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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, October 23, 2019

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend ANNALIE KORENGEL, Pastor of Unionville and Doe Run Presbyterian Church, Kennett Square, offered the following prayer:

Pray with me as you feel led.

Gracious Creator, by whatever name we call You, we invite You into this beautiful space. May the leaders of our Commonwealth work together for the benefit of all. May they open their hearts and minds to listen to truth on all sides and work together to heal division and separation. May this be a place where diversity is honored and celebrated, while we recognize that there is more that unites us than divides us. We ask that You inspire these leaders so that they may inspire those they serve, and together we may create and sustain peace and prosperity for all who live and labor within our bounds. Above all, bless this time together that through their discussions and decisions, these leaders may solve problems effectively, enhancing the well-being of our Commonwealth, and working towards a fairer and more united society. In Thy matchless name, all God's children say, Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Korengel, who is the guest today of Senator Dinniman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

October 23, 2019

Senators IOVINO, BARTOLOTTA, FONTANA, COLLETT, HUGHES, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, J. WARD, COSTA, L. WILLIAMS, TARTAGLIONE, KEARNEY and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 914**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in Uniform Construction Code, providing for changing stations in public buildings or facilities.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, October 23, 2019.

Senators HUGHES, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, HAYWOOD, FARNESE, BREWSTER, MUTH, SCHWANK and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 917**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of Environmental Resources, its officers and departmental and advisory boards and commissions, providing for Office of Environmental Justice.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, October 23, 2019.

Senator LEACH and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 918**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in bonds and recognizances, further providing for right to bail; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, October 23, 2019.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 74 (Pr. No. 339)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for pediatric cancer research tax credit.

HB 17 (Pr. No. 1851)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in general provisions, providing for statute of limitation for collection of assessed taxes and for period of limitations on criminal tax prosecutions.

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

SB 329 (Pr. No. 311)

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization, further providing for failure to comply with a code requirement.

SB 334 (Pr. No. 316)

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in consolidated county assessment, further providing for appeals by taxing districts and providing for standards of redress in appeals.

HB 1578 (Pr. No. 2044)

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in creation, alteration and termination of condominiums, further providing for contents of declaration and all condominiums and for amendment of declaration; in management of the condominium, further providing for bylaws; in protection of purchasers, further providing for public offering statement and general provisions; in creation, alteration and termination of cooperatives, further providing for contents of declaration and for amendment of declaration; in management of cooperatives, further providing for bylaws; in protection of cooperative interest purchasers, further providing for public offering statement and general provisions; in creation, alteration and termination of planned communities, further providing for contents of declaration and all planned communities and for amendment of declaration; in management of planned community, further providing for bylaws; and, in protection of purchasers, further providing for public offering statement and general provisions.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Brooks.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Farnese and Senator Leach.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Brooks.

Senator Costa requests legislative leaves for Senator Farnese and Senator Leach.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of June 25, 2019, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of June 25, 2019.

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

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

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

YEA-48

Argall	DiSanto	Leach	Schwank
Aument	Farnese	Martin	Stefano
Baker	Fontana	Mastriano	Street

Bartolotta	Gordner	Mensch	Tartaglione
Blake	Haywood	Muth	Tomlinson
Boscola	Hughes	Phillips-Hill	Vogel
Brewster	Hutchinson	Pittman	Ward, Judy
Brooks	Iovino	Regan	Ward, Kim
Browne	Kearney	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H.
Corman	Killion	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Costa	Langerhole	Scarnati	Yaw
Dinniman	Laughlin	Scavello	Yudichak

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT B. MENSCH
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, today it is my pleasure to introduce to you my guests, the Pike family, Wilfred, Marian, and Amelia, who are seated in the gallery. Will is a 1970 graduate of William Tennent High School in Bucks County, where he played football, basketball, and baseball. He then went on to attend Temple University earning a master's degree in health education. Additionally, Will worked as a health and physical education teacher for East Penn School District at Eyer Middle School in Lehigh County from 1977 to 2010, before retiring in 2010. There he coached both football and basketball. Very importantly, today, Will is the president of a community nonprofit organization promoting prevention, supporting recovery, and offering hope against substance use disorder called Project Live in the Upper Perkiomen Valley. It is a very local effort dedicated to eradicating the harms of opioid abuse.

Marian is a 1968 graduate of Methacton High School in Montgomery County, where she participated in field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse. She also attended Temple University, where she received a bachelor of science in education. Marian is a record holder for Temple swimming. In 1990, Marian earned a master's degree in special education from Lehigh. She coached swimming at Upper Perkiomen Swim Club, and retired from teaching in 2011. Currently, she has joined her husband, Will, and is a volunteer and a group facilitator for Project Live in the Upper Perkiomen Valley.

Lastly, it is my honor to introduce you to Will and Marian's daughter, Amelia. Amelia graduated from Upper Perkiomen High School in 2002, where she was a member of the National Honor Society. Amelia also attended the Governor's School for poetry. She graduated in 2007 from Moravian College with a bachelor of arts in psychology. Amelia also completed 2 years of master's level course work at Chestnut Hill College in psychology. Amelia has also helped train three amazing service dogs, which she has used, Christy, Mugsy, and Teddy. She volunteered with Mugsy doing talks about service dogs and training and presenting to various service organizations in the area. Amelia has also earned a certificate as a certified peer specialist and works for Salisbury Behavioral Health as a CPS.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in giving a very warm welcome to the Pike family.

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

GUEST 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 privilege to introduce our guest Chaplain today, the Reverend Annalie Korengel, pastor of the Unionville Presbyterian Church, and a great force for good within our county. The pastor is also a police chaplain and works directly with our police. She is very involved in our community, and she has reminded us of the role that faith plays in having a community in which all are respectful of each other, where difference is, indeed, celebrated. Members of the congregation come from both my district and Senator Killion's district as well.

I ask that we give a warm welcome for a force of good within our Commonwealth through faith. It is a privilege for me to welcome Pastor Korengel.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Dinniman please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.
(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

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 off-the-floor meetings starting with the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, followed by the Committee on Appropriations, and then a Republican caucus, all to be held in the Rules room in the rear of the Chamber.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the two meetings that were mentioned, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a brief caucus as well.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of off-the-floor meetings of the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, and the Committee on Appropriations, 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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Argall.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Argall. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 61 (Pr. No. 1294) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for the definition of "eligible entity"; and, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for wine and spirits auction permits.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

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

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 94, SB 174, HB 227, HB 233, SB 320, HB 330, SB 332, SB 351, HB 375, SB 485, HB 510, HB 511, HB 512, HB 684, SB 688, SB 689, SB 693 and HB 716 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 750 (Pr. No. 1188) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of General Services and its departmental administrative and advisory boards and commissions, further providing for grounds, buildings and monuments in general and providing for transfer the authority of Lieutenant Governor's Mansion; and making a related repeal.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 754 and **SB 819** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 859 (Pr. No. 2766) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in 911 emergency communication services, further providing for telecommunications management and providing for Nonprofit Security Grant Fund.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

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

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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 947 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1085 (Pr. No. 1321) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act repealing the act of June 22, 1935 (P.L.414, No.182), known as the State Personal Property Tax Act.

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-48

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

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 22, SB 60, SB 217 and SB 256 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 258 (Pr. No. 1022) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in service and facilities, providing for pipeline emergency management information.

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

SB 258 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 258, Printer's No. 1022, 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 284 (Pr. No. 1023) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 284 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 284, Printer's No. 1023, 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 OVER IN ORDER

SB 337 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 407 (Pr. No. 878) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 1 (General Provisions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of construction, further providing for definitions.

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

HB 407 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 407, Printer's No. 878, 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 531, SB 726, SB 727, SB 798, SB 842, SB 891 and SB 906 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 908 (Pr. No. 1288) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, further providing for scope of subchapter, for legislative findings and declaration of purpose, for definitions, for assistance to volunteer fire companies, ambulance service and rescue squads, for Volunteer Companies Loan Fund, for powers and duties of office, for disposition and use of proceeds, for Volunteer Company Loan Sinking Fund and investments, for repayment obligations for principal and interest, for temporary financing authorization, for authorization of contracts, reimbursement procedure and amount and for reimbursement procedure and amount, providing for referendum to expand loan assistance and for annual report and distribution of information and further providing for Pennsylvania Volunteer Loan Assistance Program; in volunteer firefighters, further providing for definitions, for statement of purpose, for funds and for audits and providing for fire relief formula study; in grants to fire companies and emergency medical services companies, further providing for special provisions; and making an editorial changes.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

SB 910 (Pr. No. 1289) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in grants to fire companies and emergency medical services companies, further providing for definitions, for establishment, for publication and notice, for award of grants, for consolidation incentive, for establishment, for publication and notice and for award of grants, providing for consolidation incentive, further providing for Fire Company Grant Program, for Emergency Medical Services Company Grant Program, for additional funding, for allocation of appropriated funds and for expiration of authority and providing for annual reports.

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 was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 917, HB 956, HB 1034, HB 1035, HB 1036, HB 1174, and HB 1180 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1222 (Pr. No. 2575) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1379 and HB 1405 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 491 (Pr. No. 558) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1990 (P.L.404, No.98), known as the Real Estate Appraisers Certification Act, further providing for definitions and for State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers.

SB 492 (Pr. No. 559) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of April 16, 1992 (P.L.155, No.28), known as the Assessors Certification Act, further providing for definitions and for duties of board; repealing provisions relating to qualifications; further providing for certification; providing for employees of political subdivisions; and further providing for disciplinary and correction measures and for unlawful practice.

HB 49 (Pr. No. 2740) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school security, further providing for definitions, for school police officers, for training, for powers and duties, for school resource officers and for school security guards; in high schools, further providing for courses of study; in miscellaneous provisions relating to institutions of higher education, further providing for Public Higher Education Funding Commission; and, in fostering independence through education, further providing for fostering independence waiver program.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 49 (Pr. No. 2740) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school security, further providing for definitions, for school police officers, for training, for powers and duties, for school resource officers and for school security guards; in high schools, further providing for courses of study; in miscellaneous provisions relating to institutions of higher education, further providing for Public Higher Education Funding Commission; and, in fostering independence through education, further providing for fostering independence waiver program.

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

L. WILLIAMS AMENDMENT A3335 OFFERED

Senator L. WILLIAMS offered the following amendment No. A3335:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 15, by striking out "1314-C (B)" and inserting:

1314-C

Amend Bill, page 4, line 28, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

(a) Scope of services.--A school security guard may provide the following services as determined by the school entity or nonpublic school:

- (1) School safety support services.
- (2) Enhanced campus supervision.
- (3) Assistance with disruptive students.
- (4) Monitoring visitors on campus.
- (5) Coordination with law enforcement officials, including school police officers and school resource officers.
- (6) Security functions which improve and maintain school safety.

Amend Bill, page 5, line 10, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

[(c) Armed school security guards.--A school entity or nonpublic school may employ or contract with an independent contractor or a third-party vendor under section 1311-C for an armed school security guard if all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) Except as set forth in subsection (d) or (e), the school security guard is licensed under 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61 Subch. A (relating to Uniform Firearms Act).
- (2) Except as set forth in subsection (d) or (e), the school security guard has successfully completed and is currently certified under the act of October 10, 1974 (P.L.705, No.235), known as the Lethal Weapons Training Act.
- (3) The school security guard has complied with training requirements under subsection (b).
- (4) The school security guard has satisfied the requirements under sections 111 and 111.1 and 23 Pa.C.S. § 6344 (relating to employees having contact with children; adoptive and foster parents).

(d) Active law enforcement officers.--Active law enforcement officers shall be exempt from the training requirements for school security guards under subsection (c) (1) and (2) upon presentation to the school entity or nonpublic school of evidence of their completion of the training requirements under 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D (relating to municipal police education and training).

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

- (1) complies with section 8.1 of the Lethal Weapons Training Act; or
- (2) has been issued a firearm training and qualification card under section 5 of the act of December 13, 2005 (P.L.432, No.79), known as the Retired Law Enforcement Identification Act.]

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

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

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, from the moment we were presented with a bill to allow armed security guards in our schools, I have been very vocal and very clear about my concerns with their lack of training. I am not talking about school police officers or school resource officers who are trained law enforcement officials. SPOs and SROs have over 900 hours of training and experience. I was, and still am, deeply concerned about security guards who have been hired by third-party vendors with no law enforcement training and no law enforcement experience brandishing a live firearm around our kids. But despite my concerns, armed security guards are permitted to walk the halls of our schools with only 40 hours of Act 235 training and a basic school resource officer training offered by NASRO. Now I am being asked to vote for a bill that would further delay implementation of the statutory requirement for NASRO training, a minimal training that security guards are required to have prior to carrying a gun in our schools on how to interact with students. Armed security guards who lack the same training and experience as our law enforcement officials should not be allowed to carry firearms in our schools, period. My amendment would repeal the provision in the law allowing armed security guards in schools, and I urge my colleagues to adopt this amendment.

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I rise and respectfully ask for a "no" vote on this amendment from the gentlewoman from Allegheny County. Succinctly, armed security guards are required to undergo three specific types of training. First, they cannot have any prohibited offenses. Second, they must complete the Act 235 training, which is an education and training program in the handling of lethal weapons, law enforcement, and protection of rights of citizens. Third, they must undergo any type of child abuse clearances. Quite simply, Mr. President, to permit this extension will require schools whose personnel have not complied with the training to be eliminated, allowing our schools to be unsafe. I can speak to a specific school within my district, and I am sure there are other schools throughout the Commonwealth that have had armed security guards in place for many years. We must not permit this to happen, not on our watch. I ask for a "no" vote on this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

YEA-20

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

NAY-28

Argall	DiSanto	Mastriano	Stefano
Aument	Gordner	Mensch	Tomlinson

Baker	Hutchinson	Phillips-Hill	Vogel
Bartolotta	Killion	Pittman	Ward, Judy
Brooks	Langerholc	Regan	Ward, Kim
Browne	Laughlin	Scarnati	Yaw
Corman	Martin	Scavello	Yudichak

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

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

L. WILLIAMS AMENDMENT A3378 OFFERED

Senator L. WILLIAMS offered the following amendment No. A3378:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 15, by inserting after "1314-C (B)":
and (c) (3)

Amend Bill, page 3, line 17, by inserting after "SCHOOL":
on or

Amend Bill, page 4, line 22, by inserting after "SCHOOL" where it occurs the second time:

on or
Amend Bill, page 5, line 6, by inserting after "SCHOOL" where it occurs the second time:

on or
Amend Bill, page 5, line 10, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

(c) Armed school security guards.--A school entity or nonpublic school may employ or contract with an independent contractor or a third-party vendor under section 1311-C for an armed school security guard if all of the following conditions are met:

(3) The school security guard has [complied with] completed the training requirements under subsection [(b)] (b) (1).

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

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

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, if we are going to allow armed security guards in our schools, the least we should do is to insure that they have the required training under the law. This bill would allow armed security guards in our schools without the required NASRO training for another 6 months. Security guards should absolutely not be allowed in our schools without even the basic NASRO training on how to interact with students for any amount of time. My amendment would require armed security guards to complete both Act 235 and NASRO training before setting foot in our schools with a weapon. My amendment does not touch the delay for SPOs or SROs. This is a common-sense amendment that will insure that only those who are properly trained will have a weapon around our kids. Thank you.

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I rise to ask for a "no" vote on this amendment, and I respectfully state that, currently, any security guard that is in any school in this Commonwealth as of this date is required to undergo Act 235 lethal weapons training.

I ask for a "no" vote. Thank you.

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

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

YEA-21

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

NAY-27

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

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

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

SANTARSIERO AMENDMENT A3339 OFFERED

Senator SANTARSIERO offered the following amendment No. A3339:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting after "GUARDS":
and providing for authority to possess a firearm
Amend Bill, page 5, by inserting between lines 10 and 11:
Section 2.1. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
Section 1316-C. Authority to possess a firearm.

This article provides the exclusive means for a school entity or nonpublic school to authorize an individual to possess a firearm on school premises.

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

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

Senator SANTARSIERO. Mr. President, this amendment is very straightforward. It merely states what should be, I think, obvious, that school districts and schools generally are bound by the terms of the School Code when it comes to decisions with respect to who can be armed in a school. So it merely states that the authority of the school districts when considering that question is no broader than what we, as the State legislature, put into the School Code as a matter of policy that, obviously, we debate in this Chamber and on the other side of the Capitol as well.

SANTARSIERO AMENDMENT A3339 TABLED

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, the gentleman brings up a very important issue, one that we have debated in the past in this Chamber, and I am sure that we will have future debates about this issue. I think the law is fairly clear on the issue. The bill before us deals with training, and I think the issue that the gentleman is bringing up would not fit into this one as well as it should. So, for that reason, I move that we lay this amendment on the table.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman moves that Senator Santarsiero's amendment be laid upon the table.

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-27

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

NAY-21

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Amendment A3339 will be laid on the table.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?
It was agreed to.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-28

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

NAY-20

Blake	Haywood	Leach	Street
Costa	Hughes	Muth	Tartaglione

Dinniman	Iovino	Sabatina	Tomlinson
Farnese	Kearney	Santarsiero	Williams, Anthony H.
Fontana	Killion	Schwank	Williams, Lindsey

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

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 was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

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

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

June 11, 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, Ralph Yanora, 23 Winter Street, Pittston Township 18640, Luzerne County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, to serve until April 1, 2024, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Norman Kennard, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

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

YEA-45

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

NAY-3

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EBENSBURG CENTER

September 18, 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, Timothy Houser, 739 N. Spruce Street, Ebensburg 15931, Cambria County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EBENSBURG CENTER

September 18, 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, Francis Rosmus, 888 Baumgardner Road, South Fork 15956, Cambria County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until January 21, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EBENSBURG CENTER

September 18, 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, Charlene Shank, 235 Mosshaven Way, Ligonier 15658, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EBENSBURG CENTER

September 18, 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, Jeanne Weaver, 233 Circle Drive, Ebensburg 15931, Cambria County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until January 21, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

September 18, 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, Edward Rak (Public Member), 3222 Sundale Drive, Glenshaw 15116, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Landscape Architects, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

October 10, 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, Vickiann Hicks, 1510 Farm View Drive, Stroudsburg 18360, Monroe County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, [data missing] Mary Meyers, Reading, resigned.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

September 18, 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, Linda Kmetz, 210 Saint Charles Place, Pittsburgh 15215, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

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 conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Anne Holladay, 130 Circle Drive, Lock Haven 17745, Clinton County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

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, Sharon McDermond, 230 E. Peters Lane, Aston 19014, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve [data missing] a term of four years, 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 OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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, Bette Grey, 106 Arbor Street, Berwick 18603, Columbia County, Twenty-seventh 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.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

October 3, 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, Sandra Campbell, 201 Northbrook Drive, Media 19063, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for

reappointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

September 18, 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, Dean Maynard (Public Member), 22639 State Highway 89, Spartansburg 16434, Crawford County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Psychology, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Karen Cahilly, Coudersport, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

September 18, 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, Gaetano Piccirilli (Public Member), 1947 Ritner Street, Philadelphia 19145, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Vince Galko, Roaring Brook, resigned.

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 conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mark Smeltzer, 4603 Northridge Court, Murrysville 15668, Westmoreland County, Forty-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 the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice D. Thomas Smith, Erie, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

September 18, 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, Patrick Murphy, 112 Chestnut Valley Drive, Doylestown 18901, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, to serve [data missing] a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Louis Sieminski, Shavertown, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT BOARD

October 3, 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, Greg Jordan, 1423 Inverness Drive, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Employees' Retirement Board, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice T. Terrance Reese, Greensburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

September 18, 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, Chad M. Amond, 104 Magnolia Drive, Greensburg 15601, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Frederic Wentz, Haverford, whose term expired.

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-48

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

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 BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 919 (Pr. No. 1291)

An Act prohibiting the use of certain class B firefighting foams under certain circumstances; and imposing powers and duties on the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the State Fire Commissioner.

HB 1410 (Pr. No. 2161)

An Act amending the act of December 8, 2004 (P.L.1801, No.238), known as the Transit Revitalization Investment District Act, in general provisions, further providing for declaration of policy and for definitions; providing for military installation remediation; and establishing the Military Installation Remediation Fund.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators DINNIMAN, KEARNEY, LEACH, PHILLIPS-HILL, FONTANA, COLLETT, FARNESE, SANTARSIERO, HUGHES, COSTA, BROWNE and YUDICHAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 259**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, this week we have had a great opportunity to learn more about the Indian festival of Diwali. The Indian community is increasing in great numbers throughout the Commonwealth. In my area, if I draw a 25-mile circle around Exton, which is about the center of Chester County, there are now 36,000 residents of Indian descent. Back in 1979 when I looked at the United States Census, which was 50 years ago, there were only four residents of Indian descent. So, we are following in the direction of William Penn to welcome all who come here. We always remember that William Penn was an immigrant and a dissenter, and he established Pennsylvania to be a place where all could come and be welcomed and be a place of religious liberty. Thanks to the vote yesterday, we are going to assure the safety of all our houses of worship.

Diwali honors the theme of the traditional religious holidays, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, in the theme of good versus evil, and the theme on the holiday, lights are lit, and lanterns are

put outside of houses, There is a special ceremony where we light a special candle, because in almost all-faith traditions, it is the battle of evil versus good. In almost all-faith traditions, it is the belief that we are to be a light unto the world. In Judaism, we have the Hanukkah lights, in Christianity, you have the Christmas lights. It is always light that lights up the darkness, and when it lights up the darkness in that struggle between good and evil, it also gives us, as human beings, hope; and without hope and the possibilities that hope presents, our life loses much of its meaning, does it not?

So, we all together can jointly celebrate the holiday of Diwali. It represents the struggle that we all go through of good versus evil. It represents our obligation to give light unto the world, and, in fact, we now have in my district the first school district in the Commonwealth to have Diwali as a day off from school, and this is not unusual. If you study the ethnic history in America, what you will find is that as a group increases in numbers, the community will do its best to respect and welcome that tradition as well. So, the final message of Diwali is this: let us all be a light unto the world, let us all do our good in the world, and let us live a life based on hope and the possibilities. As the poet Emily Dickinson said, in our lives, let us dwell on possibilities. Thank you so much.

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. 260**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing October 8, 2019, as "National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day" 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, today I rise to offer a resolution recognizing October 8, 2019, as "National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day" in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, scientists and engineers across the country will celebrate Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day on October 8, aptly chosen for the atomic weight of hydrogen, which is 1.008, translating to 10-8, or October 8.

The United States is a world leader in the development and deployment of fuel cell and hydrogen technologies. In Pennsylvania, we are seeing a focus of hydrogen as an energy carrier and a pathway to good environmental stewardship. One example that comes to mind is PDC Machines, located in Warminster Township, Bucks County. PDC Machines is continuously working to develop new technologies related to hydrogen fuel cells and encouraging growth within this sector. In fact, today, they are participating in the Ride and Drive event located on Commonwealth Avenue until 2 p.m., to celebrate National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day. I invite everyone to attend to learn about the growing alternative energy market and the benefits of vehicles powered by hydrogen.

Hydrogen and fuel cells can be used in multiple sectors for transportation stationery power, and industrial applications enabling energy security, resiliency, and a strong domestic economy in emerging technologies. It is important that private industries, Federal and State governments, national laboratories, and institutions of higher education continue to improve fuel cell and hydrogen technologies to address the most pressing energy, environmental, and economic issues of the day.

As such, I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution in order to help raise awareness for clean energy technology 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 IOVINO. 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 74, SB 329, SB 334, SB 919, HB 17, HB 1410 and HB 1578.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019

10:00 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (S) and LOCAL GOVERNMENT (H) (joint public hearing regarding an overview of the Community Services Block Grant Program from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development)	House Maj. Caucus Rm.
10:30 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider Senate Bill No. 857)	Room 461 Main Capitol
12:45 P.M.	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (to consider Senate Bill No. 841)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 67, 327, 352 and 905; and House Bills No. 305, 374 and 1016)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 733; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2019

10:00 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bills No. 464 and 922; and House Bills No. 68, 280, 1522 and 1537)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:00 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (public hearing regarding testimony on legislation to increase the retail outlets that sell spirits - Senate Bills No. 548, 880 and 916; as well as legislation pertaining to license availability - Senate Bill No. 896 and House Bill No. 1617; and to hear testimony on consumer convenience reforms to Act 39 of 2016)	Room 8E-B East Wing
10:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 530 and 850)	Room 8E-A East Wing
12:00 P.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bill No. 895; Senate Resolution No. 153; and House Bill No. 57)	Room 8E-A East Wing

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019

9:00 A.M.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (public hearing to discuss the consolidation of the State's IT services and making improvements to cybersecurity capabilities)	Room 8E-A East Wing
9:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (S) and URBAN AFFAIRS (H) (joint public hearing on Senate Bill No. 775; and House Bill No. 1559)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, today marks 4,854 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last raised the minimum wage. That is more than 13 years, and it is far too long. Throughout the last 13 years, one of the most popular arguments advanced by those who oppose the higher minimum wage is that a raise would actually hurt the people who we are trying to help. The theory that if we raise the minimum wage, employers would start laying off workers or reducing their hours to compensate for higher payroll costs. Small businesses are most vulnerable to a higher minimum wage, they say. Extensive academic research of real-life data from across the country has largely refuted this oft-repeated political dogma. That is why I found it more than a little ironic when I learned that a low minimum wage, like the \$7.25 rate we pay in Pennsylvania, may be costing small business owners more than it saves them.

In a new report, the small business HR management company, Gusto, found that 7 out of 10 workers who make \$7.25 an hour leave their jobs each year. In other words, the annual turnover rate for minimum wage workers is 70 percent. That is more than double the overall employee turnover rate, which is about 32 percent. Gusto based its finding on data from tens of thousands of its client companies. In addition, the company found that workers who earn higher wages are a lot less likely to leave their job. The annual turnover rate for workers who make \$10 an hour is 55 percent; at \$15 an hour, the rate drops to 41 percent. In other words, fairly paid workers tend to keep their jobs longer, and employers who pay fair wages tend to spend a lot less on

recruiting and training new employees. I think we can all agree that employee retention is good for workers and businesses. My legislation, Senate Bill No. 12, would accomplish both of those objectives.

Thank you, Mr. President.

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, October 28, 2019, at 1 p.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 1:10 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.