounting for a Big Four firm as a financial analyst, now for Carpenter Technology, and as an accounting supervisor for Sunoco. For the past 13 years, she has taught business classes at a high school in Berks County. Together, they have five children and six grandchildren. One of their children, I just learned this morning, is one of my interns this summer back in my district, Spencer Thornburg.

Please join me in welcoming John and Sandy to the Capitol.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT B. MENSCH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, I would like to tell you a little bit about a fabulous family who lives in my district. It is my pleasure, today, to introduce Crysta O'Donnell. She is an intern in my Red Hill office. Crysta is 18 years old and lives in Riegelsville, Pennsylvania, in Bucks County, but is originally from Nicaragua. Crysta previously attended Palisades High School in Kintnersville, Bucks County. Last year, she finished second place in the Talk to Your State Senator statewide video competition. If you recall, the competition was about opioids and addictions. The competition was launched to get middle school and high school students involved in the legislative efforts to fight heroin and opioid abuse. It was sponsored by the Senate of Pennsylvania with support from members of the Drug and Alcohol Service Providers Organization of Pennsylvania. Crysta submitted an outstanding video, and we are proud to recognize her project and the success in that competition.

In the fall, she will enter her sophomore year at the University of Scranton, where she is a double major in international studies and Hispanic studies, as well as a French language minor. At the University of Scranton, she works as a Spanish and ESL tutor for students and members of the community and is an officer of the Spanish club, and a member of the archery and fencing teams.

Joining her today is her father, Raymond, her mother, Gabriela, and her three younger sisters, Camila, Abby, and Rayanne. Her father is a self-employed mechanic and has a shop in Flemington, New Jersey. Her mother is a stay-at-home mom, and both of them work endlessly to ensure a bright future for their four daughters.

Camila, who is 14, will begin her freshman year of high school in the fall and is an excellent A student. She is a member of the Palisades School District's concert, jazz, and marching bands, and is the president of the eighth grade band. She is also part of the color guard, field hockey, and track and field teams. She is a 2-year member of the National Junior Honor Society, and, along with Crysta, she has a part-time job at an ice cream parlor.

Abby, who is 12, will enter seventh grade in the fall and is a wonderful student. She is a member of the Palisades School District's concert band and choir, and will soon join the marching band, color guard, and field hockey team. Her younger sister, Rayanne, is 4 years old. Even though she is not yet in school, her mother helps her by teaching her numbers, the alphabet, reading, writing, math, and Spanish. Certainly, Rayanne, as the youngest sister, has three older, great examples to follow.

Please join me, Mr. President, in greeting the O'Donnell family to the Senate today. Thank you.

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

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators STREET, COLLETT, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, LEACH, KEARNEY, FARNESE, IOVINO, PHILLIPS-HILL, HUGHES, MUTH, TARTAGLIONE, FOLMER, SCHWANK, HUTCHINSON, AUMENT, COSTA, BROWNE and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 175, entitled:

A Resolution observing June 19, 2019, as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, since 2003, my predecessor, Senator Shirley Kitchen, has submitted resolutions recognizing the significance of Juneteenth across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I have been proud to inherit this legacy and have done the same for the past few years.

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day in which the last of the enslaved people in this country located in Galveston, Texas, were informed of the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth is one of the oldest African American holiday observances in the United States, and it began as a celebration to experience the jubilation and reassurance that came with the end of the Civil War for people who were enslaved and quickly
spread from Galveston to the rest of the United States. The holi-
day is celebrated in a variety of ways, and it is recognized as a
holiday observance in over 41 States as a way to acknowledge
the past and celebrate the present. It has enjoyed a tremendous
growth rate in recent years, and a number of Juneteenth organiza-
tions have taken part in spreading this important tradition
throughout the United States. The holiday today seeks to prolifer-
ate the idea of self-improvement, the celebration of African
culture, and the respect for all cultures. This day of pride is in-
credibly significant to many Pennsylvanians and, as such, it de-
serves to be recognized in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

GUESTS OF SENATOR SHARIF T. STREET
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

Senator STREET. Mr. President, across the State of Pennsyl-
vania, Juneteenth is observed to complete the cycle for freedom
for Americans’ Independence Day observances. Forty-three of
the 50 States, and the District of Columbia, have recognized
Juneteenth either as a State holiday or ceremonial holiday, or a
day of observance. Later today, Governor Wolf will sign House
Bill No. 619 recognizing "Juneteenth National Freedom Day" in
Pennsylvania as a State annual designation and holiday observ-
ance. National Juneteenth Foundation has been promoting the
national recognition of Juneteenth Independence Day for nearly
25 years. Regional membership extends to all 50 States and the
U.S. territories of Guam and the nation's capital of Washington,
D.C.

Mr. President, today I am joined by guests from across the
Commonwealth, and they include Ron Brown, who is the north-
east regional director for the National Juneteenth Foundation and
founder and CEO of the Pennsylvania Juneteenth Coalition, as
well as Tamara Staley, president and COO of the Juneteenth
Family. Other guests include Connie Swinson, the Johnson
House; Dr. Joi Spraggins, Legacy Pathways, LLC; Russell Da-
viss; Doug Paige; Oli Larmi; Marguritte Brown; Sarah Brown;
Lenwood Sloan, Commonwealth Monument Foundation; Willi-
am Marshall; former Pennsylvania State Representative Andrew
Carr; Gary Smalls; Tim Brown; Caroline Baker, representing
the Reading NAACP; Martha Moorer, also from the Reading
NAACP; Eric George, from the Reading NAACP; Marilyn
Brown; Leon Brown; Nichole Murton; Dennis Murton; Joy Reid;
Lamar Williams; Leah Clouden; Gail Clouden; William Mar-
shall, representing Pittsburgh; Margo Doss, representing Pitts-
burgh; Gary Shepherd, famous radio personality; Bigga Dre;
Melody Muhammad Mason; journalist Heshimu Jaramogi; Mark
Harrell; Doug Page; David Hopkins; Keith Coleman; Deborah
Kelly; Markayla Woods; Laverne McNair; William Bradley;
Sheila Johnson; Robert Gay; Denise Carey; John Walsh; and
Lateefah Shakir.

My last two guests are special to me. One is a young lady who
is a rising junior in high school who is an all-public athlete in
track and field and cross country, a straight-A student at the presti-
gious Central High School, America's first public high school
in Philadelphia, my alma mater. She will be studying at Cornell
University this summer, black feminism, and she looks a lot like
my mom, she is my daughter, Sheyla Street. My final guest is a
newly committed member of the United States Navy, Sharif
Street, Jr.
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:

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 91 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 112 (Pr. No. 1017) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in prescribing opioids to minors, providing for prescribing opioids to individuals and further providing for definitions, for prohibition and for procedure; and making editorial changes.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

MUTH AMENDMENT A2213 OFFERED

Senator MUTH offered the following amendment No. A2213:

Amend Bill, page 3, line 23, by striking out the period after "PROCEDURE" and inserting:

"in which case the individual's treatment with a controlled substance is no longer than a 14-day supply post-surgery from the date of discharge from a licensed health care facility and until the individual's pain management needs are further evaluated by the prescriber. For purposes of this subparagraph, a "major surgical procedure" shall include a procedure performed for the purpose of structurally altering the human body by incision or destruction of tissues and is part of the practice of medicine for the diagnostic or therapeutic treatment of conditions or disease processes by any instruments causing localized alteration or transportation of live human tissue, which include lasers, ultrasound, ionizing radiation, scalpels, probes and needles."

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Montgomery, Senator Muth.

Senator MUTH, Mr. President, this amendment basically further defines surgical procedure based on the American College of Surgeons and also limits controlled substance prescription treatment to a maximum of a 14-day supply. This amendment would help curb any issues with having extensions longer than necessary for a pain medication.

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

Senator CORMAN, Mr. President, I ask for a negative vote.

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

Senator COSTA, Mr. President, if I could, on this amendment, this is precisely the issue that was raised yesterday on the floor by myself and others in our Caucus who are concerned about the openendedness with respect to the prescribing of drugs and the situation where there is not a specifically defined type of situation in terms of surgery that would be part of this plan, and that is precisely why the amendment is being offered, to be able to define it definitively, and, more importantly, put limitations on the length of time these narcotics could be prescribed. For that reason, I ask my colleagues to join the gentlewoman in the amendment and supporting the amendment as we go forward. Thank you.

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

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

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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?
It was agreed to.

And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,
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

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.  
Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

SB 123 (Pr. No. 1000) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, further providing for parole procedure.

Considered the third time and agreed to,  
And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator SABATINA. Mr. President, I rise to speak in favor of Senate Bill No. 123, better known as Karen's Law. Karen Widdoss is a constituent of mine, but, more importantly, she is a survivor. Her story and advocacy has brought us here today.  
She is watching from home, and I thank her for being an inspiration for myself and survivors of sexually violent crimes across the Commonwealth.

Modeled after existing law, my bill seeks to decrease the revictimization of victims of sexually violent crimes that they face during the parole process. Current law dictates that a sexually violent offender may apply for parole each year following their minimum sentence date. For Karen and survivors like her, this establishes an anniversary of trauma, year after year, where they relive their nightmare through testimony that they provide to the parole board. To decrease this revictimization, Senate Bill No. 123 grants the parole board the ability to establish a 3-year waiting period between parole applications for tier-3 sexual offenders and inmates labeled a sexually violent predator. This bill has support from the Pennsylvania Office of Victim Advocate, Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Pennsylvania Fraternal Order of Police, Women Organized Against Rape, numerous local women's centers, and individual survivors of sexually violent crimes across the Commonwealth. I therefore urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation. Thank you.

And the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.  
Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

SB 166 (Pr. No. 985) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:


Considered the third time and agreed to,  
And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 174, HB 195 and SB 200 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 223 (Pr. No. 1018) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the third time and agreed to,
And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from York, Senator Phillips-Hill.

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, in 2016, the Physician General of Pennsylvania issued an emergency standing order allowing EMS providers to leave a dose of Naloxone with a caretaker. Subsequently, the Governor issued a statewide disaster declaration for a public health emergency in January of 2018, and included the standing order from the Physician General. Presently, these orders are not permanent. This legislation would codify these provisions into law by amending the Pennsylvania Pharmacy Act to permanently permit EMS providers to leave a dose package of lifesaving Naloxone with an on-scene caregiver of a patient who overdosed on opioids and was revived by the EMS. Key components of this legislation include a provision requiring a standing order by the Department of Health allowing for the purchase of Naloxone by the public, a determination by the EMS provider at the scene that it is appropriate to dispense a dose package of Naloxone to a family member, friend, or another person who is in a position to assist. The EMS provider is under no obligation to leave a package of Naloxone behind, and the EMS provider shall not incur any liability for not stockpiling the Naloxone left behind or not dispensing the Naloxone. Please also remember that this bill was amended yesterday to address concerns that had been raised by the Department of Insurance.

Thank you, Mr. President, and I would appreciate an affirmative vote by my colleagues.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

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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.

HB 276 (Pr. No. 284) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for rights of victims of crime.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, for 25 years, Pennsylvania has added laws, programs, and procedures designed to give crime victims a voice and consideration in the criminal justice process, and despite the good intentions and constructive actions we have taken, we still find hurtful and harmful deficiencies. So, today, through this legislation, we offer a consequential remedy. We have heard troubling stories from victims and their families, and we have been provided with persuasive perspectives by victim advocates. So, the answer then is to elevate victims' rights through amending our State Constitution. The legislation is named for Marsy Nicholas, who was murdered in 1983. This is a nationwide effort.

As with every major issue we confront, there are ardent advocates and opponents. That is the value in submitting a proposal to the people for them to render the final judgment. Through our ascent today, we clear the way for a referendum on this monumental matter. We have had our chance to weigh the change to receive expert input and to satisfy ourselves that this brings needed balance and fairness to the criminal justice process. There is a great public interest in community safety and security. This amendment, and the other victims' rights bills be-
ing advanced today, will contribute to a greater sense of justice being served here in the Commonwealth. So victims do triumph with the passage of House Bill No. 276. This is, by no means, the end of our work, but we are certainly off to a tremendous start.

I would like to take a moment to recognize the individuals who have been instrumental in this effort to pass Marsy’s Law: the prime sponsor of the House bill, Representative Delozier; Representative Kauffman, who chairs the House Committee on Judiciary; our former Senator, Guy Reschenthaler, who introduced this amendment last Session; our colleague, Senator Sabatina, who had the companion bill; and our colleagues who have supported this bill. We are honored to have many State and national Marsy’s Law advocacy team members joining us here in the gallery today to witness this milestone: the DAs Association, Greg Rowe, Victim Advocate Jennifer Storm, and all of the victims’ programs across the Commonwealth have been instrumental. I also take a moment to thank our Leadership for recognizing the importance of victims’ rights. This package of bills, including Marsy’s Law, have been termed historic and precedent setting. So, today, I am honored to stand before you in support of Marsy’s Law, and I ask for your vote in support of House Bill No. 276.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator SABATINA. Mr. President, I would like to follow up on the remarks of the previous speaker and thank Representative Delozier for her work on this bill. I did have the companion bill in the Senate, but Representative Delozier had this bill last year, and I give her credit for following it through. Thank you.

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, today I rise in support of House Bill No. 276, which is better known as Marsy's Law. Marsy's Law seeks to secure in our Constitution the basic rights of a victim: the right to be treated fairly and with dignity; the right to be informed about the release of the accused; the right to timely notice of proceedings; the right to confer with a government attorney, essentially making it crystal clear that victims' voices will be heard in a criminal proceeding; requiring victims to get timely notices of all proceedings, and taking into account the safety of the victim and the victim's family when setting bail; providing a victim reasonable notice of any release or escape of the accused; securing and insuring a victim gets timely restitution and timely resolution of a case; and, finally, insuring the victim's right to confer with government attorneys. All of these are rights that should be afforded to victims. These are commonsense steps that will have a positive impact on how victims are treated in our criminal justice system. Victims will know their rights at the beginning of the process, and they will have the ability to be heard throughout the proceedings. I feel this will really empower victims at times when they feel powerless.

Amending the Constitution in Pennsylvania is no easy task. Marsy's Law passed last Session unanimously. With our passage of this bill today, the matter will now be placed on November's ballot, and I am looking forward to voting for this today, and I am so looking forward to going to the ballot box in November and voting for Marsy's Law. I thank all of the advocates, some who are in the gallery, and some who are from my district. Thank you.

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

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

HB 315 (Pr. No. 295) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sexual offenses, providing for the offense of female mutilation.

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:

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

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

HB 318, SB 325, HB 330, HB 370, SB 456 and SB 485 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 502 (Pr. No. 490) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 547, HB 548, SB 575, SB 590, SB 669, SB 748, HB 751, HB 826 and HB 1172 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 22, SB 28 and SB 60 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 61 (Pr. No. 1006) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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 wine and spirits auction permits.

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.

HB 64 (Pr. No. 68) -- 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," further providing for civil penalties.
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

HB 65 (Pr. No. 69) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 3047 over the South Branch of Blacklick Creek, Blacklick Township, Cambria County, as the Private First Class Steve L. Klosz Memorial Bridge.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 131 (Pr. No. 857) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for malt and brewed beverages manufacturers', distributors' and importing distributors' licenses and for breweries; in distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees for hire and transporters for hire, further providing for limited wineries and for distilleries; and, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for construction and applicability.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 140 (Pr. No. 726) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for family and medical leave for eligible employees.

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.
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

SB 277 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 300 (Pr. No. 1011) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in qualifications of electors, further providing for qualifications of electors at primaries; in party organization, further providing for only enrolled electors to vote at primaries or hold party offices; in nomination of candidates, further providing for candidates to be nominated and party officers to be elected at primaries and providing for procedure for unenrolled electors to cast primary ballots; and, in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, further providing for manner of applying to vote, persons entitled to vote, voter's certificates, entries to be made in district register, numbered lists of voters and challenges.

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, SB 356 and SB 396 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 411 (Pr. No. 1012) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for absentee voting.

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 414 (Pr. No. 1013) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for applications for official absentee ballots, for absentee electors files and lists, for delivering or mailing ballots, for voting by absentee electors and for canvassing of official absentee ballots.

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 418 (Pr. No. 1014) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in ballots, further providing for number of ballots to be printed and specimen ballots.

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 421 (Pr. No. 1015) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in ballots, further providing for form of official election ballot; in voting machines, further providing for requirements of voting machines and for form of ballot labels on voting machines; in electronic voting systems, further providing for requirements of electronic voting systems, for forms and for election day procedures and the process of voting; and, in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, further providing for instructions of voters and manner of voting in districts in which voting machines are used, for count and return of votes in districts in which ballots are used and for what ballots shall be counted, manner of counting and defective ballots.

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 422 (Pr. No. 399) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:
An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, providing for Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board.

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.

HB 423 (Pr. No. 2175) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:
An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in general provisions applying to both liquor and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for local option.

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

SB 447 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 448 (Pr. No. 2181) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:
An Act amending the act of June 12, 2018 (P.L.136, No.28), known as the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial Act, further providing for definitions, for establishment, for composition and for report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

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 AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 481 (Pr. No. 729) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:
An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fishing licenses, further providing for exemptions from license requirements.

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 493, SB 494, SB 495, SB 531, SB 569, SB 601, HB 615, SB 688, SB 689, SB 690, SB 691 and SB 692 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 693 (Pr. No. 838) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:
An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in ballots, further providing for form of ballots, printing ballots, stubs and numbers; in voting machines, further providing for form of ballot labels on voting machines; and, in electronic voting systems, further providing for forms.

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

SB 729 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 751 (Pr. No. 1007) -- 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 professional employees, further providing for rating system and for persons to be suspended and providing for a revised rating system.

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 778 (Pr. No. 1003) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:
An Act amending Titles 74 (Transportation) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sustainable mobility options, further providing for Public Transportation Trust Fund; and, in Pennsylvania Turnpike, further providing for definitions.

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.

HB 786 (Pr. No. 2178) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:
An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in emergency medical services system, further providing for definitions and for Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation, providing for accreditation of trauma centers, for submission of list, for funding, for notification of trauma center closure, for reporting and for certification and financial report; 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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 808 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 915 (Pr. No. 1487) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for permit for movement during course of manufacture; and, in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for power of Governor during emergency.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 947 (Pr. No. 2176) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fees, further providing for annual hauling permits; and, in size, weight and load, further providing for conditions of permits and security for damages and for permit for movement during course of manufacture and providing for permit for movement of hot ingots or hot boxes.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1232 (Pr. No. 1444) -- 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 additional special funds, providing for the Enhanced Revenue Collection Account; in 2018-2019 budget implementation, further providing for Department of Revenue; and making an editorial change.

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.

HB 1324 (Pr. No. 2179) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in military educational programs, further providing for definitions, for eligibility, for grants, for amount of grants, for limitations, for recoupment of grant payments, for regulations, for administration and for Educational Assistance Program Fund and providing for a military family education program; and making editorial changes.

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.

HB 1461 (Pr. No. 2064) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in Office of State Inspector General, further providing for criminal charges.

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.

HB 1524 (Pr. No. 2066) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in licenses and regulations, liquor, alcohol and malt...
and brewed beverages, further providing for limiting number of retail licenses to be issued in each county and for licenses not assignable and transfers.

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

HB 1549 (Pr. No. 2118) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in sales and use tax, further providing for definitions and for imposition of tax; and, in special taxing authority, further providing for special taxing authority.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 105, TABLED

Senator GORDNER, without objection, called up from page 16 of the Calendar, Senate Resolution No. 105, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of the statutory cap on the Pennsylvania State Police complement and issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the Senate.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 105 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that Senate Resolution No. 105 be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.
The PRESIDENT. The resolution will be placed on the Calendar.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

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

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

February 15, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mary Isenhour, 3968 Green Street, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, to serve until May 16, 2023, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Michael Newsome, York, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

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

YEA-45
Argall Dinniman Leach Tartaglione
Aument DiSanto Mensch Tomlinson
Baker Fontana Pittman Vogel
Bartolotta Gordner Regan Ward, Judy
Blake Haywood Sabatina Ward, Kim
Boscola Hughes Santarsiero Williams, Anthony H
Brewster Hutchinson Scarnati Yaw
Brooks Iovino Scavello Yudichak
Browne Kearney Schwank
Collett Killion Stefano
Corman Laughlin Street

NAY-5
Folmer Martin Mastriano Phillips-Hill Langerholc

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

RECESS

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a brief recess of the Senate for the Republican Members to join me at the podium.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a Republican meeting at the Leader's podium, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.
AFTER RECESS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator LANGERHOLC, from the Committee on Education, reported the following bill:

HB 1615 (Pr. No. 2084)

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.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators DiSANTO, BROWNE, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, J. WARD, DINNIMAN, BREWSTER, SCAVELLO, HUTCHINSON, IOVINO, AUMENT, COSTA, FOLMER, BARTOLOTTA, KILLION and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 176, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing June 19, 2019, as "World Sickle Cell Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania to shine the light on sickle cell disease.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DiSANTO. Mr. President, 10 years ago, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted a resolution to recognize sickle cell disease as a serious world health problem on June 19 of each year at the national and international levels. Sickle cell disease occurs when hemoglobin, a protein carried by the body's red blood cells that attaches to oxygen in the lungs and is transported throughout the body, is abnormal, causing the blood cells to take on a rigid sickle shape. Sickle cells can get stuck and block blood flow, causing severe pain and infections. "World Sickle Cell Awareness Day" is important to help build support networks and strengthen our community's collective resolve to care for those affected and their families, and ultimately find a cure for the disease. In Pennsylvania, we are fortunate to have the Sickle Cell Council as an essential partner, providing support to patients, families, and caregivers affected by the disease. The council's programs have helped educate and connect people with critical resources and services to maintain control over their lives in spite of the sickle cell disease.

I thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for their support of this resolution as we all shine the light on sickle cell disease and promote increased public awareness and understanding.

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 BAKER, SCAVELLO, VOGEL, FONTANA, J. WARD, MARTIN, DINNIMAN, BARTOLOTTA, AUMENT, HUGHES, COSTA, KILLION, BROWNE and PHILLIPS-HILL, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 177, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of July 2019 as "Lakes Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I offer my written remarks for the record.

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

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.)

Mr. President, Minnesota is frequently referred to as the Land of 10,000 Lakes, and even that large number well understates things when ponds and wetlands are thrown into their tabulation. Pennsylvania is not in the same league, having on the upside of 5,000 waterbodies when we count lakes, ponds, and reservoirs, but Minnesota has nearly twice the land area. So these waterbodies are prominent physical features in our geography. No resident lives very far from one or more. Probably everyone has fond memories of good times in, on, or by a lake.

Many are natural occurrences, but more than a few are man made. Either way, they are important environmental, economic, and emotional contributors to our lives and well-being. When we take into account water supply and storage, flood control, recreation, low-scale hydropower, habitat for fish and fowl, and the key attraction of countless camps and cabins, these bodies of water are invaluable and indispensable.

Our appreciation goes beyond the recognition of the importance of lakes. We are fortunate to have the good work of the Pennsylvania Lake Management Society as an advocacy outfit. As with every resource in our natural surroundings, it requires wise management and consistent maintenance to ensure the health of our waters. With appreciation comes the need for awareness of the challenges we face in sustaining our lakes, ponds, and reservoirs, just as we do for our streams.

So this summer, as we are enjoying swimming, fishing, boating, waterskiing, and other activities, or just watching waves lap the shore or the sun reflect off the water, we can take a moment and express gratitude for this incredible natural inheritance that we must protect for future generations.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?
A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

Senator FONTANA, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 178, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing PHEAA's new PA Forward Student Loan Program as a cooperative effort utilizing Commonwealth resources for students and families in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Fontana.
Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency’s new PA Forward Student Loan Program in Pennsylvania. As many of us are aware, students are experiencing difficulty affording the costs of higher education attendance, even after taking advantage of grants, scholarships, and aid. For this reason, PHEAA’s new PA Forward Student Loan Program was introduced as a cooperative effort that utilizes Commonwealth resources for students and families in our State. The loan program combines all of the borrower’s Federal and private loans into one convenient monthly payment, which can help reduce the amount the borrower will pay over the life of the loan. PHEAA serves as the lender and services for the program that offers a variety of borrower-friendly loans for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as parent borrowers.

Mr. President, this is all made possible with a tax-exempt allocation provided by the Department of Community and Economic Development and support from the State Treasury. This unique leveraging of Commonwealth resources allows PHEAA to provide the loan program at low rates with superior borrower benefits and protections. Not to mention, borrowers may receive an interest rate reduction upon successful graduation and for enrolling in an immediate repayment through direct deposit. As vice chairman of PHEAA, I encourage students to look at every funding mechanism possible to afford higher education before taking out student loans. However, a more borrower-friendly and affordable option when necessary for students aspiring to fulfill their higher education desires is PHEAA’s PA Forward Student Loan Program. Thank you.

And the question recurring, Will the Senate adopt the resolution? A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator COLLETT. 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 31, SB 67, SB 258, SB 284, SB 352, SB 438, SB 586, HB 407 and HB 1615.

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

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2019

11:30 A.M. BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider House Bills No. 3 and 1016) Room 8E-B East Wing

12:00 P.M. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (to consider Senate Bill No. 722; and House Bill No. 33) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

12:30 P.M. AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider House Bills No. 1514, 1516, 1520, 1526 and 1590) Room 461 Main Capitol

12:45 P.M. JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bill No. 473; and House Bill No. 1614) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

Off the Floor APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 300, 411, 412, 413, 414, 418, 421, 422, 607, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 751 and 778; and House Bills No. 24, 131, 265, 423, 786 and 807) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

Off the Floor LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider House Bills No. 716 and 1170) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

Off the Floor RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain Executive Nominations) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

Off the Floor VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Resolution No. 170) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019

10:00 A.M. JUDICIARY (public hearing to consider probation and parole reform in Pennsylvania, including a discussion of Senate Bill No. 14) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

12:00 P.M. EDUCATION (public hearing to consider the nomination of Pedro Rivera as Secretary of the Department of Education) Room 461 Main Capitol

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019

8:30 A.M. JUDICIARY (public hearing to consider probation and parole reform in Pennsylvania, including a discussion of Senate Bill No. 14) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, today marks 4,728 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last raised our minimum wage. Mr. President, that is 13 years since the General Assembly has made a change on this issue. I take this opportunity to speak about change. I am not talking about the kind of change that Pennsylvania’s low-wage workers get in their paycheck every week, I am talking about the real change that we can make in people’s lives by raising the minimum wage to a fair living wage. Change can be a very difficult process for all of us. It can make us feel uncomfortable, like when we move into a new home, when we start a new job, or when our children go off to college. But at the end of the day, we accept changes like these and embrace them because we know we ultimately benefit. In a similar way, the prospect of raising the minimum wage from $7.25 to $12 this year and to $15 over the next 6 years is uncomfortable to some Pennsylvanians, many of whom perpetrate and buy into doomsday rhetoric, that it will kill profitable businesses, crush a thriving job market, and cause consumer prices to soar. To them,
the status quo is safer than change, but for more than one-third of Pennsylvania families, our current income structure is tenuous and debilitating.

Yesterday, the Pennsylvania United Way released its ALICE Report. ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed. It is a methodology that the United Way uses to assess the cost of living county by county and to measure how working Pennsylvanians are struggling to afford their basic necessities. The formula accounts for housing, child care, food, transportation, and healthcare at a bare minimum survival level. The report shows that in 2017, 13 percent of the 5 million households in Pennsylvania qualified as poor, while another 24 percent were below the ALICE threshold. That means 37 percent of Pennsylvania households were in poverty or near poverty. Those figures are virtually unchanged from 2014, which were unchanged from 2012, and unchanged from 2010. When children are a part of the equation, the rates are even higher. For households led by single mothers, the poverty or near-poverty rate is an astonishing 74 percent. In short, nothing we have done in the General Assembly since the United Way began its research has moved the needle on poverty or near-poverty in this Commonwealth.

Mr. President, something has to change, and it has to change now. My legislation, Senate Bill No. 12, would make that change. It would establish the Commonwealth as a national leader on minimum wage, and it would grant millions of Pennsylvanians the financial independence they have worked so long and so hard to earn.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator FARNENE. Mr. President, I know that this time every year we turn to the discussion of the budget. We have discussions about numbers and line items and, eventually, we reach an agreement on the math and we put that issue aside. But, over the years, I have learned in this Chamber, from listening to people on both sides of the aisle, that budgets, when you really boil them down, are about priorities. Not about the math, not about the numbers, but rather the spreadsheet. When you really look at it at the end of the budget process, it really says, this is what we feel strongly about, this is what we prioritize. That is what budgets are. At the end of the day, it represents what we, as elected officials, as Pennsylvanians, what we believe are our priorities. I think we need to remember that, as we do every year during this time.

But, Mr. President, there are some issues right now that are in play that are deeply, deeply concerning to me. First, there has been a lot of talk and a lot of discussion about a proposal to cut the general assistance program. Now, lawmakers around the State have conveyed their displeasure in many ways, and I support those lawmakers in their efforts, but, today, I will convey mine here at this podium. As you know, folks on general assistance receive about $200 per month to pay for things like groceries, and these people do not qualify for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or other similar programs because they do not have dependents, but that does not mean they do not need help. $200 is the most basic help that we can provide, and quite frankly, we should. These are things that food stamps do not cover, expenses that people in poverty are facing that are not covered by other programs. Mr. President, if we repeal general assistance or roll it back in any way, let us be clear about the message that we are sending, and that is we are telling folks that we do not care about that they are living in poverty. We do not care that they are food insecure or housing insecure.

I will tell you something else we do not do, and I learned this the last time that this Chamber was faced with the issue of a cut in general assistance. It was during the last administration, Republican administration, and I learned from my colleague at the time, Senator Kitchen, that we do not do that to people. We do not do it. We do not barter with it, we do not bluff with it, we do not mess around with general assistance, because at the end of the day, Mr. President, those numbers on that spreadsheet refer to people here in Pennsylvania. She would say, we are Democrats, we believe in certain things, and we do not believe with bartering or bluffing when it comes to something as critically important as this. Because, at the end of the day, like I said, even throwing general assistance in a discussion like this sends a message to people. It sends a message that we do not care. We do not feel like that, and I know when my colleague, years ago, fought that battle each and every day, she would say it on this floor and she would say it when she went back to her district, that it is critically important that we insure that these types of programs are not bartered, bluff, or negotiated away, whether it is a Democrat or a Republican in office.

To even have the discussion, in my opinion, Mr. President, is a mistake and it is mean-spirited. We have money to fund this program. We know that. Why make those folks have to worry, have to call, have to be concerned is it going to happen again? Because it did under the last administration. Seventy thousand folks were taken off, like that. We fought hard to stop it. We fought hard.

The other issue, Mr. President, is one that has been advocated for strongly by my colleague, Senator Tartaglione, for years. She spoke about it briefly again today. I stand with her and I stand with my Caucus about the issue of raising the minimum wage. We all know Senator Tartaglione has said it again, and again, and again, Pennsylvania is the only State in the region that still uses the wage floor set by the Federal government of $7.25. Like Senator Kitchen, Senator Tartaglione has beat that drum each and every day. And now, now more than ever, there is an opportunity to get it done. Look at this place. The voters of Pennsylvania have said that they want certain programs, that they believe in certain causes and policies. This room reflects it. The time to act is now. It is not next year, it is not next budget, it is right now. You should not work 40 hours or more a week and, like the chair of the Philadelphia caucus said, have to still struggle to feed, clothe, and house your children. Do not forget, Mr. President, the people of Pennsylvania believe in these programs. They spoke. They told us what they want. I want a budget, Mr. President, that demonstrates what I know and what I know that many of my colleagues believe and feel about.

Last week, myself and Democratic Leader stood with other Members, and I said that the podium, that this podium, is a privilege because we, unlike anyone else, we have the privilege to speak for those with no voice, to stand with those who are victimized, and to support those causes that go unnoticed. This podium, it is a privilege to have access to it, is critically, critically important, and that access and that privilege cuts for the legislature as it does for the executive. Mr. President, my hope during this budget is that that opportunity that is presented to us,
We must act now, and this legislation is one of the ways to be able to do that.

I stand here and ask my colleagues to lend their support to this effort through not only this budget process, but also in supporting the legislation that we have put forth. Join me as a cosponsor, and Members of this side of the aisle as cosponsors, to make certain that we have this discussion and conversation in this Chamber and in this General Assembly.

Thank you, Mr. President.

**BILLS SIGNED**

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

HB 276, HB 315, HB 502, HB 504 and HB 1166.

**HOUSE MESSAGE**

**SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate SB 399, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The PRESIDENT. Pursuant to Senate Rule 13(c)(2)(i), the bill will be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

**RECESS**

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held immediately in the Rules room in the rear of the Chamber.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

**AFTER RECESS**

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

**BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator CORMAN, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following bill:

SB 399 (Pr. No. 947) (Rereported) *(Concurrence)*

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1**

**SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

SB 399 (Pr. No. 947) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:
An Act amending the act of November 29, 2006 (P.L.1471, No.165), known as the Sexual Assault Testing and Evidence Collection Act, further providing for sexual assault evidence collection program, for rights of sexual assault victims and for report by Pennsylvania State Police.

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 399.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YEA-50

Argall  DiSanto  Leach  Stefano
Aument  Farnese  Martin  Street
Baker  Folmer  Mastrianso  Tartaglione
Bartoletta  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  Yadichak
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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate SB 469 and SB 479, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate SB 585, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The PRESIDENT. Pursuant to Senate Rule 13(c)(2)(i), the bill will be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

BILLS SIGNED

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

SB 399, SB 469 and SB 479.

DISCHARGE RESOLUTIONS

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

In the Senate, June 19, 2019

A RESOLUTION

Discharging Committee on Banking and Insurance from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 310, Printer’s No. 305.

RESOLVED, That Senate Bill No. 310, Printer’s No. 305, entitled “An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; providing for organization and powers and duties of the Health Care Competition Oversight Board; in licensing of health care facilities, further providing for definitions, for licensure and for issuance of license; in general provisions, repeals and effective date, providing for confidentiality; and making editorial changes,” having been referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance on February 26, 2019, and the committee not having reported the same to the Senate for a period of more than ten legislative days, the committee be discharged from further consideration thereof.

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

In the Senate, June 19, 2019

A RESOLUTION

Discharging Committee on Banking and Insurance from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 311, Printer’s No. 306.

RESOLVED, That Senate Bill No. 311, Printer’s No. 306, entitled “An Act requiring physician practices operating as part of an integrated delivery network to meet certain requirements to ensure patient access and consumer choice; imposing powers and duties on the Insurance Department; and imposing penalties,” having been referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance on February 26, 2019, and the committee not having reported the same to the Senate for a period of more than ten legislative days, the committee be discharged from further consideration thereof.

The resolutions will appear on the Calendar.

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, June 4, 2019, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 3:17 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.