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SENATE

MONDAY, October 28, 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 PHILIP SABAS, of First United Methodist Church of Tamaqua, Pottsville, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, what an awesome thing that the Sessions of this Senate begin with prayer. It brings joy to my heart that such a thing is so. We pray for each and every Senator here. We pray for their staff, for their families. Surround them with Your love, with Your protection, with Your mercy, with healing where it is needed. We pray, as well, for the President of the United States and the Governor of the Commonwealth. Bless them. We pray for all of those who wear the uniform of the United States, and we pray You will keep them out of harm's way.

We pray that You would give now to Your Senators in this place--and we speak of them as Your Senators, because they belong to You, as all of us do. We ask that You would give them wisdom to know Your will, a desire to know Your will, a desire to do Your will. We pray that great things would happen as the Senators of both parties work together to accomplish those things that need to be done for the people of this Commonwealth. We pray Your blessing on the people of this Commonwealth, and we pray, Lord, that, indeed, the service done by these Senators will make life better for all of the people of the Commonwealth. All these things we pray, Lord, in Your name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Sabas, who is the guest today of Senator Argall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

HOUSE MESSAGES

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 146**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bills for concurrence, which were referred to the committees indicated:

October 25, 2019

HB 269 and **732** -- Committee on Finance.
HB 1048, 1542 and **1589** -- Committee on Law and Justice.
HB 1803 -- Committee on State Government.

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 24, 2019

Senator A. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 894**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in dates of elections and primaries and special elections, further providing for municipal primary and officers to be nominated and providing for authorization of ranked choice voting in municipal elections conducted during November.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 24, 2019.

Senators STEFANO, MENSCH and PITTMAN presented to the Chair **SB 916**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, October 24, 2019.

Senators AUMENT and MARTIN presented to the Chair **SB 921**, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge located on Pennsylvania Route 897 (Main Street) over Little Cocalico Creek in West Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, as the Sheriff Terry A. Bergman Memorial Bridge.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 24, 2019.

Senators BARTOLOTTA, MARTIN, GORDNER, BAKER, PITTMAN and K. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 922**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in liability and compensation, further providing for compensable injuries, subrogation and proration.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, October 24, 2019.

Senators FARNESE, BAKER, FONTANA, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, COSTA, YUDICHAK, BROWNE, PITTMAN, MARTIN, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, LEACH and DiSANTO presented to the Chair **SB 924**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in incapacitated persons, providing for guardianship for medically disabled adult children.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, October 24, 2019.

October 25, 2019

Senators STEFANO and MARTIN presented to the Chair **SB 878**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 46 (Legislature) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for officers and leaders.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, October 25, 2019.

Senators STEFANO, K. WARD, MARTIN, MASTRIANO, PITTMAN and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 882**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in the legislature, further providing for sessions.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 25, 2019.

Senators STEFANO, MASTRIANO, LEACH, MARTIN, FONTANA, PHILLIPS-HILL, MUTH and IOVINO presented to the Chair **SB 893**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in open meetings, further providing for use of equipment during meetings and for General Assembly meetings covered.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 25, 2019.

Senators BAKER, SCAVELLO, MARTIN, MASTRIANO, MENSCH and PITTMAN presented to the Chair **SB 902**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, in district attorney, assistants and detectives, further providing for filling of vacancies.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, October 25, 2019.

Senators MASTRIANO, SCARNATI, PITTMAN, STEFANO, J. WARD, LANGERHOLC and HUTCHINSON presented to the Chair **SB 912**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in abortion, further providing for legislative intent, providing for fetal heartbeat examination, further providing for medical consultation and judgment, for abortion on unborn child of 24 or more weeks gestational age and for reporting.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, October 25, 2019.

Senators HUGHES, COLLETT, FONTANA, HAYWOOD, LEACH, TARTAGLIONE, BREWSTER and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 913**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in additional special funds and restricted accounts, establishing the Survivor-Centered, Accessible, Fair and Empowering (SAFE) Housing Trust Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, October 25, 2019.

Senator STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 925**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified by Bridge Key 31377, on that portion of State Route 2047 over the Flaugherty Creek, Meyersdale Borough, Somerset County, as the Harry Beal Bridge.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 25, 2019.

Senator STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 926**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 219 over Buffalo Creek in Brothersvalley Township, Somerset County, as the John Vatavuk Memorial Bridge.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 25, 2019.

Senators MASTRIANO, BLAKE, BREWSTER, BROWNE, PHILLIPS-HILL, PITTMAN, J. WARD and REGAN presented to the Chair **SB 927**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for issuance and content of driver's license.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 25, 2019.

Senators LEACH, SANTARSIERO and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 928**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, providing for the offense of use of live animals in traveling exhibitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, October 25, 2019.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

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Senators CORMAN, SCARNATI, BROWNE, GORDNER, ARGALL, AUMENT, MENSCH, K. WARD, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BROOKS, DiSANTO, HUTCHINSON, KILLION, LANGERHOLC, LAUGHLIN, MARTIN, MASTRIANO, PHILLIPS-HILL, PITTMAN, REGAN, SCAVELLO, STEFANO, TOMLINSON, VOGEL, J. WARD and YAW presented to the Chair **SR 262**, entitled:

A Resolution amending the Rules of the Senate, further providing for duties of the President, for the President pro tempore and for voting.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, October 28, 2019.

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator J. WARD, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reported the following bill:

SB 841 (Pr. No. 1323) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the Health Care Cost Containment Council, for its powers and duties, for health care cost containment through the collection and dissemination of data, for public accountability of health care costs and for health care for the indigent.

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 Browne.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, October 28, 2019

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, November 18, 2019, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses the week of November 12, 2019, it reconvene on Monday, November 18, 2019, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-48

Argall	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
Browne	Iovino	Regan	Ward, Kim
Collett	Kearney	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H.
Corman	Killion	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Costa	Langerholc	Scarnati	Yaw
Dinniman	Laughlin	Scavello	Yudichak

NAY-0

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

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR PATRICK J. STEFANO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, today I am very proud to introduce to you the USCAA Men's Track and Field national champions from Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus, seated here on the floor. The team won its national championship by recording 178 points in the team event in Burlington, Vermont. Eight event gold medals were also earned by various members of the team. The team was formed on campus just 3 years ago and now boasts 22 members. The team is coached by Joe Carei and his assistant coaches, Tim Morris and Brian Brown. Lou Zadecky serves as the campus's director of athletics. The team is made up of P.J. Savini, Dakota Mikita, Hunter Scott, Jake Reilly, Noah House, Hayden Rhodes, Josh Crayton, Aaron Mylan, Lucas Klorczyk, Mitch Minda, Drew Erdman, Tyler Zeleneck, Micheal Elliot, Craig Weaver, Nyoah Marteny. I ask my colleagues to give them a warm Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the national champs 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 a pleasure for me to introduce some guests today. We have a wonderful organization called Canines for Life in Chester County, which is one of the foremost national kennels that trains dogs to help those who have physical and other types of disabilities. They had a fundraiser, and I usually put in a chance to bid on me for a tour of this beau-

tiful Chamber. So, it is my privilege to introduce some who chose to help Canines for Life, including one of their former board members. We have James and Cheryl Portwood of Lansdale, PA, and also Michael and Linda Dzuba of West Mount Airy, and it was Cheryl Portwood who did the bid. I hope you will give a good welcome, because, you know, if we encourage people to see these Oakley paintings, it is marvelous. At the same time, if we can encourage people to give to charities like Canines for Life, it is doubly marvelous. Mr. President, I ask that we give them a warm welcome. Thank you.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, I again ask the Senate to pay tribute to our guest pastor for the day. Pastor Phil is not only my pastor, but he has taken his passion for history and his commitment to three small United Methodist churches in Tamaqua, Barnesville, and Quakake to a new level. We like to tease him that he has flunked retirement, and we are glad that he did. He is here with his grandson, James, who is an eighth grader at Blue Mountain Middle School in Schuylkill County and a gifted musician in his own right. So, Mr. President, if we may, please give them both our traditional Senate welcome.

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

(Applause.)

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 immediately in the Rules room.

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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR WAYNE D. FONTANA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I am privileged to offer this citation honoring the life and career of Pittsburgh Pirate

great, Steve Blass. Steve has been an invaluable member of the Pittsburgh Pirates organization for 60 years. As one of the franchise's greatest pitchers, and, later, as a beloved broadcaster, Steve has earned his place among Pittsburgh's greatest sports icons. Few will ever forget his gutsy pitching performance during the 1971 World Series, where he pitched two complete games, including the crucial game seven triumph. When you think of those teams and Pirate greats, the name Steve Blass belongs right up there with the cherished heroes like Willie Stargell, Bill Mazerowski, and Roberto Clemente. Following his years as a player, Steve signed on to the Buccos broadcast team in 1983 as a color commentator. He quickly became a fan favorite with his knowledgeable and often humorous insight.

Following 36 years in the broadcast booth, Steve made his decision to retire this year. While we all can applaud Steve's many accomplishments as both a player and broadcaster, his truly enduring contribution to the Pittsburgh region and its people transcends sports and entertainment. Steve has done a lot for our community. He is every bit as admired for his humor, kindness, and willingness to devote himself to worthy charitable causes. As Steve, his wife Karen, and their extensive family enter this next phase in life, this Senate citation is aimed at honoring his professional accomplishments and personal commitment to Pittsburgh and its people. Steve also just joined us from the House of Representatives, where they adopted today as "Steve Blass Day" in Pennsylvania, an honor all of us in southwestern Pennsylvania can sincerely appreciate.

Thank you, Mr. President, and congratulations to Steve Blass.

The PRESIDENT. Please give him a very special welcome.

(Applause.)
Mr. BLASS. Thank you so much. I am honored and I am humbled to be here. It is a wonderful thing. When I started walking up the steps, I started getting intimidated by this building. Senator, thank you very much for the kind words. Before I say anything, I introduce you to a gentleman who is not only the best broadcaster play-by-play man in all of baseball, but it is a pleasure to work with a great friend, my best friend, Greg Brown.

(Applause.)

Mr. BLASS. Since the Senator mentioned one of my favorite teammates, Roberto Clemente, I have to tell you a very quick story, because when I joined the Pittsburgh Pirates as a rookie in 1964, I, like every other young Pirate, was intimidated by Roberto Clemente. You almost had to feel that you had to validate yourself to be good enough to be on a team with him. And when I did finally feel that way, I went over to his locker in our clubhouse at Forbes Field and I said, listen, Roberto, here is the deal. Everybody in the National League pitches you inside, and if I ever get traded, I am going to pitch you inside and outside. He said, if you pitch me inside, I will hit the ball to Harrisburg. So we do have a connection here in the State Capitol.

I just want to say, I applaud what you do. I respect what you do. Thank you for what you do in making the Commonwealth one of the great places in our country to live, work, and play. I applaud your work. I am so happy and honored to be here. I retired, one quick thing. September 28 they had a night for me at the ballpark and I had a chance to throw out the first pitch to my 16-year-old grandson. It was just one of those wonderful things.

(Applause.)

Mr. BLASS. Just before that, my grandson, Christopher Parker, was standing next to his grandmother in front of the Pi-

rates dugout and he said, Grandma, he will not throw me a 95-mile-an-hour fastball, will he? Karen said, no, no Christopher, he never had a 95-mile-an-hour fastball.

So my journey has been great. I just hope that I can continue, as I depart from the broadcast booth, to try to give back to the community of Pittsburgh as much as I have received. I am a native Nutmegger from Connecticut, but I have been a Keystoner for all these years. I am so proud to be here today. You have honored me and you have honored our family, and just keep the faith for your Buccos. Thanks so much.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. The Senate is at ease.

(The Senate was at ease.)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The SECRETARY. Permission has been granted for the Committee on Banking and Insurance to meet later today off the floor in the Rules room to consider Senate Bill No. 857.

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 a Republican caucus to be held immediately in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus as well.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, 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 Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, I request that Senator Brooks' leave be changed from a personal leave to a legislative leave.

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

RECESS

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of two off-the-floor committee meetings, first the Committee on Appropriations, to be followed by the Committee on Banking and Insurance, both to be held in the Rules room.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Banking and Insurance, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Phillips-Hill.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Hughes, and legislative leaves for Senator Dinniman and Senator Schwank.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a legislative leave for Senator Phillips-Hill.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Hughes, and legislative leaves for Senator Dinniman and Senator Schwank.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 94, SB 174, HB 227 and HB 233 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 320 (Pr. No. 324) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, enacting the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act; providing for user direction and agreements, for disclosure of digital assets and electronic communications, for functions of fiduciaries and for compliance and immunity for custodians of digital assets and electronic communications; and making conforming amendments.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator KILLION. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 320 gives people the power to plan for the management and disposition of their digital assets in the same way they make plans for their tangible property: by providing instructions in a will, trust, or power of attorney. According to the National Conference of State

Legislatures, there are 46 States that have passed these laws relating to digital assets, 17 just this year, including New Jersey, New York, and Ohio. We worked diligently over the last 2 years with the stakeholders, the Uniform Law Commission's fiduciary access to digital assets committee, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bankers Association, the Joint State Government Commission, the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, and several tech companies, including Apple, Amazon, and Facebook. This bill is a priority of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, and I ask for an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 320.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-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	Langerhole	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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 330 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 332 (Pr. No. 314) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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	Langerhole	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.

SB 351 (Pr. No. 341) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offense of aggravated assault.

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

FARNESE AMENDMENT A3153 OFFERED

Senator FARNESE offered the following amendment No. A3153:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 8, by striking out "a paragraph" and inserting:
paragraphs
Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 15 and 16:
(40) A media professional.
Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 16 and 17:
"Media professional." An officer, agent, employee or purveyor of a news media organization engaged in news gathering or the dissemination of information in a daily or weekly newspaper, magazine, periodical, book, digital publication or radio or television news broadcast.

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

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, a robust, local, professional news media organization is vital to protecting free speech, lowers corruption rates, and serves as an important watchdog over government. Yet, our media professionals are increasingly under threat for doing their job, subjected to assaults and mistreatment, and discouraged from entering and remaining in the profession. With all of the other stresses on this industry, which is so vital to maintaining our essential political freedoms, we must do more to protect these professionals. According to a 2018 report, more than 500 of the 1,800 newspapers that have closed or merged since 2004 were in rural communities. That means

less outlets that reflect local community values, informed voters, and bind people together. Mr. President, we must do all we can do to support these important community institutions. This amendment will add media professionals to the aggravated assault statute. Thank you.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, not to speak to the merits of the amendment, I think the gentleman is certainly well-intended here. The chair of the Committee on Judiciary has already talked about exploring further professions on the statute. Obviously, they went through the committee process already dealing with healthcare workers. The base bill is here--and not only members of the media, but others could be discussed and considered in this process. I think it is best to do that at the committee level first, which, as the chairwoman of the committee has said, she is willing to do for other areas, not just the media.

So, I ask for a "no" vote and allow the process to work at the committee level and maybe it percolates back to the floor at a later date. So, I respectfully ask for a "no" vote.

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

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

YEA-22

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

NAY-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?
It was 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

HB 375, SB 485, SB 491 and SB 492 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 510 (Pr. No. 885) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in intergovernmental cooperation, further providing for ordinance, for content of ordinance, for joint purchases with private educational establishments, for required review of specified agreements and for effect of joint cooperation agreements.

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

HB 511 (Pr. No. 497) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in corporate powers, further providing for intergovernmental cooperation.

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

HB 512 (Pr. No. 498) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in corporate powers, further providing for municipal authorities and cooperation with other political subdivisions.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 684, SB 688, SB 689, SB 693, HB 716, HB 754, SB 819 and HB 947 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 17, SB 22, SB 60, SB 74, SB 217, SB 256, SB 258, SB 284 and SB 329 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 334 (Pr. No. 316) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 531, SB 726, SB 727 and SB 798 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 842 (Pr. No. 1152) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, in licensing of health care facilities, further providing for photo identification tag regulations.

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

SB 891 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED AND REREFERRED

SB 906 (Pr. No. 1287) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 20, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.96, No.6), known as the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in responsibilities of the State, providing for State center closure moratorium.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

Senator CORMAN offered the following amendment No. A3468:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 1, line 13, by inserting after "amended": and the section is amended by adding a definition

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 2 and 3:

"State center" means a State operated facility, licensed by the department, to provide a level of care specially designed to meet the needs of persons who have an intellectual disability or persons with related conditions who require specialized health and rehabilitative services.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 4, by striking out "Facility" and inserting: Center

Amend Bill, page 2, line 5, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 2, line 18, by striking out "facilities" and inserting: centers

Amend Bill, page 2, line 20, by striking out "facilities" and inserting: centers

Amend Bill, page 2, line 24, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 2, line 26, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 3, line 3, by striking out "facilities" and inserting: centers

Amend Bill, page 3, line 14, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 3, line 16, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 3, line 20, by striking out "facilities" and inserting: centers

Amend Bill, page 3, line 21, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 3, line 23, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 3, line 25, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 3, line 28, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 3, line 29, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 4, line 2, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 4, line 5, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 4, line 7, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 4, line 9, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 4, line 11, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 4, line 12, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 4, line 15, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 4, line 21, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 4, line 24, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 4, line 26, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 4, line 27, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 4, line 30, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 5, line 2, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 5, line 3, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 5, line 6, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

Amend Bill, page 5, line 8, by striking out "facilities" and inserting: centers

Amend Bill, page 5, line 11, by striking out "facility" and inserting: center

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 917 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 919 (Pr. No. 1291) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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 956, HB 1034, HB 1035, HB 1036, HB 1174, HB 1180, HB 1379 and HB 1405 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1410 (Pr. No. 2161) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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 1578 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

RESOLUTION LAID ON THE TABLE

SR 170 (Pr. No. 1053)

A Resolution establishing a task force on services for veterans, including the coordination of services in this Commonwealth among Federal, State, local and nonprofit programs aimed at serving veterans, and directing the Joint State Government Commission to establish an advisory committee to the task force and conduct a comprehensive review and analysis of services for veterans.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9, the requisite time for action having expired, the resolution was laid on the table.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 191, ADOPTED

Senator CORMAN, without objection, called up from page 10 of the Calendar, Senate Resolution No. 191, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to reauthorize provisions related to the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund.

On the question, Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne, Senator Yudichak.

Senator YUDICHAK. Mr. President, I offer the following 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 Luzerne, Senator YUDICHAK:)

Mr. President, I rise today to ask my Senate colleagues to support Senate Resolution No. 191, bipartisan legislation that urges Congress to reauthorize the Federal Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, which is set to expire in 2021 if there is no Federal action.

Pennsylvania is home to over 100,000 acres of abandoned mine land legacy sites; these former mine sites impact communities in 44 of 67 counties and impair the environmental quality of over 5,500 miles of streams in Pennsylvania. The Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund has been instrumental in providing resources to help Pennsylvania communities reclaim abandoned mine lands.

Pennsylvania receives over \$25 million annually from the Federal Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund to assist the Department of Environmental Protection's mine reclamation efforts. With an estimated total cleanup cost of \$15 billion, the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund is absolutely essential to helping communities, especially communities in northeastern Pennsylvania, reclaim abandoned mine lands to preserve our environment and invest in both conservation and economic projects that return these lands back to productive use.

No organization has done more with abandoned mine reclamation funds than the Earth Conservancy in Luzerne County. With combination of Federal and State reclamation funds, the Earth Conservancy has been able to transform thousands of acres of abandoned mine lands into an economic resurgence in the South Valley corridor off of I-81 that has leveraged a half-billion dollars in private investment, attracted five national companies, and created over 4,000 new jobs. All of it, all of the remarkable economic progress occurring in Luzerne County, is happening on mine-scarred land that sat idle for more than 50 years.

If we do not have abandoned mine reclamation funds, these lands remain a desolate wasteland, the streams remain impaired, the environment suffers, and the economy continues to decline generation after generation. For every county, every community, touched by the legacy of abandoned mine sites, I encourage my Senate colleagues to join me in urging the United States Congress to reauthorize the Federal Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund and help us reclaim the grandeur of Pennsylvania's forests and streams, help us rebuild the economies of every community struggling with the legacy of coal mining in Pennsylvania.

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

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

YEA-49

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Brewster	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
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Browne	Kearney	Santarsiero	Yaw
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Corman	Langerholc	Scavello	
Costa	Laughlin	Schwank	
Dinniman	Leach	Stefano	

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The resolution is adopted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

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

SB 67 (Pr. No. 60) (Rereported)

An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; providing for the form of the compact; imposing additional powers and duties on the Governor, the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Compact.

SB 327 (Pr. No. 309) (Rereported)

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 352 (Pr. No. 1192) (Rereported)

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.

SB 905 (Pr. No. 1325) (Amended)

An Act providing for the capital budget for fiscal year 2019-2020; itemizing public improvement projects, furniture and equipment projects, transportation assistance, redevelopment assistance projects, flood control projects, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission projects and Manufacturing Fund projects leased or assisted by the Department of General Services and other State agencies, together with their estimated financial costs; authorizing the incurring of debt without the approval of the electors for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services and other State agencies; authorizing the use of current revenue for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted of by the Department of General Services and other State agencies stating the estimated useful life of the projects; restricting use of funds on certain projects; and making appropriations.

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

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 374 (Pr. No. 2062) (Rereported)

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 Restricted Account.

HB 1016 (Pr. No. 1166) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in fraternal benefit societies, providing for solvency and further providing for benefit contract and for injunction, liquidation and receivership of domestic society.

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

SB 857 (Pr. No. 1326) (Amended)

An Act relating to telemedicine; authorizing the regulation of telemedicine by professional licensing boards; and providing for insurance coverage of telemedicine.

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

SB 733 (Pr. No. 1324) (Amended) (Rereported) (Concurrence)

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

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. 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 841, SB 857 and SB 905.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, 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
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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
11:30 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 132, 489, 858 and 927; and House Bill No. 1547)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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
12:45 P.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider House Bill No. 1203)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 836, 841, 857, 906 and 919; and House Bill No. 1410)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 647, 902 and 924; and House Bill No. 1402)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 147, 421 and 694; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
<u>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019</u>		
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.
9:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 596, 637 and 640; and House Bill No. 1511)	Room 461 Main Capitol

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, today marks 4,859 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last raised the minimum wage. That is more than 13 years, and it is far too long. I say it is far too long because things cost a lot more today than they did 13 years ago, and the buying power of a dollar is less than it used to be. The cumulative rate of inflation is more than 27 percent nationwide since 2006. Fortunately, for most Americans, many State and local governments have acted to insure that the wages people collect are keeping pace with the prices they must pay. Twenty-nine States have raised their minimum wage above the Federal minimum of \$7.25 an hour, and so has the District of Columbia and dozens of local governments across the country.

As a result of this trend, something that analysts call the effective minimum wage may be at an all-time high. They calculate this figure by taking an average of all the Federal, State, and local minimum wage laws in effect across the country, and then adjust it for inflation.

Early this year, the *New York Times* reported that the nation's effective minimum wage is now about \$11.80 an hour, and that the effective minimum wage has outpaced inflation and has grown faster than typical wages in recent years. This realization tells us some things. It tells us that the nation's low-wage workforce would be in a much poorer financial situation had so many States and local governments not adopted minimum wage increases recently, because employers alone are not raising wages commensurate with inflation and a tight labor market. It also tells us that every day the Pennsylvania General Assembly chooses not to adopt new minimum wage legislation, we are shortchanging our own low-wage workers. When the average American minimum wage worker effectively earns \$11.80 an hour, why should any Pennsylvania worker still be making \$7.25? Pennsylvania workers should not be making \$7.25 an hour.

My legislation, Senate Bill No. 12, would raise our minimum wage to \$12 this year, and to \$15 by 2025. It would insure that the minimum wage keeps pace with inflation and restores the power of municipalities to establish their own local minimum wages. My legislation would establish the Commonwealth as a national leader on this issue and would provide millions of Pennsylvanians with the financial independence that they have worked so long and so hard to earn.

Thank you, Mr. President.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the President pro tempore has made the following appointment:

Mr. Rocco S. Ali as a member of the Conservation and Natural Resources Advisory Council.

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 Tuesday, October 29, 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 4:45 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.