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SENATE

TUESDAY, September 24, 2019

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend KEVIN SYLVESTER, Pastor of Highpoint Community Church, Ephrata, offered the following prayer:

Shall we join together in prayer.

O God, long ago You entered our world so that we could know You and commune with You. I pray that You would fill this house today with Your presence and a sense of the wonder of what can be as we incline our hearts toward You. We stand before You humbly and with gratitude to continue in the awesome responsibility of governing, guarding, and guiding our Commonwealth for the sake of its every citizen. Remind us again, Lord, of our shared responsibility to shape a desirable future, as well as to safeguard the security of our accomplishments in the past.

Lord, we recognize that we live in challenging but strategic times. I pray that You would help us to keep our minds sharp and our hearts tender as we work together for the future of our State. May we redeem each moment of the day that is before us, and may the deliberate efforts of this gathered Assembly provide great benefit, not only for the urgency of the hour but for the potential of a promising future. Lord, I especially pray for the well-being of every Senator who gathers in this great house. You know each of them by name. I pray that they would receive wisdom and grace for the complicated challenges and concerns they face, and the burden of responsibility they carry. These men and women have been elected to lead and watch over the well-being of our State. I pray that You would grant them strong and vibrant health in mind and body. Watch over to keep and protect them and their families as they have set themselves to watch over us.

Lord, above all else, I pray for peace, unity, and strength to be the hallmarks which measure our Commonwealth. We as Pennsylvanians have much to offer in resources, leadership, commerce, and community, and may we seek to find ways to better strengthen and encourage one another, whether neighbors or strangers. God, help us to focus on that unity which brings us together as one nation under God. For that we offer up to You our gratitude and our praise, and it is in Your holy name we pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Sylvester, who is the guest today of Senator Aument.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator YAW, from the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, reported the following bills:

SB 790 (Pr. No. 1051)

An Act relating to conventional wells and the development of oil, gas and coal; imposing powers and duties on the Department of Environmental Protection; providing for preliminary provisions, for general requirements, for enforcement and remedies, for related funds and for miscellaneous provisions; and making an appropriation.

HB 374 (Pr. No. 2062)

An Act amending Titles 27 (Environmental Resources) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for Keystone Tree Restricted Account; and, in registration of vehicles, providing for contributions to the Keystone Tree Fund Restricted Account.

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL, from the Committee on State Government, reported the following bills:

SB 327 (Pr. No. 309)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of General Services and its departmental administrative and advisory boards and commissions, providing for report of State facilities owned or leased.

SB 470 (Pr. No. 1186) (Amended)

An Act providing for an inventory of State-owned assets for the development of mobile broadband services in unserved areas and underserved areas of this Commonwealth.

SB 532 (Pr. No. 1187) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 38 (Holidays and Observances) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for holidays and observances.

SB 750 (Pr. No. 1188) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of General Services and its departmental administrative and advisory boards and commissions, further providing for grounds, build-

ings and monuments in general and providing for transfer and authority of Lieutenant Governor's Mansion; and making a related repeal.

HB 305 (Pr. No. 2574) (Amended)

An Act providing for an inventory of State-owned assets and county-owned assets for the development of mobile broadband services in unserved areas and underserved areas of this Commonwealth and for the Statewide Mobile Radio and Microwave System.

HB 1222 (Pr. No. 2575) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 10 (Charities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, consolidating the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act and the Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act; and making related repeals.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Baker, Senator Brooks, Senator Hutchinson, and Senator Yaw.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Haywood, Senator Yudichak, and Senator Street, and a legislative leave for Senator Anthony Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Baker, Senator Brooks, Senator Hutchinson, and Senator Yaw.

Senator Costa requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Haywood, Senator Yudichak, and Senator Street, and a legislative leave for Senator Anthony Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of June 10, 2019; June 11, 2019; and June 12, 2019, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of June 10, 2019; June 11, 2019; and June 12, 2019.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that further reading of the Journals be dispensed with and that the Journals be approved.

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

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

YEA-48

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

Browne	Iovino	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H
Collett	Kearney	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Corman	Langerhole	Scarnati	Yaw
Costa	Laughlin	Scavello	Yudichak

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

GUEST OF SENATOR ROBERT TOMLINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a very special guest, Anna Mae Krier. I honor Anna Mae for her war efforts as a Rosie the Riveter during World War II. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, at the age of 17, she left her home in North Dakota and went to work for the Boeing Company in Seattle, Washington, from 1943 to 1945. With the men off to war, women had to fill the void of production jobs. Anna Mae worked in the wings of B-17s, weaving in and out of the ribs of the wings and of the breast of the plane to buck the rivets that were being shot into the side of the plane by another Rosie. She loves to tell the story about Hitler. He said that he would not have any trouble defeating North America because he said American women could not produce. He said we were soft and spoiled and spent too much time on cosmetics, stockings, and frivolous things. Well, we showed Hitler what American women were made of. Anna is one of approximately 300,000 women who kept production moving on the home front during the war.

Mr. President, without the women during World War II, the production that we had would have never happened. The thing that actually won World War II was our ability to produce planes, tanks, and equipment for our soldiers to fight with in Europe and in the Pacific theater. If it were not for Rosie the Riveters, we would have never had those tanks, those planes, those rifles. It is truly these women whom we should honor and thank for being able to win that war, and how ironic that Senator Scavello has an Airman who was responsible for flying B-47s and our Rosie built B-17s.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in welcoming a true hero of World War II, Anna Mae Krier.

The PRESIDENT. Please give Anna Mae Krier a big round of applause.

(Applause.)

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, if I may, as people go to say hello to Rosie, I would like to hold up the bandana that Rosie put around me just before Session. So, when we go off the floor, I am going to have her put this bandana on--it is a mark of Rosie the Riveter from World War II.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Senate will be at ease to greet this true American hero.

(The Senate was at ease.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MARIO M. SCAVELLO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, I rise to introduce a very special guest, who all of the Members of the Senate have already met. We have in the Capitol today, H. John Davis, Jr., Sergeant, U.S. Army Air Corps, World War II, 50th Troop Carrier Squadron. John Davis, or, Jack, as he is known to his friends, was born on June 16, 1919, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Yes, he is 100 years old here today.

(Applause.)

Senator SCAVELLO. He is the oldest of four brothers, finished high school in Carnegie, PA, and he earned his Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) license from the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics in 1941. In the spring of 1942, Jack enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and was assigned to the 50th Troop Carrier Squadron from April 1942 to May 1943. He trained with the 50th at Sedalia Army Air Field, Lawson Field, and Douglas Aircraft Corporation in Long Beach, California.

Jack has a long and prestigious record serving our nation during some of the most pivotal conflicts in World War II. During his service, he was stationed in French Morocco and supported combat operations during the Allied North African Campaign. Jack was then moved to Tunisia, where the Allies launched Operation Ladbroke, which was part of the Sicilian Campaign and the invasion of Italy. Jack was stationed at Saltby Air Field in England under the command of the Ninth Troop Carrier Command, which launched C-47 planes and WACO gliders during Operation Overlord, what we know more commonly today as D-Day and the battle of Normandy. As part of the 50th Troop Carrier Squadron, Jack helped support the Allied airborne assault across the Rhine River and provided supplies to General Patton's 3rd Army. After V-E Day on May 8, 1945, the 50th Troop Carrier Squadron helped evacuate Allied prisoners from Germany, and in the following years became part of the U.S. air forces in Europe supporting occupation forces in Germany.

In September 1945, Jack Davis was honorably discharged after serving in many pivotal campaigns. He returned home to Pittsburgh, where he married his wife, Olive. The following year, the Davis family moved to the Poconos, where he and his brothers operated the Daleville Airport until 1950, when he became the fixed base operator for the Pocono Mountains Airport. That same year he launched the H. John Davis Oil Company, which grew to become Davis Oil and Propane, until it was sold in 2002.

Jack had a long and distinguished career following his military service, and he has served our community in countless ways. He has served on the board of the Pocono Hospital, Pocono Chamber of Commerce, PA Petroleum Association, PA Propane and Gas Association, and the Craft Advisory Council of the Monroe Career and Technical Institute. He was a longtime member of American Legion, Post 903, Masonic Lodge No. 780, where he served as past president, and a 70-year member of the Mount Pocono Rotary. Jack has celebrated almost 74 years of marriage to his wife, Olive, with whom they share three children - John, Janet, and Margaret - eight grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. He enjoys a 7 a.m. morning oatmeal with friends at the Pioneer Diner. Until 2 years ago at age 98, he was walking

between 1 1/2 miles to 2 miles a day in the borough of Mount Pocono. Today, he drives 3 days a week to an exercise program at Coordinated Health. Jack just turned 100, and his wife, Olive, is only 99. They will celebrate 74 years of marriage on November 3 of this year.

Mr. President, it is truly an honor to have Jack and his son, John, here in the Capitol today. Jack, thank you for your service. Please join me in giving them our warmest Senate welcome.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR CAMERA BARTOLOTTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, I have a group of very special guests joining us today from Washington County for the annual Recovery Advocacy Day event, which is being held this afternoon. Recovery Advocacy Day aims to raise awareness of substance use conditions, celebrates individuals in recovery, and acknowledges the work of prevention, treatment, and recovery support services. These men and women are either currently on the road to recovery or have lost loved ones as a result of an accidental overdose. Some of these brave and courageous individuals are seated in the gallery, along with other individuals who have been instrumental in assisting in recovery programs. Among them are Cheryl Andrews, executive director of the Washington Drug and Alcohol Commission; Philip Renko, board member of the Washington County Drug and Alcohol Commission; and the staff of the Washington Drug and Alcohol Commission, including Madison Barone, Breanne Bowman, Erin Dixon, Karen Fein, Casey Fortuna, Amy Kisner, Susan Moore, Briana Roman, Shianne Scott, Jennifer Seese, Brianna Stogran, Tammy Taylor, Nicki Wenzel, Caitlin McNally, Shenna Wood, and Gina Russel.

Recovery Advocacy Day reminds us that there is a way forward for people struggling with addiction issues. Instead of reflecting on the catastrophic toll taken by this epidemic, we can pause for just a moment of celebration in honor of all of those individuals who choose a better path. My constituents in the gallery give us hope that those who are fighting for their lives can win that fight, and we are here to support them.

Mr. President, please join me in extending a very warm Senate welcome to these individuals for not only being present with us today, but, more importantly, for their courageous journey to recovery.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Bartolotta 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 today to introduce an outstanding athlete I am very honored to have visit the Senate, 7-year-old Joshua Aguirre of Lebanon, who has earned multiple gold, silver, and bronze medals in national and interna-

tional taekwondo championships. Joshua is seated on the Senate floor today with his parents, Jorge and Milena, and Master Agustin Cuascut.

Joshua is the youngest person in Pennsylvania, and the third youngest person in the United States, to earn a black belt in taekwondo. Joshua won gold and bronze medals in the Costa Rica Open International Taekwondo Championship; two silver medals and a bronze medal at the 2018 USA Taekwondo National Championship; three gold medals at the 2019 Metro Open International Taekwondo Championship; and five gold medals at the 53rd Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic games. His commitment to personal and athletic success is commendable and an amazing accomplishment for his age. I wish Joshua further success in the future, and I cannot wait to hear about his further accomplishments. His family and community are already so very proud.

Will the Senate please join me in a well-deserved welcome for 7-year-old national and international taekwondo champion Joshua Aguirre.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Langerholc please rise to be welcomed by the Senate. Bring it for the world champ.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL R. REGAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, I am honored to be joined today by a team of outstanding young athletes who brought home the Pennsylvania Little League State Championship this summer, the East Pennsboro Little League Team. These little leaguers had nearly a perfect summer with only one loss going into the State championship where, on July 27, they clinched the State title by defeating Newtown Edgemont Little League by a score of 5-0. These young athletes are led by head coach and manager, Tyler Comp; and assistant coaches, Cale Rafferty and Eric Foster, Sr.; as well as director of baseball, Michael Leavitt. Today our East Pennsboro Little League Team is in attendance in the gallery along with their coaches and their families. As a father of four who are active in sports, I know the immense pride these parents must feel, and I commend them for their continued support of their children's athletic pursuits. Not only are these young men playing and excelling at a sport, but they are learning skills that will carry them throughout their lives, like discipline, determination, reliability, and camaraderie, just to name a few.

Mr. President, I respectfully ask that you and the rest of the Senate give a warm welcome and congratulations to the Pennsylvania Little League State champions, East Pennsboro Little League.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Regan, the State champs, please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR RYAN AUMENT PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Aument.

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce today's Senate Chaplain, Pastor Kevin Sylvester of Highpoint Community Church in Ephrata, Pennsylvania. Pastor Sylvester attended Marshall University and Florida Beacon Bible College, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in biblical theology. He is an ordained minister with the General Council of the Assembly of God, and has served six congregations in Ohio, Washington State, and Pennsylvania over the last 40 years. He has been recognized for his contributions to persons with disabilities and for his strong support of initiatives helping veterans and first responders, World Missions, and both national and global humanitarian aid. Pastor Sylvester is joined today by his loving wife, Gloria. The two share 26 years of marriage and service in ministry together. Please join me in welcoming Pastor Kevin Sylvester and his wife, Gloria, to the Pennsylvania Senate.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Dinniman.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce today Mihir Dhamanka, a student at Conestoga High School who came in as one of the top winners of drawing the redistricting maps. I do not know if everyone here is aware that statewide, through the Committee of Seventy in Philadelphia, there have been several thousand students, you have high school students, middle school students, college students, and adults, who have a contest to draw a redistricting map for 2020. In this effort, they divided the State into the west, central, and east divisions. Today in the Rotunda we celebrated the work of these students. If you really want to do education right, you use what is called a project approach. We need to do education where we teach students and tell students they have to solve a problem, do a project. I remember my colleagues, Senator Laughlin, Senator Blake, and there were several others, and I apologize if I did not get you all, if I forget the names, as well as House Members, because we wanted to celebrate our students and our adults who are doing this good work. Finally, before I stop, let me just say if a group of students can figure this problem out so that it meets all the constitutional standards, well, we should be able to do so too, do you not think?

But the person I am introducing today, a student at Conestoga High School, he is a senior, considering colleges for next year. He hopes to go to Pittsburgh to join our friends there at Carnegie Mellon, if all works out well, and Conestoga High School is one of the top high schools in the United States, and a number of their students, two of the winners in this contest came from that school, which is in my district, and Senator Kearney shares one of the townships in that district as well. So I ask that we give a warm welcome to Mr. Dhamanka, who is here with his parents.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN P. BLAKE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Blake.

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, I am proud and delighted to welcome today a fine young gentleman who is a constituent of mine from Clarks Summit, back home in Lackawanna County, Adam Pucilowski. Adam is going to be serving as a Senate Page in the Pennsylvania State Senate today. He is 13 years old, and a seventh grade honor student at Abington Heights Middle School. He is an accomplished pianist, a member of the Abington youth soccer team, and has participated in various governmental and political camps and programs. He demonstrates a strong interest in current events, politics, and he pays attention to what is going on in the world around him. He aspires to serve as a Senate Page in an internship in Washington, D.C., to further develop his interests in government, politics, and world history by someday studying law and becoming a lawyer.

I ask my colleagues to welcome Adam, as well as his mom and dad, who are in the gallery, Mr. and Mrs. Pucilowski. Please give a warm welcome to Adam Pucilowski, our Page for today in the Senate.

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

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR KIM L. WARD
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Westmoreland, Senator Kim Ward.

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, it is my honor today to welcome Rachel Harter, a senior at Greater Latrobe High School; her parents, Scott and Lori Harter; and Jon Mains, who is principal of the 11th and 12th grades at Greater Latrobe Senior High School. Rachel won an honorable mention in the western division youth category in the second round of the Draw the Lines PA legislative mapping contest. Draw the Lines PA is a statewide civic education and engagement initiative for Pennsylvanians to draw election maps. The judges said of Rachel, Rachel pulled together a map that had extremely strong metrics on the goal she was stressing. Her personal statement was clear and concise. The way she kept districts in southwestern Pennsylvania compact was impressive, especially given how many mappers struggle with that corner of the State. Her goals were competitive elections, compactness, and contiguity.

Some of Rachel's interests are cross country, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, piano, and reading. She hopes to major in biochemistry and microbiology and someday attend medical school. It is such a wonderful thing to see that generation so involved in an issue that is going to impact them for years to come and to recognize that. So, I am very, very pleased to have her here today in Harrisburg.

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

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JAY COSTA
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, joining us here in the Chamber today, we have the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* in the gallery. They are here today represented by Lisa Hurm, who is the vice president and general manager. Earlier this year, Mr. President, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in the category of breaking news for the coverage of the horrific attacks on the Tree of Life synagogue in October of 2018. This award is given annually to a publication for providing a distinguished example of local, State, or national reporting of news that captures events as quickly and as accurately as they occur, and as time passes, illuminates and provides context and expands upon its overall coverage.

The staff of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* covered the tragic incident in Squirrel Hill, as I have mentioned, with a tremendous and incredible sensitivity to a community that was grieving and mourning, as we know. Their work honored the lives of the individuals we lost that day. Mr. President, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* extended beyond the realm of their pure professionalism and into human compassion when they donated the \$15,000 Pulitzer Prize-winning money to the Tree of Life synagogue. Mr. President, we are lucky in the city of Pittsburgh, and our region of Pittsburgh in Allegheny County and southwestern Pennsylvania, to have this paper, and, more importantly, the staff working with us in Pennsylvania.

Mr. President, please join me in recognizing, honoring and welcoming here to the Pennsylvania State Senate the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Pulitzer Prize-winning individuals and congratulate them on this award and thank them for their incredible acts of empathy.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Costa please rise to be welcomed by the Senate. Give them some applause and a raise.

(Applause.)

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

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

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, I welcome Aiden Conese, who is shadowing me today in the Senate. He is from Huntingdon Area School District, and he is a junior. He enjoys political science and learning about the legislative process and lawmaking. He is here with his parents, Susan and Jerry Conese. Aiden shared with me earlier today that he tried to take a nap in the car on the way here, but he was so excited he could not relax. It would be nice if we were all that excited to be here.

It is nice to see such excitement in this young man, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Let us give him a warm Senate welcome.

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

(Applause.)

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Senators A. WILLIAMS, BARTOLOTTA, FONTANA, HUGHES, HAYWOOD, DINNIMAN, KEARNEY, SCHWANK, J. WARD, COSTA and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 204**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of September 23 through 29, 2019, as "Community Supervision Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, Senator Anthony Williams and I are introducing this bipartisan resolution to name the week of September 23 through 29, 2019, as "Community Supervision Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania. However, Senator Anthony Williams could not be with us, he is in his district right now.

Mr. President, incarceration, it has been said, is the new cancer. If it has not affected you directly, it has impacted someone you know. Pennsylvania is adding more and more people to community supervision and keeping them stuck in the system. Probation is supposed to be a pathway out of the criminal justice system. Instead, we have a probation to prison revolving door. Too often, we have the mindset of trail 'em, nail 'em, and jail 'em. During Community Supervision Week in Pennsylvania, let us recognize this as a flawed system and shine a light on the solutions before us. The best way to describe our adult county probation department is chronically underfunded and overburdened. As their caseloads get heavier, there is no parent agency to facilitate communications among the county probation departments and to insure that best practices are being used in each county.

What are the best practices? For starters, it means recognizing the unique needs of each probationer and tailoring a plan for supervision that matches that probationer's needs and risks. One size does not fit all in community supervision, especially with the prevalence of addiction and mental health problems. Among other things, the justice reinvestment legislation that passed the Senate would add much-needed oversight and funding to probation departments. It would give financial incentives to use data-driven practices to insure better outcomes for our probationers.

In short, it is time to equip our county probation departments to help probationers succeed. There is too much room for arbitrary action that keeps a person forever trapped in the criminal justice system. Want proof? Look at the percentage of prison inmates who are there for a technical violation of probation or parole. Over \$100 million a year is spent on keeping people in prison on technical violations only. During discussions with stakeholders, the adult county probation chiefs told us that it becomes clear in the first year whether a person will succeed under community supervision. Yet, our sentencing laws allow for lengthy periods of supervision. We heard this afternoon from someone who was under probation for 5 years. After a certain period of time, there should be a preemption in our law that probation will terminate, unless, during a hearing before a judge, the

Commonwealth can show ongoing risks to public safety. If a probationer messes up and violates probation terms in some minor technical way, the solution is not confinement. A sanction that postpones the time for early termination or probation would give the probationer something to work for. The solution is better guidance with incentives to succeed. Remember, this is a pathway out of the criminal justice system. Let us help probationers succeed.

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, in closing, let me name a handful of those groups who are here today to support our rally. The Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, Gene Barr; Pennsylvania Prison Society, Kirstin Cornnell, is here, and I am a member of the board of the Pennsylvania Prison Society. Reform Alliance, Van Jones, joined us today in the Rotunda for a rally; ACLU Pennsylvania; and FAMM, Families Against Mandatory Minimums, with Celeste Trusty as its president. Justice Action Network with Holly Harris and Jenna Moll, and many, many, many more.

Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you for letting us have this resolution to name this week.

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

(Applause.)

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

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

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the meeting of the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, Senate Democrats will caucus in the rear of the Chamber.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness in the Rules room, to be followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEAVE CHANGED

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request that Senator Killion's leave be changed from a personal leave to a legislative leave.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Gordner requests that Senator Killion's leave be changed from a personal to a legislative leave. Without objection, the leave will be changed.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Yudichak, Senator Street, Senator Baker, and Senator Hutchinson have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

RECESS

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

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

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of an off-the-floor 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.

LEAVE CHANGED

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request that Senator Haywood's leave be changed from a temporary Capitol leave to a legislative leave.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa requests Senator Haywood's leave be changed from a temporary Capitol leave to a legislative leave. Without objection, the leave will be changed.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Brooks and Senator Killion have returned, and their respective leaves will be cancelled.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 114, SB 174, HB 233, HB 330 and SB 439 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

SB 473 (Pr. No. 1052) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in mi-

nors, further providing for sale of tobacco and for use of tobacco in schools prohibited; making a conforming amendment to Title 53; and making a related repeal.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator FARNESE offered the following amendment No. A2549:

Amend Bill, page 9, line 6, by striking out "INCLUDE A PRODUCT" and inserting:

include:

(i) A product

Amend Bill, page 9, by inserting between lines 10 and 11:

(ii) A device under paragraph (1) (ii) or (iii) if sold by a dispensary licensed under the act of April 17, 2016 (P.L.84, No.16), known as the Medical Marijuana Act.

Amend Bill, page 13, line 5, by striking out "INCLUDE A PRODUCT" and inserting:

include:

(i) A product

Amend Bill, page 13, by inserting between lines 9 and 10:

(ii) A device under paragraph (1) (ii) or (iii) if sold by a dispensary licensed under the act of April 17, 2016 (P.L.84, No.16), known as the Medical Marijuana Act.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 485, HB 510, HB 511 and HB 512 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 586 (Pr. No. 644) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Argall	DiSanto	Martin	Street
Aument	Farnese	Mastriano	Tartaglione
Baker	Fontana	Mensch	Tomlinson
Bartolotta	Gordner	Muth	Vogel
Blake	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Boscola	Hughes	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Brewster	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Anthony H

Brooks	Iovino	Sabatina	Williams, Lindsey
Browne	Kearney	Santarsiero	Yaw
Collett	Killion	Scarnati	Yudichak
Corman	Langerholc	Scavello	
Costa	Laughlin	Schwank	
Dinniman	Leach	Stefano	

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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 CORMAN.

BILL AMENDED

SB 694 (Pr. No. 832) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in development, further providing for well permits.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?
Senator BARTOLOTTA offered the following amendment No. A2554:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 14, by striking out "the" and inserting:
The

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 15 and 16, by striking out "among the leases or units related to each" in line 15 and all of line 16 and inserting:
to or among each unit the operator reasonably determines to be attributable to each unit. The operator may allocate production on an acreage basis for multiple units provided the allocation has a reasonable correlation to the horizontal wellbore in each unit.

Amend Bill, page 1, line 17, by striking out "the" and inserting:
The

Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting after line 18:
(2) The 330-foot location requirement in section 6 of the act of July 25, 1961 (P.L.825, No.359), known as the Oil and Gas Conservation Law, shall not apply to unit lines traversed by a conservation well.

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 1 through 3, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to:
(i) authorize an operator to drill an oil or gas well that is not subject to a valid lease or royalty agreement; and
(ii) automatically expand or diminish the current surface rights of an operator to include operations related to any existing unit or any well drilled between existing units.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?
It was agreed to.
Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 716, HB 1170 and HB 1557 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 22 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 60 (Pr. No. 941) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in human trafficking, further providing for the offense of trafficking in individuals and for the offense of patronizing a victim of sexual servitude; in public indecency, further providing for the offense of prostitution and related offenses; and, in depositions and witnesses, further providing for definitions and for recorded testimony.

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

SB 60 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 60, Printer's No. 941, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 81 (Pr. No. 55) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in marriage license, further providing for restrictions on issuance of license.

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

SB 81 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 81, Printer's No. 55, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 217, SB 256, SB 258, SB 284, SB 337 and SB 351 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED AND REREFERRED

SB 352 (Pr. No. 1021) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

Senator J. WARD offered the following amendment No. A2753:

Amend Bill, page 7, by inserting between lines 5 and 6:

(f) Rescinding blighted area designation.--A local taxing authority may rescind an ordinance or resolution adopted under subsection (a) if the local taxing authority determines that the tax exemption in the deteriorated area within the boundaries established under subsection (b) have accomplished the goal of revitalizing the deteriorated area. Property granted tax exemption within the boundaries of the deteriorated area prior to the ordinance or resolution being rescinded shall continue to receive the tax exemption granted until the tax exemption is terminated under section 5(b).

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

On the question,

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

It was agreed to.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 407, SB 438, SB 447, SB 493, SB 494, SB 495 and SB 531 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 601 (Pr. No. 670) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 18, 2001 (P.L.949, No.114), known as the Workforce Development Act, in preliminary provisions, providing for preference for training programs.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 722, SB 763 and HB 775 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 819 (Pr. No. 1126) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 6, 1987 (P.L.381, No.79), known as the Older Adults Protective Services Act, extensively revising provisions on older adults protective services relating to preliminary provisions, administration, criminal history for employees, reporting suspected abuse by employees and miscellaneous provisions; and imposing penalties.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 956 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

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

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

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

September 19, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 17, 2019, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2021, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Brad Mellon, Harleysville, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

September 18, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 29, 2019, of Ashley Fehr, 115 Molleystown Road, Pine Grove

17963, Schuylkill County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice George Khoury, Bridgeville, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

CLERK OF COURTS, YORK COUNTY

September 19, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 17, 2019, of Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Clerk of Courts, in and for the County of York, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice Don O'Shell, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

September 18, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated July 1, 2019, of Nathanael R. Brague, 1465 Hillcrest Court, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Anne Holladay, Lock Haven, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

August 5, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated July 12, 2019, of Victoria S. Madden, Esquire, 1056 Brandt Avenue, Lemoyne 17043, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Sharon McDermond, Aston, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

September 19, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 17, 2019, and corrected on May 20, 2019, of Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve until May 22, 2021, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Gerald Olson, Monroeville, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

August 26, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated July 26, 2019, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice David Palmer, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

August 26, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated July 1, 2019, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2022, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Geraldine Grzybek, Allison Park, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY

August 26, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated July 1, 2019, of Nathanael R. Brague, 1465 Hillcrest Court, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Podiatry, to serve for a term of four years *[data missing]* until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jeffrey Gerland, Wayne, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

COMMISSIONER OF PROFESSIONAL
AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

September 19, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 17, 2019, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Ian Harlow, Harrisburg, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

PROTHONOTARY/CLERK OF COURTS,
UNION COUNTY

September 19, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 17, 2019, of Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts, in and for the County of Union, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice Linda Richards, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

September 18, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 22, 2019, of Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Psychology, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Karen Cahilly, Coudersport, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

September 18, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 22, 2019, of Ashley Fehr (Public Member), 115 Molleystown Road, Pine Grove 17963, Schuylkill County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Vincent Gallo, Roaring Brook, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF
CERTIFIED REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

September 18, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated July 12, 2019, of Nathanael R. Brague, 1465 Hillcrest Court, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice D. Thomas Smith, Erie, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

SHERIFF, GREENE COUNTY

September 19, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 17, 2019, of Stephen A. Latanishen, 115 North Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Sheriff, in and for the County of Greene, to serve until the first Monday of January 2020, vice Brian Tennant, deceased.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT BOARD

September 19, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated June 7, 2019, of Ashley Fehr, 115 Molleystown Road, Pine Grove 17963, Schuylkill County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Employees' Retirement Board, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice T. Terrance Reese, Greensburg, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

September 18, 2019

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 22, 2019, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to serve for a term of six years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Frederic Wentz, Haverford, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

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

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

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

**REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES
AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

August 26, 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 Jensik, 6 Sand Pine Court, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Dolly Lalvani, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF CRANE OPERATORS

August 2, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Andrew Goulet, 957 Macclesfield Road, Furlong 18925, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Crane Operators, to serve until December 8, 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John Dohner, Elizabethtown, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF CRANE OPERATORS

August 2, 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, Brian Schmoyer, 19 Myrtle Road, Honesdale 18431, Wayne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Crane Operators, to serve until December 8, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jack Pletcher, Scottsdale, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

June 24, 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, Aven Bittinger, 408 Lancaster Drive, Box #150, Shippensburg 17257, Cumberland County, Thirty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors

of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until graduated or separated from the University, vice Rodney Kaplan, West Chester, graduated.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

June 24, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Nicole L. Dunlop, 1314 Pinecrest Drive, Latrobe 15650, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until graduated or separated from the University, vice Joar Dahn, Darby, graduated.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

June 24, 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, Alexander Fefolt, 104 McNally Circle, Indiana 15701, Indiana County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until graduated or separated from the University, vice Brian Swatt, Indiana, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

July 26, 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, J. Alex Hartzler, 2233 North Front Street, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University, to serve until July 1, 2022, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

July 26, 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, David M. Kleppinger, 841 Providence Circle, Hummelstown 17036, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University, to serve until July 1, 2022, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

August 26, 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, Thomas Carey (Public Member), 152 Holly Hills Drive, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Craig DeFranco, Roseto, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

August 26, 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, Geraldine Grzybek, 2715 Thoroughbred Court #1013, Allison Park 15101, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2022, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

August 2, 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, Krista Wolfe, 385 South Middlesex Road, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2022, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice David Kozich, Mountain Top, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY

August 26, 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, Dia McCaughan, 10 Old Spring Road, Coatsville /sic/ 19320, Chester County, Forty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Podiatry, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jeffrey Gerland, Wayne, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

August 26, 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, Joseph Tarantino, 1030 Yellow Springs Road, Malvern 19355, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

August 2, 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, Dale Yingst, 333 West Orchard Drive, Palmyra 17078, Lebanon County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve until March 27, 2021, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Scott Weisser, Langhorne, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

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

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

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 nominations made by the Governor.

Which were agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I call from the table certain nominations and ask for their consideration.

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

August 26, 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 Jensik, 6 Sand Pine Court, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Dolly Lalvani, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF CRANE OPERATORS

August 2, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Andrew Goulet, 957 Macclesfield Road, Furlong 18925, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Crane Operators, to serve until December 8, 2019, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John Dohner, Elizabethtown, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF CRANE OPERATORS

August 2, 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, Brian Schmoeyer, 19 Myrtle Road, Honesdale 18431, Wayne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Crane Operators, to serve until December 8, 2020, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jack Pletcher, Scottsdale, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

June 24, 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, Aven Bittinger, 408 Lancaster Drive, Box #150, Shippensburg 17257, Cumberland County, Thirty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until graduated or separated from the University, vice Rodney Kaplan, West Chester, graduated.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

June 24, 2019

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Nicole L. Dunlop, 1314 Pinecrest Drive, Latrobe 15650, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until graduated or separated from the University, vice Joar Dahn, Darby, graduated.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

June 24, 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, Alexander Fefolt, 104 McNally Circle, Indiana 15701, Indiana County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until graduated or separated from the University, vice Brian Swatt, Indiana, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

July 26, 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, J. Alex Hartzler, 2233 North Front Street, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University, to serve until July 1, 2022, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

July 26, 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, David M. Kleppinger, 841 Providence Circle, Hummelstown 17036, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University, to serve until July 1, 2022, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

August 26, 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, Thomas Carey (Public Member), 152 Holly Hills Drive, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, to serve for a term of six years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Craig DeFranco, Roseto, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

August 26, 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, Geraldine Grzybek, 2715 Thoroughbred Court #1013, Allison Park 15101, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2022, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

August 2, 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, Krista Wolfe, 385 South Middlesex Road, Carlisle 17015, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2022, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice David Kozich, Mountain Top, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY

August 26, 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, Dia McCaughan, 10 Old Spring Road, Coatsville /sic/ 19320, Chester County, Forty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Podiatry, to serve for a term of four years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jeffrey Gerland, Wayne, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

August 26, 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, Joseph Tarantino, 1030 Yellow Springs Road, Malvern 19355, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

August 2, 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, Dale Yingst, 333 West Orchard Drive, Palmyra 17078, Lebanon County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve until March 27, 2021, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Scott Weisser, Langhorne, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

A constitutional 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.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

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

HB 265 (Pr. No. 2579) (Amended) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, providing for career information and recruitment; in terms and courses of study, further providing for Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence; in vocational education, further providing for advisory committees, providing for a workforce development program clearing-house and for PAsmart online career resource center, further providing for career and technical education equipment grants and providing for utilization of credits; establishing the Schools-to-Work Program and providing for powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry; providing for classification of program code; in transfers of credits between institutions of higher education, further providing for definitions, for duties of public institutions of higher education and State-related institutions, for Transfer and Articulation Oversight Committee and for duties of department; replacing references to "vocational-technical" with "career and technical," replacing references to "vocational" with "career and technical" and replacing references to "vocation" with "career and technical"; deleting references to vocational school districts; and renaming the State Board for Vocational Education as the State Board of Career and Technical Education.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator REGAN, from the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, reported the following resolution:

HR 470 (Pr. No. 2422)

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing October 13, 2019, as the 244th birthday of the United States Navy.

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

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senator SCARNATI, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 205**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2019 as "Hunger Action Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, I rise to offer this resolution designating September 2019 as "Hunger Action Month" in Pennsylvania. Food insecurity affects far too many households across our State. Pennsylvania food banks play a vital role in helping to serve nearly 2 million people annually, including more than 430,000 children and more than 360,000 senior citizens. Many other Pennsylvanians also benefit from nutrition assistance programs.

This month as we focus a spotlight on hunger issues, I thank you for joining me in supporting this resolution, and tonight I look forward to seeing many of you at the Capitol All-Stars Softball Game for an evening of good sportsmanship and fun benefiting Hunger-Free Pennsylvania and Feeding Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators SCARNATI, BAKER, J. WARD, BARTOLOTTA, PHILLIPS-HILL, KILLION, BLAKE, DINNIMAN, SCHWANK, ARGALL, BROWNE, FONTANA, COLLETT, BREWSTER, MASTRIANO, COSTA, SABATINA, YUDICHAK, FARNESE, MENSCH, MARTIN, PITTMAN and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 206**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2019 as "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators TOMLINSON, KILLION, MARTIN, BARTOLOTTA, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, BOSCOLA, J. WARD, AUMENT, VOGEL, FARNESE, BREWSTER, BROWNE, BLAKE, MASTRIANO, PITTMAN, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL, BAKER, COSTA and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 207**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2019 as "Dyslexia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, I rise to ask for consideration of this resolution designating October 2019 as "Dyslexia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. Dyslexia, or development reading disorder, is a language-based learning disability. It is often a misunderstood disability that can lead to struggling academic performance and loss of self-esteem. It is estimated that 20 percent of the entire United States population has symptoms of dyslexia. However, with proper diagnosis and early intervention, individuals with dyslexia can and do learn successfully. I ask for your support of this resolution to raise awareness and eliminate the stigma associated with dyslexia.

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 MARTIN, BROWNE, AUMENT, VOGEL, YAW, BARTOLOTTA, MASTRIANO, PITTMAN, J. WARD, COSTA, HUGHES, YUDICHAK, DINNIMAN, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, STREET and COLLETT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 208**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of August 10 through 17, 2019, as "Local Water Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Martin.

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, today I want to draw attention to an important topic in Pennsylvania: water. That is why I have introduced a resolution designating the week of August 10 through 17, 2019, as Pennsylvania "Local Water Week." Many of us are well aware of the challenges that face our 85,000 miles of streams and rivers that connect our over 700,000 acres of lakes, bays, and wetlands. It is now normal for us to have ongoing conversations about MS4 requirements and the great strides Pennsylvania has taken to help clean up the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Local, State, and Federal officials, as well as private entities, have spent countless dollars, hours, and organized thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of individuals to help in accomplishing the many goals we have set in order to protect our critical waterways, but more can be done.

It is my hope that this resolution helps to keep our waterways in mind, to encourage all Pennsylvanians to celebrate our water-rich State, and to increase awareness of how important clean and healthy waters are to the Commonwealth, the region, and the United States. It is my hope that this resolution serves as a reminder for everyone to educate themselves on the many ways they can play a part in our continued trajectory toward the highest quality of water flowing through Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senator BAKER, on behalf of Senators BROOKS, PHILLIPS-HILL, STREET, MASTRIANO, BLAKE, J. WARD, FONTANA, BARTOLOTTA, DINNIMAN, ARGALL, BROWNE, HUGHES, BREWSTER, MENSCH, AUMENT, PITTMAN and KILLION, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 209**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of September 15 through 21, 2019, as "National Medicare Education Week" 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 am offering this resolution on behalf of Senator Brooks, the chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services, who asked me to present the following information on her behalf. Across the nation, the week of September 15 through 21 is observed as "National Medicare Education Week." Each year, Medicare Education Week begins on September 15 regardless of the day of the week that it falls upon, because that is exactly 1 month before the start of the Medicare annual enrollment period, which stretches from October 15 through December 17. This week is devoted to helping current and future Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to learn more about Medicare so they have the knowledge and understanding they need to make informed decisions. With more than 10,000 Americans turning 65 every day, the demand for clear and concise information about Medicare has never been greater. More than 2.7 million Pennsylvanians are currently enrolled in Medicare. Surveys have shown that many of these beneficiaries describe Medicare as confusing, and most of them cannot identify which expenses Medicare part A, B, C, and D cover.

To help our families, Senator Brooks encourages older Pennsylvanians to visit medicaremadeclear.com to learn more about Medicare and find an educational event near them. The experts even offer question-and-answer sessions on Facebook. Everyone can learn more by calling 1-800-Medicare, which answers calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. So when we, or a loved one, is sick, the last thing we should worry about is lack of money, insurance coverage, or the lack thereof. So the process of educating consumers is vital.

On behalf of Senator Brooks, please join me in declaring September 15 through 21 as Medicare Education Week here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators IOVINO, PHILLIPS-HILL, FONTANA, SCHWANK, LEACH, DINNIMAN, MASTRIANO, HUGHES, BROWNE, J. WARD, TARTAGLIONE, BLAKE, BARTOLOTTA, BAKER, AUMENT, KEARNEY and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 210**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2019 as "Preparedness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator IOVINO. Mr. President, as we all know, and it was particularly driven into me during my 23 years in the military, preparation is key in life. This is especially relevant when applied to preparation for emergencies, the unexpected, the poten-

tially devastating. Emergencies in the form of extreme weather events and the consequences that often ensue have become more frequent and are going to continue. Flooding, landslides, loss of power or water, and being cut off from emergency responders are just some of those potential consequences. In the past 12 years, 80 percent of Americans have experienced some weather-related emergency. With that reality, making sure that Pennsylvanians are prepared to take on whatever the seasons have in store is critically important. Loss of lives, personal injury, or damage to property are what is at stake.

To save lives and insure safety, it is vital that homes are stocked with enough water, nonperishable foods, lights, batteries, and medical supplies. Knowing details of your home and community evacuation plans is also imperative. Our emergency and first responders provide communities with excellent services and care, but it is everyone's responsibility to help our first responders by being prepared for emergencies. That way our first responders can focus their efforts on the greatest threats.

"Preparedness Month" is a time for all of us in Pennsylvania to make sure our homes, cars, workplaces, and schools are well equipped to handle crisis situation. We should not live in constant fear of an emergency, but we will respond better to one if we have taken the time to prepare in advance, because preparation is key. Together we can insure that all citizens and communities are prepared for emergencies. 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.

Senators J. WARD, BLAKE, MASTRIANO, MARTIN, VOGEL, BARTOLOTTA, FARNESE, IOVINO, DINNIMAN, ARGALL, BROWNE, HUGHES, BREWSTER, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL, AUMENT, PITTMAN and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 211**, entitled:

A Resolution designating September 24, 2019, as the day to commemorate "United States National Health IT Week - September 23, 2019, to September 27, 2019," in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, I offer this resolution designating September 24, 2019, as the day to commemorate "United States National Health IT Week - September 23, 2019, to September 27, 2019," in Pennsylvania. Health information technology has led to improving access to health records, improving the coordination of care, reduction of medication errors and adverse drug events, and reducing unnecessary testing procedures. Members and supporters of the three PA chapters of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society requested I introduce this resolution. They support improved access to care for rural Pennsylvanians through the expanded use of telehealth and greater broadband availability. In addition, they support funding for workforce development programs to help increase the healthcare and information technology workforce in Pennsylvania.

I ask for your support of this resolution to recognize the value of health information technology and the advancement of health information exchange to help improve the quality of care, save lives, and reduce the cost of value-driven healthcare for all Pennsylvanians. 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.

Senators BARTOLOTTA, KEARNEY, ARGALL, LANGERHOLC, LEACH, FARNESE, PHILLIPS-HILL, MASTRIANO, VOGEL, J. WARD, FONTANA, STREET, HUGHES, KILLION, YAW, BROWNE, HUTCHINSON, MENSCH, TARTAGLIONE, YUDICHAK, BAKER, AUMENT and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 212**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2019 as "National Recovery Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, in addressing the opioid crisis that has gripped our communities in this Commonwealth, we spend a lot of time talking about the human cost, the loved ones we have lost, the lives that have been destroyed, and the families that have been torn apart. But just as importantly, we need to take time to pause for a moment of celebration in honor of all of those individuals who chose a better path. Each September, tens of thousands of prevention, treatment, and recovery programs and facilities around the country celebrate "National Recovery Month." They speak about the gains made by those in recovery and share their success stories with their neighbors, their friends, and their colleagues. Now, in its 30th year, National Recovery Month acknowledges the millions of individuals who are in recovery for mental and substance use disorders and reminds us that treatment is effective and people can and do recover. It also serves to help reduce the stigma and misconceptions that cloud public understanding of mental and substance use disorders, potentially discouraging others from seeking the help they so desperately need.

For these reasons, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing September as Recovery Month in Pennsylvania in conjunction with the annual national observance. Together, let us promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the emergence of a strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and community members who make recovery in all its forms possible.

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 TARTAGLIONE, IOVINO, LEACH, HUGHES, FONTANA, PHILLIPS-HILL, MARTIN, BLAKE, DINNIMAN, VOGEL, J. WARD, BROWNE, MENSCH, STREET, BARTOLOTTA, YUDICHAK, AUMENT, KEARNEY, SCHWANK and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 213**, entitled:

A Resolution observing September 15 through October 15, 2019, as "Hispanic Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania and recognizing the achievements of Hispanic Americans in our Commonwealth.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, today I rise to speak about an observance that celebrates the rich cultural history and the many contributions of Hispanic Americans. I ask you to support my resolution designating September 15 through October 15 as "Hispanic Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania. The United States began recognizing Hispanic heritage formally in 1968 when President Lyndon Johnson created Hispanic Heritage Week. Twenty years later, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first National Hispanic Heritage Month starting on September 15 of that year. This date is significant because it marks independence day for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence on September 16 and September 18 respectively.

In my home city of Philadelphia, the annual Puerto Rican Day parade and festival is held this month. It has been a community tradition for over 50 years, and will take place on September 29. I invite you to visit the city for this colorful spectacle of music, dancing, and floats. Indeed, Hispanic Heritage Month is a great time to indulge in cultural fiestas, but it is also a wonderful educational opportunity. We can learn how some of the nations earliest settlers brought Hispanic traditions and customs to Pennsylvania during the 1400s, and how Hispanic Americans constitute the nation's largest and fastest-growing ethnic group. We can also learn about the individuals whose dedication and contributions have enabled this nation to become a global leader and an emblem of liberty, justice, and innovation. The contributions of Hispanic people continue to enrich the American melting pot today.

For these reasons, I ask my Senate colleagues to please join me in recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month in Pennsylvania. I encourage all residents of the Commonwealth to learn more about Hispanic culture and to celebrate its presence in our daily lives.

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 STEFANO, BROWNE, MENSCH, AUMENT, BLAKE, BARTOLOTTA, IOVINO, VOGEL, HUGHES, LANGERHOLC, DINNIMAN, J. WARD, BREWSTER, PITTMAN, SCHWANK, KILLION, BAKER, COSTA and

YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 214**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of October 6 through 12, 2019, as "National Newspaper Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Stefano.

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, I offer this resolution designating October 6 through 12, 2019, as "National Newspaper Week" in Pennsylvania. National Newspaper Week has been sponsored by the Newspaper Association Managers since 1940, and I am proud to continue this tradition this year with today's resolution. Newspapers are an essential component to educating the people of our Commonwealth about what is happening in the world, about the goings-on in our communities, and informing people about the actions that their government is preparing to take. They provide our constituents with a forum to air their views and debate important topics. They provide our communities with a platform to promote their events and raise money for important causes.

Speaking as an owner of a printing company, there is nothing quite as real as holding a newspaper in your hands with your morning coffee and learning about the news of the day. I thank the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association for all they do to ensure an informed public and support our communities, and wish them successful commemoration of National Newspaper Week in Pennsylvania. I ask my colleagues for their support of this resolution.

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 PHILLIPS-HILL, DINNIMAN, BLAKE, FONTANA, J. WARD, BREWSTER, MARTIN, MASTRIANO, KILLION, SCHWANK, BAKER, COSTA and AUMENT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 215**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the Senate Library's exhibition on the history of the Constitution of Pennsylvania occurring on September 23, 2019, through February 28, 2020.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I rise to introduce this resolution recognizing the Senate Library's exhibition on the history of the Constitution of Pennsylvania from September 23, 2019, to February 28, 2020. The first Constitution of Pennsylvania was adopted by a Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia on September 28, 1776, with principal drafters including Benjamin Franklin, George Bryan, and James Cannon. The Con-

stitution of Pennsylvania was last amended on November 7, 2017, when voters ratified an amendment regarding tax exclusion for homestead property. The Senate Library's collection includes reference manuals issued by the 1968 Constitutional Convention, copies of all five versions of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, and the proceedings of each constitutional convention. They also have many resources for research on the Constitution of Pennsylvania. I encourage everyone to visit this important exhibit on the history of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, and we should recognize the hard work of the Senate Library staff for making this exhibit such a great success. 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.

Senators DINNIMAN, J. WARD, COLLETT, BREWSTER, IOVINO, KILLION, BAROLOTTA, FONTANA, STREET, SABATINA, COSTA, SCHWANK, FARNESE, MARTIN, BLAKE, BAKER, BROWNE and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 216**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2019 as "National Senior Center Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Dinniman.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, senior centers play a crucial role in many of our communities. I know in my district alone there are four senior centers. Every day they attract almost 100 seniors to each of them. The people who visit can get lunch and do various activities. As our population gets older throughout the Commonwealth, we need to recognize the crucial role that senior centers play not only in providing information, but in providing a healthy meal, food, and also in providing recreation, as well as some intellectual stimulation and physical activity.

We all need to have contact with people. One of the ways we keep ourselves young is by doing things. In fact, you have to run quicker than death can catch you, right? It is by doing things, meeting and being with other people, all of the studies show that. So, if we want our senior citizens to have a good, healthy, and meaningful life, and to live longer, then the senior centers play that crucial role.

I simply present this resolution so we can honor these important institutions that are in the Commonwealth that get very little money from the State. They are mostly supported by local communities, and we are very fortunate in my district to have these wonderful senior centers that are doing quite well for themselves through the generosity of the public and some assistance from the State. I rise simply to recognize them and encourage all citizens to assist, whether it is financially or volunteering at their local senior center, and to call for the creation of new senior centers in areas where there are none.

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 DINNIMAN, FONTANA, STREET, MARTIN, BARTOLOTTA, J. WARD, K. WARD, BROWNE, TARTAGLIONE, BLAKE, COSTA, MENSCH and KEARNEY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 217**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of September 30 through October 4, 2019, as "Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative Programs Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Dinniman.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, we have heard on the floor today, and those who attended the Pennsylvania Chamber dinner last night where the civility award was given to those who are trying to assist people who are in prison and develop a fine probation system, but what we have to realize is that it starts with young people who get themselves in the juvenile system. We need to recognize the staff of many of our juvenile detention centers. Their programs set young people on the straight and narrow, so to speak, to reject criminal activity or disruptive activity, and we need to understand that so many young people today are in pain as a result of trauma in their lives as a result of drugs. As you know, the incidents of suicide have tremendously increased in young people today. So, I am glad to see in many of our counties, not only do we have youth-oriented detention centers trying to keep people out of going into the adult criminal justice system, trying to correct them when they are young, but also to see an increase in programs that are taking place, young people have trauma-oriented research or evidence-based programs that will help them deal with their pain, help them deal with what life has unfortunately provided for some people, and we see an increase in that, and there is hope. Is that not what everything is about in our own lives and in this Commonwealth? Give someone hope. Give them a chance. That is exactly the direction some of our detention and special programs are going in, and we need to recognize that and encourage hope.

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 FARNESE and DINNIMAN, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 218**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 21, 2019, as "International Day of Peace," expressing support of its ideals and principles and encouraging Pennsylvanians to meaningfully engage in this worldwide event.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I will submit my remarks for the record.

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

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

Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a resolution to dedicate September 21, 2019, as "International Day of Peace" in Pennsylvania.

Every year, September 21 is observed around the world as the International Day of Peace. In the Rittenhouse Square section of my senate district, I spoke at a Philadelphia Peace Day event. At the Peace Day event, we discussed "Climate Action for Peace," which was this year's theme designated by the General Assembly of the UN. The link between maintaining peace around the world and the need to combat climate change is strong. Climate change continues to be a threat to peace and security in the United States and internationally.

Increases in natural disasters have displaced millions of people, having the same effect as aggressive conflicts, and we know this is true. Just take a look and think about the damage caused by Hurricanes Maria and Dorian. The growing risk of food insecurity, depleted supplies of clean drinking water, and tensions over limited resources are affecting millions of people in every country, on every continent.

If we are going to be a body that promotes peace, we must acknowledge that without safe, sanitary, and secure environments, so many people are left to live in a state of uncertainty, and uncertainty does not breed peace. It can certainly breed fear, and anger, and aggression. The breeding of fear, anger, and aggression run counter to the beliefs of William Penn, the Founder of our Commonwealth. Here in Pennsylvania, we believe in, and were founded on, the principles of peace, freedom, and equality. We have the power to work together and produce plans that can combat climate change and support the peace that our Founder, William Penn, envisioned.

I encourage you to join me in supporting this year's International Day of Peace as a time to inform, reflect, and participate in actions that promote peace and combat climate change worldwide.

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.

Senator MENSCH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 219**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of September 2 through 6, 2019, as "National Payroll Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, the American Payroll Association, which consists of 20,000 members across the nation, has launched a public awareness campaign to pay tribute to the nearly 150 million people who work in the United States and the payroll professionals who support the American system by pay-

ing wages, reporting worker earnings, and withholding Federal employment taxes. Payroll professionals in Pennsylvania play a key role in maintaining the economic health of our Commonwealth. They carry out such diverse tasks as paying into the unemployment insurance system, providing information for child support enforcement, and carrying out tax withholding, reporting and depositing.

Mr. President, I ask that the Senate stand together today to commend the American Payroll Association for its campaign to recognize wage earners and payroll professionals and that we recognize the week of September 2 through September 6, 2019, as "National Payroll Week" in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator STREET. 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 327, SB 470, SB 532, SB 750, SB 790, HB 305, HB 374 and HB 1222.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

9:30 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider House Bill No. 1085)	Room 8E-A East Wing
9:45 A.M.	FINANCE (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 74)	Room 8E-A East Wing
10:00 A.M.	INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 398)	Room 461 Main Capitol
1:00 P.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing regarding behavior health, Second Amendment rights and other gun related issues)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA COMMISSION (to consider special education funding)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

10:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public hearing on blight)	PSU Altoona 1431 12th Av.
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, today marks 4,825 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last raised the minimum wage. It has been 13 years since this General Assembly updated the law that protects millions of willing and able Pennsylvania workers from tight-fisted employers. In short, it has been 13 years since we have acted to prohibit poverty wages. As a result, poverty and near poverty have become chronic problems in this Commonwealth. Statewide, 13 percent of our residents live in poverty. That is one in every eight people. For children, the outlook is even worse, 17 percent live in poverty. In addition to those folks, another 24 percent of Pennsylvania households can barely afford their basic needs like food, shelter, healthcare, and child care. These working families do not qualify as poor by Federal standards, but they struggle just the same. Sadly, these rates have not budged for over a decade. It is imperative that we, as lawmakers, pursue real and practical policies to reduce poverty. We will not accomplish that noble goal by eliminating a program like cash assistance, and we surely will not help poor people by pretending they do not exist, like the Federal government now seems to be doing with the effort to lower the poverty threshold. On the other hand, we can reduce poverty by adopting my legislation to raise minimum wage.

Senate Bill No. 12 would extend a lifeline to the working poor of this Commonwealth. The Department of Human Services says that my bill would allow more than 23,000 people to leave Medicaid in the upcoming fiscal year at a cost of \$63 million for the State. For the 2021 fiscal year, more than 94,000 people will be able to leave Medicaid at a savings of \$256 million for taxpayers. I think we can all agree that reducing the demand on public safety net programs and the need for them is a good thing. Raising the minimum wage is a real and practical measure that would save Pennsylvania dollars and help Pennsylvania's lowest-paid workers to become more self-sufficient. Likewise, Senate Bill No. 12 would establish the Commonwealth as a national leader on minimum wage and would grant millions of Pennsylvanians the fiscal independence that they have worked so long and hard to earn.

Thank you, Mr. President.

BILL SIGNED

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

HB 318.

RECESS

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:18 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.