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SENATE

TUESDAY, October 29, 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 BOB COOMBE, Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church of Germantown, Philadelphia, offered the following prayer:

Felix Adler promoted the saying, "The Place Where People Meet to Seek the Highest is Holy Ground." I am aware of the diversity in this body. I am also aware when asked to give public prayers that people have different journeys that shape our lives and our beliefs. In the spirit of bringing our diversity of thoughts and beliefs into this one body, I invite you to go deep inside yourself, to reflect on what you have to offer this body and to the people of the Commonwealth. This is to put us on common ground that we make decisions for the common good.

I invite you to be aware of who is sitting next to you, or around you, and being thankful for their presence. I invite you to reflect on your constituents and think about what they say out of the context of their lives - urban, rural, suburban, rich, poor, black, white, brown. Who is not represented in this body who you would like to call forth, keeping them in mind as you deliberate the legislation before you? This includes schoolchildren, not just in the districts you serve, but in school districts throughout the Commonwealth who are not equal in what resources they have to offer, in their needs, in their student enrollment, and in their funding. This includes people who work one and two jobs and still live in, or on, the edge of poverty. This includes where people come from, what language they speak, who they love, what color they are, what God, or gods, they worship, or do not worship, and how they have been treated over time.

Imagine, what can you do to make people's lives better, to build communities, to be hospitable to all residents and visitors to the Commonwealth? Love one another. Be thankful for one another, work for the common good, do unto others as you would have them do unto you. In all things, err on the side that makes for peace and justice. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Coombe, who is the guest today of Senator Haywood.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

HOUSE MESSAGE

**HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
TO HOUSE BILL**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 859**.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY**

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

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
Office of the Controller
1805 N. Broad Street (038-17)
11th Floor Wachman Hall
Philadelphia, PA 19122

October 24, 2019

The Honorable Megan Martin
Senate Secretary/Parliamentarian
Senate Box 203053
462 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

Dear Senator *[sic]* Martin:

In compliance with Act 4A dated June 28, 2019, I submit the audited consolidated financial statements for Temple University - Of The Commonwealth System of Higher Education as of and for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018.

Sincerely,

DAVID N. MARINO
Associate Vice President
& Controller

The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the Library.

DESIGNATION OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce that pursuant to Rule 5 of the Senate Rules, the President pro tempore has made the following designation:

Senator Pam Iovino as a Member of the Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS SIGNED

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

HB 510, HB 511, HB 512, HB 859 and HB 1085.

BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

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Senators KILLION, CORMAN, BLAKE, BROWNE K. WARD and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 931**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in membership, credited service, classes of service, and eligibility for benefits, further providing for credited State service; in contributions, further providing for shared-risk member contributions and shared-gain adjustments to regular member contributions, for contributions to the system by the Commonwealth and other employers and for actuarial cost method and providing for advance payment of accrued liability contributions; in administration, funds, accounts and general provisions, further providing for administrative duties of the board, for duties of heads of departments and for State accumulation account; and providing for obligations of the board, for exercise of legislative power and for liability.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, October 29, 2019.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 530 (Pr. No. 1331) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, providing for students convicted or adjudicated delinquent of sexual assault; and, in safe schools, further providing for safe schools advocate in school districts of the first class.

SB 850 (Pr. No. 1163)

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA, from the Committee on Labor and Industry, reported the following bills:

HB 68 (Pr. No. 1757)

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in contributions by employers and employees, further providing for relief from charges.

HB 280 (Pr. No. 881)

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in determination of compensation, appeals, reviews and procedure, further

providing for determination of compensation appeals and for decision of referee and further appeals and reviews.

HB 1522 (Pr. No. 1917)

An Act amending the act of October 24, 2012 (P.L.1209, No.151), known as the Child Labor Act, further providing for minors serving in volunteer emergency service organizations.

HB 1537 (Pr. No. 2812) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in administration of act, further providing for records of and reports by employers; in contributions by employers and employees, further providing for contributions by employees; in compensation, further providing for qualifications required to secure compensation and for rate and amount of compensation; in determination of compensation, appeals, reviews and procedure, further providing for determination of compensation appeals and for decision of referee and further appeals and reviews; and, in shared-work program, further providing for participating employer responsibilities.

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

SB 895 (Pr. No. 1251)

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Centre County Industrial Development Corporation, certain lands situate in Benner Township, Centre County.

HB 57 (Pr. No. 1678)

An Act abolishing numerous State authorities, boards, commissions, committees, councils and representatives; and making related repeals.

Senator K. WARD, from the Committee on Transportation, reported the following bills:

SB 132 (Pr. No. 109)

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.

SB 489 (Pr. No. 1332) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fees, further providing for exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees.

SB 858 (Pr. No. 1161)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in general budget implementation, further providing for Motor License Fund.

SB 927 (Pr. No. 1320)

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.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SR 153 (Pr. No. 929)

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Brooks.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Gordner requests a legislative leave for Senator Brooks.

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Senators MENSCH, GORDNER, AUMENT, BROWNE, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, LANGERHOLC, COSTA, STREET, SCHWANK, IOVINO, LEACH, FARNESE, DINNIMAN, BREWSTER, HUGHES, MASTRIANO, J. WARD, TARTAGLIONE, BLAKE, BARLOTTA, YUDICHAK, PITTMAN, K. WARD, KILLION and BAKER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 263**, entitled:

A Resolution commending Korean and Korean-American Vietnam War veterans for their service to the United States during the Vietnam War.

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 this resolution commending Korean and Korean-American Vietnam War veterans for their service to the United States during the Vietnam conflict. Korean and Korean-American Vietnam War veterans served honorably throughout this conflict fighting valiantly, both in and alongside the United States Armed Forces, with many later becoming United States citizens. Unfortunately, many made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense for our mutual freedom. From 1964 until the last soldier left Saigon on March 23, 1973, a total of 325,517 members of the Republic of Korea's Armed Forces served in Vietnam, the largest contribution of troops sent by any ally on behalf of the United States. Of the hundreds of thousands who served, 5,099 Republic of Korea

troops were killed and 10,962 were injured. These Korean-American veterans of the Vietnam conflict upheld the highest ideals of the United States through their dedicated service and considerable sacrifices. Many of them continue to carry the visible and invisible wounds of the war to this day. Clearly, we owe these brave individuals an expression of our abiding gratitude of this Commonwealth.

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, today it is my privilege to recognize the following members of the Korean Vietnam War Veterans of Pennsylvania as my guests who are seated in the gallery. Sung Nam, who is president of the Korean Vietnam War Veterans of Pennsylvania; and Hee Park, who is president of the Korean Veterans of Pennsylvania. I ask my colleagues to stand with me in support of this resolution, and please join with me in welcoming our distinguished guests.

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

(Applause.)

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

The yeas and nays were required by Senator MENSCH 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 majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative, and the resolution was adopted.

The PRESIDENT. The resolution is adopted.

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, today we have in the gallery again this year a number of students from across Pennsylvania from the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. The Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, WPSD as we know it, is a nonprofit, tuition-free school with educational services and really complex extracurricular programming to help and work

with deaf and hard-of-hearing children from birth through grades 12. It is the largest comprehensive center for deaf education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As I mentioned, the students here today come from a number of our districts and they receive exceptional educational opportunities at WPSD.

In my district, I have a young man from the Swissvale community, and I give a special welcome to Tyler Collins. What is important about WPSD is, just this past weekend, we celebrated their 150th anniversary, 150 years of providing exceptional service to deaf and hard-of-hearing students from across the Commonwealth. It started 150 years ago with one child who needed services and it built into something today that stretches across the Commonwealth with facilities here in Harrisburg, the Pittsburgh region, as well as northeast Pennsylvania. Mr. President, not only do they provide exceptional service to the students who are enrolled there, they are very much a part of our community. In fact, they hold regular community meetings dealing with issues that are relevant at the time in our respective communities, whether it be Edgewood, Swissvale, Wilksburg, or Forest Hills. There are regular meetings about what is taking place and what is going on around the facility and the steps that they take, and the things that they do to be able to be a significant part of the community and hosting community events for many, many years. Dr. Steve Farmer has done an outstanding job as the current leader, and my hat is off for he and his team. I give a special thank you to them and thank them for being here, and ask my colleagues to give the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair notes that WPSD guests are also here from Senator Bartolotta's district, Senator Kim Ward's district, Senator Judy Ward's district, Senator Vogel's district, and Senator Hutchinson's district.

Would the guests of Senator Costa please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

("Jazz hands" sign language applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR CAMERA BARTOLOTTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, thank you to Senator Costa for recognizing the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. Among the students is Paityn Aubrey Gajan, who is from the 46th Senatorial District. She was 3 years old when she was enrolled in preschool at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. She is now 10 years old and a fifth grader, and very excited to be here at the Capitol. The Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf serves students who are deaf and hard of hearing across the State. There is no doubt that Paityn believes she is receiving a quality education and has had the opportunity to create some lifelong friendships along the way.

Please join me in giving Paityn a warm Senate welcome. She taught me how to say a few things today. (*In sign language:*) Nice to meet you, and thank you. Welcome Paityn.

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

("Jazz hands" sign language applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR KIM L. WARD PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I, too, have some young constituents here from the district. I have Ada Estelle DiFrancesco. She is 10 years old and she has been attending WPSD since she was 3 years old. Here is what she said about her school: I like WPSD because I can learn and talk to my friends. An example of why I like to learn is because I love math, reading, and social studies, and I like to talk to my friends because sometimes they make me laugh, smile, and make me happy. It is better for me because public school people talk, but they do not know how to sign. Everyone here is like me so they do not have to ask me what is in my ears. I think that is a great testimony from Ada.

We also have today Jada Pippins. Jada said she loves her school because it is easier for her to learn than at her other school. She has more friends who can communicate with her, and she loves her teachers.

Our third, Johnny Lee Girten, is from Jeannette. He says he likes math class, he likes his school, and he likes that they give him a laptop.

That school has value beyond what we see when we hear their names, and I am so happy to have these students here with us to today.

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

("Jazz hands" sign language applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR JUDITH F. WARD PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, I welcome Elisha Query from Huntingdon County to the Capitol today. He is a sixth-grader at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. He enjoys playing sports and making friends, and I hope I am a new friend. Elisha is a patriot. His dream job is to be a soldier because he wants to protect America.

Please join me in welcoming Elisha to the Senate.

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

("Jazz hands" sign language applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ELDER A. VOGEL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver, Senator Vogel.

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, it is my privilege to introduce two constituents who are here today, Jreem Abercrombie and Christopher Brisach, and welcome them to the Pennsylvania Senate. Both boys are students at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and possess many unique talents and abilities.

Jreem is from New Brighton in Beaver County and is currently a talented student in fifth grade. His favorite subject in

school is math because he enjoys playing the challenging math game, Kahoot, in class.

Christopher is from New Castle in Lawrence County and is currently in the sixth grade. Writing is one of his favorite activities in school, and he recently won the director's challenge writing competition at the school. Apart from his academic excellence, he also enjoys playing soccer. Last season, he scored seven goals to help his team make the playoffs.

Please help me welcome Jreem and Christopher to the Senate, Mr. President. Thank you.

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

("Jazz hands" sign language applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR SCOTT E. HUTCHINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I am pleased to have this opportunity to also introduce three constituents of mine who are students at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. Unfortunately, Luel Helmstadter and Juliette Stevenson were not able to make the trip today, but I am truly pleased to welcome back to the State Capitol Royale Jadyn Reno-Gaus from Polk, Pennsylvania, who is a sixth grader at the school. Royale enjoys communicating with others by using sign language, and she enjoys all of her classes, but particularly gym, math, and reading.

Please join me in welcoming Royale and her other classmates here to the Pennsylvania Senate.

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

("Jazz hands" sign language applause.)

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, too, rise today to introduce two students from the Western Pennsylvania School of the Deaf who are constituents of mine and have joined the group visiting here today. They both wrote me some notes, and it is interesting what they say about their school. They say it is cool, fun, and a helpful school, and they both love the technology. They each have their own Chromebook, and they certainly like the parties that they have and the merit parties for students with good behavior and a good attitude. It is nice to see how much they love their school and how much they appreciate it. They did ask me a question, Mr. President. The question was, do you want to be rich when you get older? Well, I am already older and not rich, so I guess that is out the window. They also asked, do you care about schools? I think we all, in this Chamber, care about schools very, very much, and we will do our best to make sure that they get a good education going forward.

Mr. President, my two students names are Meyer Chase, who is in the fifth grade, and Mackenzie Lynn Hadix, who is also in the fifth grade, both are from my district in Pittsburgh. Thank you. Please give them a warm Senate welcome.

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

("Jazz hands" sign language applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR JOE PITTMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator Pittman.

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I, too, rise to introduce a constituent of mine, Yousef Akhrass. Yousef is also a student at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, and he lives in Murrys ville. He is 11 years old. Yousef enjoys spending time with his friends, telling jokes, getting to play soccer, basketball, and battle of the books at school.

Please join me in welcoming Yousef to the Capitol today.

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

("Jazz hands" sign language applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT B. MENSCH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, I introduce to you, and the rest of my colleagues, to some very special guests who have traveled here from the Republic of Korea. First, I introduce Mr. Choon Soo-Seo, who is the 42nd Hamyang County Governor and Deputy Mayor of Miryang City. Mr. Soo-Seo is also a member of the 9th Gyeongsangman-do Province Council. Mr. Soo-Seo is accompanied today by Master Bong Yang and the members of the 21st Century American-Korea-China Leaders Society.

Hamyang County is located in the north side of Gyeongsangnam-do Province, Republic of Korea, and it is a very beautiful renovated city. I know, because I was there in April. It is, indeed, a very beautiful city. Hamyang focuses on developing its anti-aging industry, which is the core of the dream of life extension. It is surrounded by 15 mountains that are well over 1,000 meters, high including Mountain Jiri, which is the number one national park in Korea, and it prides itself on a blissful natural environment. Hamyang County is also a transportation hub with three highways connecting the county in all directions. It has also developed a very prominent history and splendid culture. If we go back a moment in history, Mr. President, we realize that the Chinese Emperor Shi Huang of the Qin Dynasty had sent an expedition in search for an immortality elixir. His group settle in Hamyang. So today, moving back in history, every year the city of Hamyang holds a festival around the theme of wild ginseng, which is known as the immortality elixir.

In 2020, Mayor Soo-Seo will host the Hamyang Wild Ginseng Anti-Aging Expo with a theme of "Dream of 1,000 Years, Secret to a Prolonged Life," and he would like me to extend an invitation to everyone here to travel to Korea next year and celebrate with the city of Hamyang the wild root of ginseng.

Mr. President, please help me give a warm welcome to Mayor Soo-Seo and our distinguished guests who are seated in the gallery.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MARIO M. SCAVELLO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, I welcome Sydney Taylor and Jacquelyn Colucci, who are serving here today as my guest Pages in the Capitol. Sydney Taylor is 16 years old and a junior in high school. She does her core academic classes via the Stroudsburg School District cyber program, and in the afternoon she attends Monroe Career and Technical Institute (MCTI) and is in her third year of cosmetology. Sydney is ahead on her course and she plans to start working part-time with the co-op program at a salon in February of this coming year. Sydney is involved in the SkillsUSA leadership program with MCTI and went to leadership training last year. Some of her interests include protecting our environment and helping those in need. Sydney would like to work with animals, and when she graduates, she plans to start volunteering at Camp Papillon, a local animal shelter, this fall.

Jacquelyn Colucci is a junior at Pleasant Valley High School and attends Monroe Career and Technical Institute for cosmetology. She maintains an A average in honors and AP courses at Pleasant Valley, and Jacquelyn is currently looking for part-time employment. She volunteers for a variety of organizations. Jacquelyn gives back to our community by donating to the Diabetes Society, and she is a member of the Aevium club, which is a school-based anti-suicide organization that donates dollars to a variety of societies. In her spare time, Jacquelyn enjoys reading and spending time with friends.

Please join me in giving Sydney Taylor, Jacquelyn Collucci, and Sydney's parents, Jeff and Deborah Taylor, who are seated in the gallery, a warm Senate welcome.

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

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

GUEST OF SENATOR ARTHUR L. HAYWOOD PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, I rise to greet and thank our guest Chaplain for today, Pastor Bob Coombe, of the First United Methodist Church of Germantown, a tremendous and historical church in Philadelphia, and may I say, in the United Methodist Churches in general. Pastor Coombe was born in Schuylkill County and was raised in Bucks County. He did not leave far from there and has been a pastor for 40 years, primarily in the Philadelphia area. He completed his education at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. While in the Philadelphia area, I will list a few of the churches where he has been a pastor. It includes Lindley United Methodist Church in Olney; Union United Methodist Church in Havertown, Delaware County; Yardley United Methodist Church; and, since 2005,

FUMCOG. He has been dedicated to service both inside and outside of the church.

His work outside the church includes a leader on the United Methodist Services Board of the Methodist Home For Children. He serves on the board of the Kirkridge Retreat and Study Center, and I highlight that he is a board member of the Philadelphia Unemployment Project that has been fighting for individuals who are struggling for many years. He is also a representative of the EPA Conference on the Ecumenical Working Group for Middle East Peace. His church is a sanctuary for immigrants who have fled persecution and violence. His church has hosted many, too many, community meetings for me to mention, as well as a tremendous scouting troop.

Please join me in welcoming my friend and our pastor, Bob, to the Pennsylvania State Capitol today.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR WAYNE LANGERHOLC PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, today I rise to introduce some very special guests from the Johnstown Fire Department who have traveled to Harrisburg from my district. Eric Miller, Jim Boyle, and Ben Baker are all members of the Johnstown Fire Department in Cambria County and are committed to protecting the lives and property of the greater Johnstown community. The department provides a wide array of services from fire, rescue, and non-emergency services to issues involving hazardous materials and technical rescues, including a boat, swift water, and ice rescues. These gentlemen, along with additional members of the department, continually seek to strengthen their skills and knowledge to better serve the community.

Yesterday was National First Responders Day, and it is in that fashion that we honor and thank them for their continued service to the community. The heroic men and women of our local fire departments pride themselves in taking immediate action, and putting others before self in order to protect and serve. Mr. President, please join me in not only welcoming these fine men but in thanking all our first responders for the sacrifice and service they provide.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Langerholc 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, my guests today are Mr. and Mrs. Imbierowicz. Their daughter had a tragic death through carbon monoxide, which is a silent killer in our community. What they did is form a foundation to make sure that other young people do not suffer the same fate. We need to pay homage and give our respect and admiration for those parents who, after the death of a child, will struggle not only with their emotions and their sense of loss, but struggle to make sure that no other parent

will go through the same. Many of what we see as changes in terms of whether it is the AED machines, EKGs, changes in terms of our approaches to drugs, comes out of the work of parents who have suffered losses of their own children.

Later today on a unanimous consent resolution, we will recognize the necessity of further publicizing this matter of carbon monoxide. Through their work and effort and me being able to work with them, we now have stuff in the State driver's manual, both online and in print, and in the junior driver's manual, to make people aware of this. So I hope we can give a warm welcome to two parents who are working as hard as they can to honor their daughter and her memory through making sure that other parents, other children, and other adults do not suffer the same fate of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR ELISABETH J. BAKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I am pleased today to introduce a young constituent from Wayne County, who is job shadowing me today. His name is Grey Puett. Grey is a young man who has received a quality education and had some extraordinary experiences, both inside and outside the classroom. He is currently a freshman at the Harrisburg campus of Penn State University with an interest in political science and finance. He also had a very fascinating gap year after high school graduation where he traveled to several countries in Asia and Europe during a year of engagement in a project that was entitled "Whole Schooling," helping his mom and dad with research projects and having the opportunity to work with international scholars. His parents are J. Morgan Puett, an American fashion designer and contemporary artist, and Mark Dion, also a contemporary artist, who own Mildred's Lane, an exhibition and workshop gallery and Airbnb in my district located along the scenic Delaware River in northern Wayne County.

I hope Grey has had an opportunity to enjoy spending the day attending meetings, going to rallies, learning from Senate Session, and exploring his interest in both government and public service, and one day, perhaps, he will return to serve in another capacity. Please help me offer a warm Senate welcome to Grey Puett from Wayne County.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR KRISTIN PHILLIPS-HILL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I rise to welcome Brian Smith, the 2019 outstanding assistant principal, who also

happens to be a York County resident, a Dallastown Wildcat, and an exceptional educational leader. Mr. President, we are blessed to have hardworking and dedicated men and women in our public education system who work every day, day in and day out, to prepare our next generation for future success. Brian Smith is one of them, and I contend that he is the best of the best. Mr. Smith started his career in education as a long-term substitute teacher at York Township Elementary School, which is part of the Dallastown Area School District, and, fortunately, we were smart enough to keep him. He then went on to teach third grade and is now the assistant principal of Ore Valley Elementary School and York Township Elementary School. We are so very proud that Brian's commitment, his dedication, and his exceptional work is finally recognized, and we are grateful that he could join us here today in the Senate, along with his wife, Amy, his mom, his dad, his very proud grandmother, friends, and some staff and administration from Dallastown Area School District.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to please join me in welcoming and congratulating Brian for his prestigious award as the 2019 Pennsylvania Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Phillips-Hill please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN P. BLAKE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, prior to introducing my guests, I want to acknowledge the comments of my Leader and colleagues today regarding the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. There is a school as well in my district in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, Lackawanna County, the 22nd Senatorial District, and the quality of education provided there is so exceptional that parents will drive their kids well over an hour back and forth each day, and they have invested in technology for the kids, too. So, I acknowledge the School for the Deaf and thank my Leader for mentioning their presence in northeast Pennsylvania.

I know my colleagues are aware of the importance of the tourism and hospitality industry in Pennsylvania ranking up there with agriculture and manufacturing as perhaps some of the most important economic impacts for our citizens. Today we are joined in the gallery by some really exceptional young men and women, who are in the hospitality business management program at Keystone College. They are well led by the coordinator for that hospitality business management program, Brenda Lidy, and President Dr. Tracy Brundage, the eleventh president at Keystone College.

I would very much appreciate it if my Senate colleagues would give a warm welcome to these fine students from the hospitality business management program at Keystone College.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JUDITH F. WARD PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, I am thrilled to welcome Kathleen Gunnell from my McConnellsburg office in Fulton County, who is here today with her family. Kathleen has been employed by the Senate for 5 years. She was hired by my predecessor, Senator John Eichelberger. She is truly a valued member of my team. With Kathleen today is her daughter, Regan Rafetto, and her three children, Austin, Maesy, and Ruby Rafetto, and Regan's mother-in-law, Anita Rafetto. Also her daughter-in-law, Danelle Gunnell and her three children, Israel, Brooke, and Cora Gunnell, and Danelle's mother, Raedella Martin.

I ask my colleagues to please give them a warm Senate welcome.

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

(Applause.)

CALENDAR

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OUT OF ORDER

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 841 (Pr. No. 1323) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

SB 857 (Pr. No. 1326) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

RECESS

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room immediately.

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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Scarnati, Senator Judy Ward, and Senator Yaw.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Scarnati, Senator Judy Ward, and Senator Yaw. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

HOUSE MESSAGES

SENATE BILLS RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 421** and **SB 694**, 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 bills will be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

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 a series of off-the-floor committee meetings to be held in the Rules room in the rear of the Chamber, beginning with the Committee on Appropriations, followed by the Committee on Judiciary, followed by the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a series of off-the-floor meetings of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Judiciary, and the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, 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 CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Scarnati, Senator Judy Ward, and Senator Yaw have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE
AMENDMENTS AS AMENDED**

**SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE
AMENDMENTS AS AMENDED**

SB 733 (Pr. No. 1324) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House, as further amended by the Senate, to Senate Bill No. 733?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House, as further amended by the Senate, to Senate Bill No. 733.

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-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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 67, SB 94, SB 174, HB 227, HB 233, HB 305, SB 327 and HB 330 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 352 (Pr. No. 1192) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing local taxing authorities to provide for tax exemption incentives for certain deteriorated industrial, commercial, business and residential property and for new construction in deteriorated areas of communities; providing for an exemption schedule; and establishing standards and qualifications.

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-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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 374 (Pr. No. 2062) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

Table with 4 columns: 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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 375 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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 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

Table with 4 columns: 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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 485, SB 491, SB 492, HB 684, SB 688, SB 689, SB 693, HB 716 and HB 754 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 819 rewrites the Older Adults Protective Services Act, also known as OAPSA, and it is the culmination of 5 years of work to develop legislation that better protects Pennsylvania's aging senior population. During my tenure as chairman of the Senate Committee on Aging and Youth, it became apparent to me that the needs and

lifestyles of older Pennsylvanians were rapidly changing, bringing forth a new set of challenges for how we care for this sector of our population moving forward. Since 2014, we have heard from experts, professionals, organizations, and constituents about the ways the legislature can work to improve the delivery of resources and streamline the services that we provide to older adults.

Mr. President, today I am proud to say that after 5 years of work we have a product that accomplishes those goals. First, Senate Bill No. 819 will streamline communications between organizations and agencies that care for our seniors and find ways to increase healthcare efficiency. Second, it will address the rising financial exploitation of older Pennsylvanians by giving financial institutions tools to intervene if they suspect an elder is being taken advantage of through the illegal taking, misuse, or concealment of money, property, or assets. Third, Senate Bill No. 819 will provide mandatory reporters, which are physicians, healthcare providers, and police, with a procedure for reporting suspected elder abuse, as well as give them the tools necessary to work together on the investigations that follow.

Mr. President, perhaps one of the most significant provisions of this legislation is a fix to a constitutionality issue created by a State Supreme Court decision in 2015. This decision held that it is unconstitutional for the offenses listed in the current Older Adults Protective Services Act to result in a lifetime employment ban without further evaluation. Senate Bill No. 819 fixes this constitutionality issue and provides for employment practices that are safe for care organizations and, most importantly, for Pennsylvania's older adults.

Older Pennsylvanians should have the ability to live their lives free from the threat of abuse and neglect. I believe it is our responsibility to put measures in place to safeguard their health, safety, and financial security. Senate Bill No. 819 provides these safeguards, Mr. President. Thank you.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-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 947 and **HB 1016** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 17 (Pr. No. 1851) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION,
AMENDED AND REREFERRED

SB 74 (Pr. No. 339) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?
Senator BROWNE offered the following amendment No. A3517:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 6, by striking out "VI,"
Amend Bill, page 2, line 8, by inserting after "cash":
to a pediatric cancer research institution
Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 12 and 13:
(d) Application in the alternative.--At the time of application for a tax credit, the department shall advise a business firm that the firm may elect that its application for a tax credit for a contribution to a particular pediatric cancer research institution will, in the alternative, be deemed an application received by the department on the same date as the preferred application, but for a different pediatric cancer research institution authorized under this article if the business firm's preferred choice of pediatric cancer research institution has reached the \$2,500,000 limit under section 1709-L. If a business firm does not receive its preferred choice of pediatric cancer research institution, the department shall promptly consider the business firm's application in the alternative for a different pediatric cancer research institution authorized under this article.

Amend Bill, page 4, line 9, by striking out "beneficiaries" and inserting:
partners

Amend Bill, page 4, line 19, by striking out "VI,"

Amend Bill, page 4, line 30; page 5, lines 1 through 5; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

Section 1710-L. Carryover and carryback.

(a) General rule.--If a business firm does not use all or any portion of a tax credit for the taxable year in which the tax credit is first approved, then the excess may be carried over to succeeding taxable years and used as a credit against the qualified tax liability of the business firm for those taxable years. Each time the tax credit is carried over to a succeeding taxable year, it shall be reduced by the amount that was used as a credit during the immediately preceding taxable year. The tax credit provided by this article may be carried over and applied to succeeding taxable years for no more than three taxable years following the first taxable year for which the taxpayer was entitled to claim the credit.

(b) Application.--A tax credit approved by the department in a taxable year first shall be applied against the business firm's qualified tax liability for the current taxable year as of the date on which the tax credit was approved before the tax credit can be applied against a tax liability under subsection (a).

(c) No carryback or refund.--A business firm is not entitled to carry back or obtain a refund of all or any portion of an unused tax credit granted to the business firm under this article.

Section 1711-L. Pass-through entity.

(a) General rule.--If a business firm which is a pass-through entity has any unused tax credits under section 1710-L, the pass-through entity may elect in writing, according to procedures established by the department, to transfer all or a portion of the tax credits to shareholders, members or partners in proportion to the share of the entity's distributive income to which each shareholder, member or partner is entitled.

(b) Limitation.--A pass-through entity and a shareholder, member or partner of a pass-through entity may not claim the tax credit under subsection (a) for the same contribution.

(c) Application.--A shareholder, member or partner of a pass-through entity to whom a tax credit is transferred under subsection (a) shall immediately claim the tax credit in the taxable year in which the transfer is made. The shareholder, member or partner may not carry forward, carry back, obtain a refund of or sell or assign the tax credit.

(d) An individual shareholder, member or partner may apply a tax credit distributed under this section to income taxable under Article III to the shareholder, member or partner, to the spouse of the shareholder, member or partner or to both, if both the shareholder, member or partner and the spouse report income on a joint personal income tax return.

Section 1712-L. Sale or assignment.

(a) Authorization.--Upon approval by the department, a business firm may sell or assign, in whole or in part, a tax credit granted to the business firm under this article.

(b) Application.--The following shall apply:

(1) To sell or assign a tax credit, a business firm must file an application for the sale or assignment of the tax credit with the department. The application must be on a form required by the department.

(2) The department shall approve a sale or assignment if the purchaser or assignee has:

(i) filed all required State tax reports and returns for all applicable taxable years; and

(ii) paid any balance of State tax due as determined by assessment or determination by the department and not under timely appeal.

Section 1713-L. Purchasers and assignees.

(a) Claim.--The purchaser or assignee of all or a portion of a tax credit under section 1712-L shall immediately claim the credit in the taxable year in which the purchase or assignment is made.

(b) Amount.--The amount of the tax credit that a purchaser or assignee may use against any one qualified tax liability may not exceed 75% of the qualified tax liability for the taxable year.

(c) Use.--The purchaser or assignee may not carry forward, carry back or obtain a refund of or sell or assign the tax credit.

Section 1714-L. Administration.

(a) Audits and assessments.--The department has the following powers:

(1) To audit a business firm claiming a tax credit to ascertain the validity of the amount claimed.

(2) To issue an assessment against a business firm for an improperly issued tax credit. The procedures, collection, enforcement and appeals of any assessment made under this section shall be governed by Article IV.

(b) Guidelines.--The department shall develop written guidelines for the implementation of this article.

Section 1715-L. Annual report to General Assembly.

By October 1, 2021, and October 1 of each year thereafter, the department shall submit a report on the tax credit provided by this article to the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Finance Committee of the Senate, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives. The report must include:

(1) the names of the business firms utilizing the tax credit as of the date of the report and the amount of tax credits approved for, utilized by or sold or assigned by a business firm during the preceding fiscal year; and

(2) the amount of contributions received by each of the four pediatric cancer research institutes during the preceding fiscal year.

Amend Bill, page 5, line 6, by striking out "1710-L" and inserting: 1716-L

Amend Bill, page 5, line 10, by striking out "This" and inserting:

The tax credit established under this

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 referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 217 (Pr. No. 165) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 16, 1992 (P.L.155, No.28), known as the Assessors Certification Act, repealing provisions relating to nonapplicability; and providing for assessors in counties of the first class.

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

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

SB 256 (Pr. No. 1065) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), known as the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, in recycling and waste reduction, further providing for Commonwealth recycling and waste reduction.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 258, SB 284 and SB 329 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 337 (Pr. No. 506) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 531, SB 726, SB 727, SB 798 and SB 891 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED

SB 905 (Pr. No. 1325) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

BROWNE AMENDMENT A3586

Senator BROWNE offered the following amendment No. A3586:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 3, by striking out "\$7,046,513,000" and inserting:

\$8,460,513,000

Amend Bill, page 2, line 11, by striking out "\$414,705,000" and inserting:

\$498,905,000

Amend Bill, page 2, line 24, by striking out "\$6,130,340,000" and inserting:

\$6,135,340,000

Amend Bill, page 2, line 30, by striking out "\$11,280,000" and inserting:

\$21,280,000

Amend Bill, page 57, by inserting between lines 29 and 30:

(i) Bloomsburg University

(A) Renovation or replacement of

Bakeless Hall

Project Allocation 18,000,000

(B) Renovation or replacement of

Benjamin Franklin Hall

Project Allocation	19,000,000
(C) Renovation or replacement of Simon Hall	
Project Allocation	6,000,000
(ii) California University	
(A) Construction, renovation and acquisition of student housing facilities	
Project Allocation	66,000,000
(B) Construction, renovation and acquisition of parking garage	
Project Allocation	12,000,000
(C) Facility space renovation, consolidation and demolition of academic buildings	
Project Allocation	15,000,000
(D) Renovation, replacement or upgrade of campus utilities infrastructure	
Project Allocation	22,000,000
(E) Renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings	
Project Allocation	20,000,000
Amend Bill, page 57, line 30, by striking out "(i)" and inserting:	
(iii)	
Amend Bill, page 58, by inserting between lines 10 and 11:	
(C) Renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal	
Project Allocation	19,000,000
(D) Renovation or replacement of King and Tubman Halls	
Project Allocation	21,000,000
(iv) Clarion University	
(A) Construction, renovation and acquisition of student housing facilities	
Project Allocation	98,000,000
(B) Renovation, replacement or upgrade of campus utilities infrastructure	
Project Allocation	18,000,000
(C) Renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings	
Project Allocation	23,000,000
(v) East Stroudsburg University	
(A) Additional funding for renovation of Gessner Science	
Project Allocation	20,000,000
(B) Additional funding for renovation of Moore Biology	
Project Allocation	10,000,000
(C) Additional funding for renovation of Stroud Hall	
Project Allocation	15,000,000
(D) Additional funding for demolition of underutilized and obsolete buildings	
Project Allocation	10,000,000
(E) Facility space renovation, consolidation and demolition of academic buildings	
Project Allocation	15,000,000
(F) Renovation, replacement or upgrade of campus utilities infrastructure	
Project Allocation	20,000,000
(G) Renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings	
Project Allocation	20,000,000
(vi) Edinboro University	
(A) Additional funding for renovation of Hendricks Hall	
Project Allocation	10,000,000
(B) Additional funding for demolition of	

underutilized and obsolete buildings	
Project Allocation	15,000,000
(C) Construction, renovation and acquisition of student housing facilities	
Project Allocation	105,000,000
(D) Renovation or replacement of McComb Fieldhouse	
Project Allocation	45,000,000
(E) Renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings	
Project Allocation	20,000,000
Amend Bill, page 58, line 11, by striking out "(ii)" and inserting: (vii)	
Amend Bill, page 58, by inserting between lines 15 and 16:	
(B) Facility space renovation, consolidation and demolition of academic buildings	
Project Allocation	15,000,000
(C) Renovation, replacement or upgrade of campus utilities infrastructure	
Project Allocation	25,000,000
(D) Renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings	
Project Allocation	19,000,000
(viii) Kutztown University	
(A) Construction, renovation and acquisition of student housing facilities	
Project Allocation	63,000,000
(B) Renovation of Old Main	
Project Allocation	12,000,000
(C) Renovation or replacement of Rickenbach Education Building	
Project Allocation	22,000,000
(D) Renovation, replacement or upgrade of campus utilities infrastructure	
Project Allocation	15,000,000
(E) Renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings	
Project Allocation	15,000,000
(ix) Lock Haven University	
(A) Construction, renovation and acquisition of student housing facilities	
Project Allocation	36,000,000
(B) Renovation of Raub Hall	
Project Allocation	20,000,000
(C) Renovation, replacement or upgrade of campus infrastructure	
Project Allocation	10,000,000
(D) Renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings	
Project Allocation	12,000,000
Amend Bill, page 58, line 16, by striking out "(iii)" and inserting: (x)	
Amend Bill, page 58, by inserting between lines 22 and 23:	
(B) Construction, renovation and acquisition of student housing facilities	
Project Allocation	76,000,000
(C) Renovation, replacement or upgrade of campus utilities infrastructure	
Project Allocation	10,000,000
(D) Renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings	
Project Allocation	19,000,000
(xi) Millersville University	
(A) Renovation or replacement of Argires	

Science Complex Buildings	
Project Allocation	60,000,000
(B) Renovation, replacement or upgrade of campus water treatment and distribution utilities infrastructure	
Project Allocation	9,000,000
(C) Renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings	
Project Allocation	14,000,000
(xii) Shippensburg University	
(A) Additional funding for replacement of Henderson Hall	
Project Allocation	5,000,000
(B) Additional funding for renovation of Lehman Library	
Project Allocation	5,000,000
(C) Construction, renovation and acquisition of student housing facilities	
Project Allocation	131,000,000
(D) Renovation and addition of Heiges Field House	
Project Allocation	40,000,000
(E) Renovation of Old Main, Phase 2	
Project Allocation	15,000,000
(F) Renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings	
Project Allocation	15,000,000
Amend Bill, page 58, line 23, by striking out "(iv)" and inserting: (xiii)	
Amend Bill, page 58, by inserting between lines 26 and 27:	
(B) Renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings	
Project Allocation	17,000,000
(xiv) West Chester University	
(A) Renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings	
Project Allocation	19,000,000
Amend Bill, page 58, line 27, by striking out "(v)" and inserting: (xv)	
Amend Bill, page 117, by inserting between lines 25 and 26:	
(i) Bloomsburg University	
(A) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation or replacement of Bakeless Hall	
Project Allocation	1,800,000
(B) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation or replacement of Benjamin Franklin Hall	
Project Allocation	1,900,000
(C) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation or replacement of Simon Hall	
Project Allocation	600,000
(D) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings	
Project Allocation	2,500,000
(ii) California University	
(A) Provide original furniture and equipment for facility space renovation, consolidation and demolition of academic buildings	
Project Allocation	1,500,000
(B) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings	

Project Allocation	2,000,000	(A) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation of Raub Hall	
(iii) Cheyney University		Project Allocation	2,000,000
(A) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings		(B) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings	
Project Allocation	2,000,000	Project Allocation	1,200,000
(B) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation or replacement of King and Tubman Halls		Amend Bill, page 118, line 1, by striking out "(ii)" and inserting:	
Project Allocation	2,100,000	(x)	
(iv) Clarion University		Amend Bill, page 118, by inserting between lines 4 and 5:	
(A) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings		(B) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings	
Project Allocation	2,500,000	Project Allocation	1,900,000
(v) East Stroudsburg University		(xi) Millersville University	
(A) Provide additional original furniture and equipment for renovation of Moore Biology		(A) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation or replacement of Argires Science Complex Buildings	
Project Allocation	1,000,000	Project Allocation	6,000,000
(B) Provide additional original furniture and equipment for renovation of Stroud Hall		(xii) Shippensburg University	
Project Allocation	1,500,000	(A) Provide additional original furniture and equipment for replacement of Henderson Hall	
(C) Provide additional original furniture and equipment for renovation of Gessner Science		Project Allocation	2,000,000
Project Allocation	2,000,000	(B) Provide additional original furniture and equipment for renovation of Lehman Library	
(D) Provide original furniture and equipment for facility space renovation, consolidation and demolition of academic buildings		Project Allocation	1,500,000
Project Allocation	1,500,000	(C) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation and addition of Heiges Field House	
(E) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings		Project Allocation	4,500,000
Project Allocation	2,000,000	(D) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation of Old Main, Phase 2	
(vi) Edinboro University		Project Allocation	2,500,000
(A) Provide additional original furniture and equipment for renovation of Hendricks Hall		(E) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings	
Project Allocation	1,500,000	Project Allocation	2,200,000
(B) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation of McComb Fieldhouse		(xiii) Slippery Rock University	
Project Allocation	4,500,000	(A) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation of Eisenberg Classroom Building	
(C) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings		Project Allocation	2,500,000
Project Allocation	2,000,000	(B) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation and addition of McKay Building	
Amend Bill, page 117, line 26, by striking out "(i)" and inserting:		Project Allocation	3,000,000
(vii)		(C) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings	
Amend Bill, page 117, by inserting after line 30:		Project Allocation	2,500,000
(B) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings		(xiv) West Chester University	
Project Allocation	2,000,000	(A) Provide additional funding for original furniture and equipment for renovation of FH Green Library	
(viii) Kutztown University		Project Allocation	3,000,000
(A) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation of Old Main		(B) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings	
Project Allocation	3,000,000	Project Allocation	3,500,000
(B) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation or replacement of Rickenbach Education Building		Amend Bill, page 268, by inserting between lines 14 and 15:	
Project Allocation	2,500,000	(O) Construction, infrastructure and other related costs for redevelopment of the former Paradise Golf site	
(C) Provide original furniture and equipment for renovation and construction to address deferred maintenance and capital renewal in academic buildings		Project Allocation	5,000,000
Project Allocation	1,500,000	Amend Bill, page 324, by inserting between lines 14 and 15:	
(ix) Lock Haven University			

(v) Somerset County
 (A) Infrastructure and other related costs for a flood control project in Conemaugh Township
 Project Allocation 10,000,000
 Amend Bill, page 324, line 15, by striking out "(iv) (V)" and inserting:
 (vi)
 Amend Bill, page 324, line 20, by striking out "(v) (VI)" and inserting:
 (vii)
 Amend Bill, page 329, by inserting between lines 8 and 9:
 (4) Redevelopment assistance projects, 30 years.

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?

HUGHES AMENDMENT A3593

Senator HUGHES offered the following amendment No. A3593:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 24, by striking out "\$6,130,340,000" and inserting:
 \$6,186,340,000
 Amend Bill, page 148, by inserting between lines 22 and 23:
 (i.1) Aleppo Township
 (A) Acquisition, construction, infrastructure and other related costs for an economic development project in Aleppo Township
 Project Allocation 10,000,000
 Amend Bill, page 164, line 27, by striking out "CONVESTRO" and inserting:
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 Amend Bill, page 198, by inserting between lines 8 and 9:
 (DD) Acquisition, construction, infrastructure, abatement, renovations and other related costs for the development of the Downingtown Senior Center
 Project Allocation 2,500,000
 Amend Bill, page 203, by inserting between lines 8 and 9:
 (xvi.1) West Caln Township
 (A) Acquisition, construction, infrastructure, abatement, renovations and other related costs for the Locust Lane Riding Center
 Project Allocation 2,500,000
 Amend Bill, page 305, by inserting between lines 29 and 30:
 (EEEE) Acquisition, construction, infrastructure, remediation and other related costs for the Upper Lancaster Avenue Business Corridor Project
 Project Allocation 10,000,000
 (FFFF) Acquisition, construction, infrastructure and other related costs for the Bibleway Baptist Church Community Revitalization Complex Project
 Project Allocation 5,000,000
 (GGGG) Acquisition, construction, infrastructure and other related costs for the New Africa Center
 Project Allocation 8,000,000
 (HHHH) Acquisition, construction, infrastructure and other related costs for the Paul Robeson House Project
 Project Allocation 2,000,000

(III) Acquisition, construction, infrastructure and other related costs for the House of Umoja Project
 Project Allocation 5,000,000
 (JJJJ) Acquisition, construction, infrastructure and other related costs for the North Philadelphia Revitalization Project
 Project Allocation 10,000,000
 (KKKK) Construction, infrastructure, renovations and other related costs for the Dell Music Center
 Project Allocation 1,000,000

On the question,
 Will the Senate agree to the amendment?
 It was agreed to.

And the question recurring,
 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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 917, HB 956, HB 1034, HB 1035, HB 1036, HB 1174, HB 1180, HB 1379, HB 1405 and HB 1578 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 836 (Pr. No. 1265) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 30, 2012 (P.L.574, No.59), known as the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act, further providing for sudden cardiac arrest.

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

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.

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

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

SB 906 (Pr. No. 1327) (Rereported)

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.

SB 919 (Pr. No. 1291) (Rereported)

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) (Rereported)

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.

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

SB 421 (Pr. No. 1330) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in the Secretary of the Commonwealth, providing for requirements for disapproval or decertification of voting apparatuses and for census outreach; in district election officers, further providing for compensation of district election officers; in election districts and polling places, further providing for restrictions on alteration; in nomination of candidates, further providing for petition may consist of several sheets and affidavit of circulator, for manner of signing nomination petitions and time of circulating and for nominations by political bodies; in ballots, further providing for form of official primary ballot, for form of official election ballot, for number of ballots to be printed and specimen ballots and for forms of ballots on file and open to public inspection and ballots and diagrams to be furnished to candidates and parties; in voting machines, further providing for requirements of voting machines and for form of ballot labels on voting machines; in electronic voting systems, further providing for requirements of electronic voting systems, for forms, for election day procedures and the process of voting and for post election procedures; providing for voting apparatus bonds; in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, further providing for manner of applying to vote and persons entitled to vote and voter's certificates and entries to be made in district register and numbered lists of voters and challenges, for method of marking ballots and depositing same in districts in which ballots are used, for instructions of voters and manner of voting in districts in which voting machines are used, for count and return of votes in districts in which ballots are used, for what ballots shall be counted, manner of counting and defective ballots and for canvass and return of votes in districts in which voting machines are used and providing for deadline for receipt of valid voter registration application, for appeals and for appeals to court of common pleas; in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for applications for official absentee ballots, for date of application for absentee ballot, for approval of application for absentee ballot, for absentee electors files and lists, for official absentee voters ballots, for delivering or mailing ballots, for voting by absentee electors, for canvassing of official absentee ballots and for public records; providing for voting by qualified mail-in electors; in returns of primaries and elections, further providing for manner of computing irregular ballots; providing for dissemination of information and for jurisdiction; removing references to the Traffic Court of Philadelphia; and making related repeals.

SB 694 (Pr. No. 1284) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

Amending the act of July 20, 1979 (P.L.183, No.60), known as the Oil and Gas Lease Act, providing for cross unit drilling for unconventional wells.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 2****SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

SB 421 (Pr. No. 1330) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in the Secretary of the Commonwealth, providing for requirements for disapproval or decertification of voting apparatuses and for census outreach; in district election officers, further providing for compensation of district election officers; in election districts and polling places, further providing for restrictions on alteration; in nomination of candidates, further providing for petition may consist of several sheets and affidavit of circulator, for manner of signing nomination petitions and time of circulating and for nominations by political bodies; in ballots, further providing for form of official primary ballot, for form of official election ballot, for number of ballots to be printed and specimen ballots and for forms of ballots on file and open to public inspection and ballots and diagrams to be furnished to candidates and parties; in voting machines, further providing for requirements of voting machines and for form of ballot labels on voting machines; in electronic voting systems, further providing for requirements of electronic voting systems, for forms, for election day procedures and the process of voting and for post election procedures; providing for voting apparatus bonds; in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, further providing for manner of applying to vote and persons entitled to vote and voter's certificates and entries to be made in district register and numbered lists of voters and challenges, for method of marking ballots and depositing same in districts in which ballots are used, for instructions of voters and manner of voting in districts in which voting machines are used, for count and return of votes in districts in which ballots are used, for what ballots shall be counted, manner of counting and defective ballots and for canvass and return of votes in districts in which voting machines are used and providing for deadline for receipt of valid voter registration application, for appeals and for appeals to court of common pleas; in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for applications for official absentee ballots, for date of application for absentee ballot, for approval of application for absentee ballot, for absentee electors files and lists, for official absentee voters ballots, for delivering or mailing ballots, for voting by absentee electors, for canvassing of official absentee ballots and for public records; providing for voting by qualified mail-in electors; in returns of primaries and elections, further providing for manner of computing irregular ballots; providing for dissemination of information and for jurisdiction; removing references to the Traffic Court of Philadelphia; and making related repeals.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 421?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 421.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I rise today to encourage my colleagues to support Senate Bill No. 421. First, I thank the

Governor and my Democratic and Republican colleagues. The proposed changes have certainly sparked some passionate debate on both sides, but it has always been very respectful, and that is why I am saying thank you to everyone. I understand that not everyone agrees with this bill, but I do appreciate the courteousness and the thoughtful debate.

Before getting into the merits of the bill, I want to spend a moment for my colleagues to try to understand the rational reasoning for why I introduced this bill to begin with. Elections have always been about the individual for me. Perhaps it started the first election I ever voted in, actually when I turned 18. I vividly remember voting for Jimmy Carter in the Presidential primary. I was also able to cast a vote for my mother, who was running for State Committee, and my father, who was a local committeeman on the ballot. I was just so proud to be able to push that individual button for my mom and my dad. I remember that moment vividly. I was probably never so proud.

Now, I fast-forward to 1994 when I was running for the State House and I never ran for any office before in my life. I ran for the State House, and that year, if anybody was around, was a god-awful year for Democratic candidates. When I knocked on doors, people were actually slamming the door in my face saying I am never voting for a Democrat ever again. I kept thinking to myself, and I was 32 at the time, wow, people are treating people this way and are being rude. They would not even try to listen to what I had to say. I was knocking on their door, and they would not even listen to how I stood on some of the issues. That impacted me. Then again, in that same election cycle, I remember standing outside and handing out my literature at the polls and some people actually coming up to me and saying, you know, my husband and I said we were voting straight Republican, but I did vote for you, but do not tell him. Do not tell my husband. There were a couple of other situations where people said they were determined to vote straight ticket but because I knocked on the door and we had spoken, they voted for me as a Democrat individually. That was a proud moment for me. I actually thought it was great because I earned their vote, and I will never forget that election cycle.

Mr. President, in my opinion, passing this omnibus Election Code bill will improve our democracy here in Pennsylvania. The bill makes our elections more secure by helping to pay for new voting machines with paper trails. The bill makes registering to vote easier by extending the time to register to 15 days before an election. The bill makes elections more about candidates than about the parties by eliminating the straight party ticket voting option, and by moving the deadline for absentee ballots from the Friday before the election until the day of the election it will definitely ensure that more votes will be counted. So this bill makes it easier for people to vote by allowing a no-excuse mail-in option. By any objective measure, passing this bill is in the best interest of all Pennsylvania voters. In the end, that is our job as legislators. It is our responsibility to set aside partisanship and govern in the best interests of all Pennsylvanians.

This bill does not include every reform I would like to see. I would like to see same-day registration, and I will keep fighting to allow Independents to vote in the primary. While I am disappointed that the bill would not go as far as I would like, modernizing our elections and providing greater voter access are key. Making voting easier for people cannot be bad for our democracy. Think about it, Mr. President. At this time next year, people

can be voting in their living rooms. No longer will an elderly individual or a disabled individual have to worry about finding transportation to a polling site on election day, because he or she can have their ballot delivered right to their home. In fact, some might gather together to discuss candidates on the ballot and discuss what they know about them around the dining room table. I think that is kind of cool. If you think about it, a daughter and a son and a mother and a father, they are all sitting around the dining room table and they have a mail-in ballot. They can actually talk about it, and then they can actually research the candidates whom they may not know about. I am sure some daughters and sons will probably be playing on the Internet and teaching their parents about some of the candidates. And no longer will working parents need to worry about taking time off to pick up their kids from school to take them to practice. They will not have to worry about it because they can vote at home on their own time.

Mr. President, today's reforms will allow a living room or a kitchen table to be a polling place. A ballot can come in the mail and sit on a desk or a table enabling voters to take their time researching candidates, taking the guesswork out of who is running and what they stand for. They can choose to vote when they are ready. Family members, friends, if they choose, can discuss and debate the pros and cons of candidates before voting. Mr. President, I believe the voters are the big winners with Senate Bill No. 421. People expect more convenience, and this bill delivers. Creating a no-excuse mail-in option takes voting to voters instead of making voters come to us. In a society where convenience is emphasized, where you can shop in your living room and within 24 hours a box shows up at your doorstep, our voting process is finally catching up. I am hopeful that the permanent list for mail-in ballots may increase participation in our off-year elections because voting will be so much more convenient than it is today.

Mr. President, I do believe our democracy will be stronger if more votes are counted. Our democracy will be stronger if our elections are more secure, and our democracy will be more successful if more people participate. Senate Bill No. 421 hits that mark. It makes Pennsylvania democracy stronger by improving the most critical function in any democracy, the voting system. Which is why I am proud to support this bill today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, there have been long years, many months, a significant amount of time, where I, and many of us, have worked on the issues that are in this legislation which, we need to be clear, is moving extremely fast. This bill, in particular, has had no public hearing where input can be achieved from folks across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Senate Bill No. 421, Printer's No. 1330, has not had any public hearing, has not had any public conversation, and the rush to achieve this measure in an abbreviated amount of time is concerning to me and, I think, should be concerning to all.

I will just focus on one issue, Mr. President, and it is the issue that I have spent a considerable amount of time over the last several months working on to educate my constituents, especially, around the issues of the new voting machines that will be utilized in the city of Philadelphia in this upcoming election. As you may be aware, Mr. President, this election, this first Tuesday

in November, which is, I guess, about 2 weeks from now, the city of Philadelphia will be utilizing brand-new machines that have a paper trail, which is a good thing, but also are essentially large computer tablets that our voters will be operating off of.

In this process, knowing that a number of voters need to understand how these new machines work, we have had training sessions, I believe 13 different training sessions, on the machines working very closely with the Philadelphia City Commissioners' Office, led by Commissioner Lisa Deeley, on how to utilize these new machines. We have had 13 different training sessions. They have been nonpartisan in nature, no advocacy for any particular party, no advocacy for any particular candidate. We have had 13 different sessions and, in fact, our final training session, Mr. President, is this coming Thursday evening at the Spectrum Health Services at 5201 Haverford Avenue where the new machines will be on display. There will be an active training session and folks who arrive will have the opportunity to cast their vote, not for the upcoming election, but for fictitious candidates that will appear on the ballot on this machine. We have probably trained, Mr. President, well over 1,000 individuals in this process. We have had these training sessions at churches and at senior citizen centers. We have had these training sessions at the health center that will be hosting us this Thursday evening. In fact, every Thursday we have been there.

The number one issue that all of the individuals have raised when they asked a question and when they had the opportunity to utilize the machine is, will I have the option, will I have the opportunity, to push the big lever and cast my votes that way? Will that option be available for me in the new machines to cast the big lever, to push the one button? That they can vote consistent with whatever party they may be affiliated with or whatever party they may choose to vote for at that moment. The number one issue, everything else was secondary, in every training session that we had, in the far and expansive geography of our Senatorial District, from all parts of west Philadelphia, all parts of north Philadelphia, throughout every area where we held these training sessions, first question, last question, prevailing question throughout this process has been, will I have the option, will the option be available to me, that if I do not want to go down the list and do individual voting, will I have the opportunity to, will I have the option available to me to cast one vote in whatever party I choose to cast it for? Most of these individuals were senior citizens. This is the concern that they raised. This is the issue that they talked about. Mr. President, it was overwhelming. That is what they wanted. They got comfortable with the new machines, they felt like, okay, they can manage it with these new machines, but they wanted to make sure that that option was available to them.

Quite frankly, Mr. President, we need to be clear that that option, to have that opportunity to make that choice, in this legislation will no longer be available to folks. No longer will that senior citizen or that young person have the option or have the opportunity to cast a vote for the party of the individuals they choose to vote for. That will be taken away from them. Now, there are some good things in this legislation. You cannot mask it, you cannot hide it, it is right there. There are some good things in this legislation, Mr. President. But I will assure you that if you join me on Thursday, this coming Thursday, at 5:30 at 5201 Haverford Avenue at the Spectrum Health Services Center, where we have a nonpartisan training session on these new ma-

chines, I will assure you that the number one question that the individuals there will ask is, will I have the option with the new machine to pull the big lever for the party that I choose to vote for? That will be gone. We are eliminating that option for these voters.

That is problematic, Mr. President. That is an issue that we need to be mindful of, and that is an issue that we need to be thoughtful of as we go forward should this legislation become law. Changing that, removing that option, removing that opportunity so that people can have their own choice to either vote for individuals, that is fine, or to have their own choice to vote for the one lever for the individuals affiliated with that party. They asked for that, they were consistent with that. In every one of the training sessions that we had, in schools, in senior citizen centers, in churches, after church, in health centers, in all of the places that we had, consistently over and over again, they asked for that option. It is being taken from them. That is what this legislation does.

Mr. President, because of that, because we are removing that option from these voters, something that they asked for repeatedly, will ask for again this coming Thursday evening, because of that, Mr. President, I will be casting a "no" vote and suggesting that my colleagues do the same. These individuals should have that opportunity. That option should be available to them so that they can do what it is they want to do in the voting booth on that first Tuesday in November in any election that comes their way.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I rise to oppose this legislation. I do so because we should be expanding options for voters, not eliminating them. Certainly, as my colleague, Senator Hughes, mentioned, there are some good things in the bill, more time to register folks to vote and no-fault absentee balloting. However, we unnecessarily disadvantage voters by eliminating the option to push a single button to vote for the entire ticket, for whatever party of your choice. We do that at a time when we will be rolling out new voting machines, at a time where we tend to have more voter enthusiasm during Presidential elections. This will likely lead, in many polling places, to enhancing confusion, longer lines, and voter frustration. Moreover, it is unnecessary.

For voters who wish to vote for people of multiple parties, we have that option. There is nothing in Pennsylvania law or operationally that would prevent a person from doing that. What we are merely providing is an opportunity for those people who wish and already know that they are going to vote for people of the same party to do so. In many areas, including mine in north Philadelphia, where many people are going to do that, it causes the line to move more quickly. Now, if some people need a little bit more time, they certainly have that option. But at a time when we are changing the machines, we need not add on another layer that will increase the wait time and increase the confusion.

While I certainly applaud the elements of this bill that are positive, we should not be doing anything to increase wait times and reduce voter options. So I join my colleague, Senator Hughes, and others in urging a "no" vote on this legislation.

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

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, I echo my colleagues here. There are some great things in Senate Bill No. 421 that will definitely put Pennsylvania a little bit closer to being up to date with actually having a free, fair, and accessible democracy and election process.

One of the major issues that I have with this bill is that there is no identified funding amount allocated to insure that each county has the appropriate staffing capacity to process these registration applications in time, 15 days before the election, or to process the additional influx of no-excuse absentee ballots. We will have to increase staffing in all 67 counties to accommodate these changes. Eliminating the straight-party voting option, it is not so much that the argument is that Democrats want to keep this because it gives us some sort of advantage, we are really just eliminating the choice. If you want to vote straight party, vote straight party. If you do not, you do not. To take away the choice of a voter is a compromise on democracy.

We know that down-ballot drop-off happens in all races. In the States that do not have the straight-party ticket option, down-ballot drop-off is higher. One solution, if we eliminated straight-party ticket voting, as is in this bill, would be to reverse the order of the ballot, meaning the local races would be listed at the top, and the statewide races and Federal races would be listed at the bottom of the ballot. Unfortunately, my amendment to this bill failed in the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations earlier today.

Also, this bill has been very fast-tracked, jammed through where we have heard over and over that this had been a negotiated process. I can speak for myself and some of my colleagues here, and certainly in the House, where we have not been included in those negotiations. That really leaves us at a disadvantage to try to advocate for something more than just crumbs. So, if we had mail-in voting, the option-early voting, as Senator Fontana mentioned earlier today in an attempted amendment in a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, that is better than no-excuse absentee. It allows for different provisions to submit your voter ballot in advance. It also allows for them to be counted in advance. That would have been a better option. Same day registration, a better option; instead, we took 15 days before. This is a step in the right direction. I feel as though, at this time, one of the major things that has to be discussed here is pay-to-play, and why now, ahead of this very important election, all of these changes are going to be jammed through with no public hearings. We have to do better, and I hope that, moving forward, Pennsylvania becomes a place where we actually have a true, free, and fair democracy, and until we end money in politics, have publicly funded elections where it is not dependant on your fundraising capacity, but you actually want to lead and make decisions for the moral good, we will be at a disadvantage.

So, I look forward to working on those reforms and, hopefully, that we will be able to actually establish a Pennsylvania where everyone's vote counts, and everyone has the option to vote in a free and fair democracy. Thank you.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, briefly, I was sworn into this Chamber in January of 1999 with the prime sponsor of this bill, as well as the Senator from Philadelphia. We came in together as freshmen in 1999. I can say of all the people I have

served with--a lot who have come and gone, some are still here-- I do not know of a more independent voice in this Chamber who has constantly articulated arguments, for her district, mostly, but also for reform and for change and trying to do things differently. I can remember her getting a petition to get a Special Session on eliminating property taxes that, unfortunately, was not successful at the end, but we had the Special Session to keep the conversation going. So, this is probably the most historic reform bill that we have done not only in my time, but in decades, modernizing our election process.

Not to counter, but I guess to counter some of the previous comments, the process of this bill actually began in June of 2017 when the Committee on State Government began to hold hearings over about a 27-month period of time, discussing a variety of issues dealing with election reform and trying to modernize our elections. In 2019, the base bill, the base part of this bill dealing with straight-party voting, which seems to have gotten the most attention, was the subject of a hearing in April. This bill, and other bills, were subject of hearings in April of this year by the Committee on State Government to discuss ways to, again, modernize and improve our election cycle. The base bill, again, to eliminate straight-party voting, was voted unanimously in the Committee on State Government in June of this year. Ultimately, it was amended in a different bill, but the base bill was passed out of here in June, out of committee unanimously, and had "no" votes on the floor.

All negotiations add some things and, unfortunately, lose some things. But to get to a point where there is bipartisan support to get agreement--we have a divided government in Pennsylvania, we have a Democratic Governor and a Republican legislature--there is always give and take. You have to be able to give to get. I think this bill is a product of that. The Governor led a difficult negotiation. It received 130 votes in the House, it was bipartisan, almost two-thirds of the Chamber, and we come here today. Again, every bill we can pick some pieces that we do not like about it, but I think, ultimately, this is the most significant modernization of our Election Code in decades.

I congratulate the prime sponsor for her hard work, her independent voice, not focusing on team but focusing on the people of Pennsylvania, which has been her career. So, I am excited about the reforms we have made here today. I think the people of Pennsylvania will be excited about the reforms made here today. Once it leaves here, it will go to the Governor. I believe the Governor has agreed to sign it, and we can move Pennsylvania forward on the issue of our Election Code, and I think it is a great day for Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

YEA-35

Argall	Dinniman	Laughlin	Schwank
Aument	DiSanto	Martin	Stefano
Baker	Gordner	Mastriano	Tomlinson
Bartolotta	Haywood	Mensch	Vogel
Boscola	Hutchinson	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy

Brooks	Iovino	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Browne	Kearney	Regan	Yaw
Corman	Killion	Scarnati	Yudichak
Costa	Langerholc	Scavello	

NAY-14

Blake	Fontana	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H.
Brewster	Hughes	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Collett	Leach	Street	
Farnese	Muth	Tartaglione	

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests a legislative leave for Senator DiSanto. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1

BILL AMENDED

SB 841 (Pr. No. 1323) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

Senator PITTMAN offered the following amendment No. A3603:

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 14 and 15: 3317. Expiration.

Amend Bill, page 45, by inserting between lines 23 and 24: § 3317. Expiration.

This chapter shall expire five years after the effective date of this section.

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

It was agreed to.

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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.

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

COLLETT AMENDMENT A3613 OFFERED

Senator COLLETT offered the following amendment No. A3613:

Amend Bill, page 3, line 15, by striking out "or"

Amend Bill, page 3, line 19, by striking out the period after "operations" and inserting:

; or

(3) the civil liability of a manufacturer of class B firefighting foam that contains a PFAS chemical.

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

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

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, this amendment provides clarity that manufacturers of class B firefighting foams are not immune from civil liability under the act, and I respectfully urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this amendment.

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

The yeas and nays were required by Senator COLLETT 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 PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Montgomery, Senator Collett.

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, I rise today to offer comments on Senate Bill No. 919. As many of you know, the 12th Senatorial District is home to several former and active military bases that used firefighting foams containing dangerous polyfluoroalkyl substances for decades. These chemicals contaminated the groundwater, wells, and drinking water of hundreds of thousands of past and current residents of my district, as well as that of the hardworking, patriotic military and civilian employees who worked on these bases. We know that long-term exposure to PFAS has been shown to cause various negative health effects including infertility, high cholesterol, and certain types of cancer. Military bases are not the only places where these firefighting foams have been used. These foams have been used at airports and fire training facilities, as well as at active fire sites across the Commonwealth.

By restricting and regulating the use of these firefighting foams going forward, Senator Yaw's Senate Bill No. 919 offers a degree of comfort and protection to our brave men and women firefighters and the communities they serve. Unfortunately, Senate Bill No. 919 allows PFAS containing foams to be used in training if the training facility has implemented appropriate disposal measures, yet fails to adequately define disposal. In fact, there is a very big pile of contaminated dirt that has been sitting in my district for nearly a year that demonstrates how challenging disposal can be even for United States military. Thus, the burden of containing PFAS seems to shift to fire departments that are already overburdened with their efforts to recruit, train, and maintain volunteers to protect their neighborhoods. Adding this burden to their shoulders is unfair, to say the least. While I applaud the efforts of Senate Bill No. 919, we cannot waiver in our urgency to fight ongoing contamination from these chemicals.

For my district and for my colleagues who represent other sites that have already been contaminated, this bill does not address the larger problems of how to clean up the mess and who should pay for it. Federal and State delays in setting maximum contaminant levels for PFAS and classifying them as hazardous substances have slowed, limited, or downright stopped remediation efforts. While I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on Senate Bill No. 919, I also urge them to revisit and move Senate Bill No. 581 and Senate Bill No. 582, setting an MCL, and classifying PFAS as hazardous substances to provide comprehensive relief to those suffering communities. Thank you.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-40

Argall	Corman	Martin	Stefano
Aument	DiSanto	Mastriano	Street
Baker	Fontana	Mensch	Tartaglione
Bartolotta	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
Blake	Haywood	Pittman	Vogel
Boscola	Hutchinson	Regan	Ward, Judy
Brewster	Iovino	Sabatina	Ward, Kim
Brooks	Killion	Santarsiero	Williams, Anthony H.

Browne	Langerholc	Scarnati	Yaw
Collett	Laughlin	Scavello	Yudichak

NAY-9

Costa	Hughes	Leach	Schwank
Dinniman	Kearney	Muth	Williams, Lindsey
Farnese			

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 1410 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 4**

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 694 (Pr. No. 1284) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

Amending the act of July 20, 1979 (P.L.183, No.60), known as the Oil and Gas Lease Act, providing for cross unit drilling for unconventional wells.

On the question,
Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 694?

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 694.

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-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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator BAKER, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following bills:

SB 647 (Pr. No. 807)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in budget and finance, establishing the Drug Recognition Expert Training Fund.

SB 902 (Pr. No. 1315)

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.

SB 924 (Pr. No. 1337) (Amended)

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.

HB 1402 (Pr. No. 2817) (Amended)

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

Senator MARTIN, from the Committee on Local Government, reported the following bill:

HB 1203 (Pr. No. 2814) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, further providing for money of authority.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators HUTCHINSON, AUMENT, BROWNE, BARTOLOTTA, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, KILLION, MARTIN, MASTRIANO, PHILLIPS-HILL, PITTMAN, TARTAGLIONE, VOGEL and J. WARD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 264**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing October 29, 2019, as "International Data Center Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I rise today to ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote on this resolution recognizing October 29, 2019, as "International Data Center Day" here in Pennsylvania. The data center industry has risen in importance

since the turn of the century. As society advances and develops new and exciting technologies, the importance of the Internet and data storage continue to grow. With over 50 billion smart devices in use today, more than 8 million data centers around the world are in operation 24/7, 365 to support those devices and the other data-using products. I have seen firsthand the impact that the data center industry can have on a community. Iron Mountain, a data center located in Boyers, Pennsylvania, has provided high-quality family-sustaining jobs for many families in my district. This data center, and others like it, will be a staple of tomorrow's economy.

International Data Center Day is designed to create an awareness of the data center industry, to inspire the next generation of talent, and provide the industry an opportunity to open their doors and show, in a collaborative effort, what data centers are, why they are so important to our connected world, and the wide array of career opportunities that are part of the data center industry today. Mr. President, adoption of this resolution raises awareness and knowledge of this crucial industry in Pennsylvania, which in turn helps to grow and strengthen the industry's presence in our State. I ask my colleagues for their support.

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

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

Senators DINNIMAN, SABATINA, COSTA, HUGHES, MARTIN, KILLION, BLAKE, MENSCH and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 265**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of November 2019 as "Carbon Monoxide Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I rise because when I introduced guests at the beginning of this Session, there were two parents who lost their child to carbon monoxide poisoning. There are over 20,000 people every year who go to emergency rooms, and there are over 400 deaths that occur every year. Carbon monoxide is odorless, tasteless, you cannot see it, and it is a killer. Especially as we approach winter, where many people close their windows and use this fuel, it is very important that we understand its impact. Also, Mr. President, many young people who are first driving their cars and learning this, they do not realize that if their muffler or tailpipe does not work, if they are up against a snowbank, that they also can die. Unfortunately, many of our young people do face death each year as a result of this. Hopefully, we can create more awareness.

By the way, the parents who you met at the beginning created a foundation, and through that foundation and the work that we have been able to do with them we now have in the junior driver's manual, the regular driver's manual, and what is online, information about carbon monoxide poisoning, and as they study for their driver's test, people now will be increasingly aware of it. So I hope that this resolution will be passed and we can join

with so many others, with the parents, with the foundations--and this is not the only foundation, the one in my district, dealing with this situation. Together we can unite.

Finally, let me say, Mr. President, whether it is this issue, whether it is AEDs or the issue of drugs, the real force behind the change to save lives are the parents of these children. It takes great courage, remember, on their parents' part to do this, because every time you have to go before a group to talk about the dangers or ask for additional types of tests and get the AEDs in the school, it reminds you of your own child. So hopefully, we will prevent these deaths, we will get behind the parents who are going through this suffering and doing their very best to make sure that other parents do not have to go through what they have gone through.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators BLAKE, A. WILLIAMS, PHILLIPS-HILL, FONTANA, BARTOLOTTA, DINNIMAN, BOSCOLA, MARTIN, BREWSTER, J. WARD, AUMENT, MASTRIANO, KILLION, BROWNE, HUGHES, MENSCH, SANTARSIERO, BAKER, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, PITTMAN, YUDICHAK, COSTA and SABATINA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 266**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of November 2019 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, I offer this resolution along with my friend and colleague, Senator Anthony Williams, the Democratic Whip, to bring attention to the dreadful illness and disease of pancreatic cancer. Back home, in Scranton, there is a woman who once served as First Lady of the city of Scranton, she was the wife of Mayor Jimmy Connors, and she, every year, does what I am doing here, raises attention on the dreadful impacts of this disease across our Commonwealth. I should be wearing a purple tie, because that is the color of acknowledgment for this effort.

According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 57,000 people have been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year, and more than 46,000 people are expected to die from this horrific disease. This disease, pancreatic cancer, is one of the deadliest, most aggressive, most difficult cancers in the United States, with a mortality rate of nearly 90 percent. Pennsylvania ranks fifth in the nation in pancreatic cancer diagnoses. Increased awareness about this cancer and research into early detection and effective treatment can directly enhance the good health and well-being of Pennsylvanians. My hope is that this declaration and resolution in the Senate will continue to spread awareness and assist in educating Pennsylvanians about the importance of early detection.

I would only say, Mr. President, we do some of these resolutions in a symbolic way, and that is important to get it on the record in the Journal of the Pennsylvania State Senate, but we also do it as a means to echo the voices and to remind people of the difficulties that our fellow citizens are experiencing out in our hospitals dealing with this dreadful disease. So, I appreciate the attention of my colleagues as we vote on this resolution for "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in 2019. Thank you.

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

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I thank my colleague for introducing this resolution and being responsible, but I would not be honest if I did not confess how good God is to me. Some of you know my story, some of you do not. Nine and a half years ago, I was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. As many of you know, when the doctor tells you that you have pancreatic cancer, the expectation of your survival is about 10 percent, and the expectation of you living is about a year, max. It has been 9 1/2 years since that time, praise the Lord, and I am fortunate enough to be here. My testimony today, hopefully, is going toward somebody who may be watching, somebody who may have been diagnosed, someone who may be in the throes of radiation or chemotherapy, someone who may, frankly, be on death's bed and not know that the possibility goes well beyond science. My hope is that everyone has the outcome that I do, that anyone diagnosed will see the extraordinary gifts that God has given us and the blessings that science has brought before us.

I have many people to thank for me being here today. Obviously, my doctors and the diagnosis that, frankly, many people thought was not what it was. I was actually misdiagnosed with reflux, and thank God I had a second opinion. So I encourage people to use this system that we have established in this country, which has the highest and best medical health systems in the world. I encourage people to see their doctors on a regular basis. I encourage those to follow their advice, I encourage all of us to do the things that are appropriate for our health.

But when we find ourselves in the throes of despair, when we find ourselves in a place where science cannot rescue us, that the embrace of your loved ones, your parents, your children, cannot rescue you: prayers. Prayers are the most powerful thing, a message that will be claimed and heard. I stand as a witness, I stand as a testimony, and I stand as a friend. So this is not a space and place that, today, represents Democrats or Republicans to me, it does not represent rural or suburban or urban parts of Pennsylvania. What it represents are survivors. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to have been given the gift of testimony that there is a tomorrow in the bleakest moments and that the resolution that my friend has responsibly given year after year giving testimony and breath to others are not just simply words, but they are statements indeed of what the possibility exists.

So I am grateful that my gentleman friend, Senator Blake, has done this. I am grateful, obviously, that I am here to give testimony, but, most importantly, for those who are looking, I want you to look well beyond the physical being of me and look at the possibility and promise of life. So, with that, I obviously support the resolution, and, most importantly, I thank you all for giving me the opportunity to speak.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Anthony Williams for his incredibly powerful testimony.

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

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

Senators IOVINO, MASTRIANO, TARTAGLIONE, FARNESE, BARLOTTA, J. WARD, DINNIMAN, SCHWANK, FONTANA, REGAN, MARTIN, BROWNE, BREWSTER, COLLETT, PHILLIPS-HILL, GORDNER, SANTARSIERO, HUGHES, YUDICHAK, SCAVELLO, PITTMAN, BAKER, MENSCH, COSTA, K. WARD and BLAKE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 267**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing November 11, 2019, as "Veterans Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator IOVINO. Mr. President, Veterans Day, as we know it, originated as Armistice Day, first celebrated on November 11, 1919, to commemorate the 1-year anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I on the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month of 1918. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower renamed the holiday Veterans Day to honor and recognize all living American veterans. Since then, every year on November 11, the American people have paused to reflect on the great service, sacrifice, patriotism, and heroism of our military veterans. Here in Pennsylvania, we have one of the highest veteran populations in the country, with almost 840,000 men and women who have served, representing approximately 7 percent of our population. These service members represent the very best of our Commonwealth and our country. When they returned home to resume civilian life, they applied the skills and values they gained in our nation's Armed Forces toward bettering their communities.

Veterans enrich our communities as small business owners, civic leaders, teachers, first responders, executives, skilled tradesmen, and as State Senators. Along with Senator Mastriano and myself, Senator Mensch, Senator Yaw, and Senator Aument have all served in uniform. I am proud to introduce this resolution with Senator Mastriano, a highly decorated 30-year veteran of the U.S. Army.

Americans have come to appreciate that Veterans Day is more than just about saying thank you for your service. It is about acknowledging our shared responsibility as Americans to understand the sacrifice of veterans and to appreciate how their services made our nation safer and more prosperous. We as public servants in the General Assembly have a particular obligation to serve those who served our nation. By formally recognizing November 11, Veterans Day, this resolution helps us to do just that.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin, Senator Mastriano.

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, I rise today to offer remarks in conjunction with the gentlewoman from Allegheny and Washington Counties, in observance of Veterans Day. Jesus

said in the Gospel of John, Chapter 15, "greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." In many ways, this personifies the warrior ethos of our veterans. This is an uncommon virtue in our modern times and, indeed, places veterans in a special place in our hearts. As Senator Iovino mentioned, Pennsylvania has one of the highest populations of veterans in the nation, denoting that fighting for freedom is in our DNA in this great Commonwealth.

I reflect back on the past century of warfare. Our great veterans in World War I fought off militarism, our great veterans in World War II fought against determined foes and pure wickedness in the far corners of the Earth, our great Korean War veterans held the line against the first militarized socialist attack against a free nation, and our Vietnam War veterans fought against a vicious foe in the deltas, jungles, and mountains of southeast Asia, but only to return to a generally ungrateful nation facing rejection and shame. I remember as a young man that it broke my heart that while my dad was serving in the United States Navy, that he was forbidden from wearing his uniform off base, and that he may be attacked. We owe a profound sense of gratitude and thanks to our Vietnam War-era veterans, and I encourage anyone, when you see them, thank them for their service, and welcome them home. Give them a welcome they never got back in the 1960s and 1970s. So much sacrifice.

I offer special recognition today to those of us who served during the Cold War, when the world was split along ideological lines from 1947 to 1991. On the one side was the Moscow-led atheistic Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, or USSR, where the government held control over everything. On the other side was the American-led free world. In the 1980s, I remember serving with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment along the west German borders of Czechoslovakia and East Germany being at the point at the end of the spear to protect our freedoms. We watched this godless system collapse after much sacrifice in 1989 and 1990, when the oppressed peoples in the East rose up and threw off the oppressive evil Soviet Socialist empire. I remember the images of the East Germans coming across the border as I was there, being among the first to welcome these formerly enslaved people to freedom and looking into their eyes and seeing a spark of hope. It was the first time I had seen this in the eyes of any Eastern European at the time, and it was definitely something to remember, and something that many in the world take for granted.

The commitment and dedication of our cold warriors from the United States of America and across the world, and especially in Europe, provided Europe with the longest-lasting peace they have experienced in 1,500 years, since the end of Rome, but very rarely will you hear Western Europe thank the Americans. Further to the East, we give hope to those in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Romania, and Poland looking to us to keep them safe from a growing threat. For the cold warriors, I salute your service and we honor you. Indeed, what the commitment of the United States had in our great veterans from the Cold War saved millions of lives. Winston Churchill's words about the brave men who saved the United Kingdom during the Battle of Britain seem to apply aptly to this, saying "never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

At the end of the Cold War, the academics in the west belatedly beat their chests in triumph, prophesizing a new world order, but the heart of man remains unchanged. As the Bible

rightly says, while people say peace and safety, destruction comes suddenly upon them. Many of us watched on that fateful day on August 2, 1990, as Saddam Hussein's army slammed into Kuwait and occupied that country. The United States of America responded quickly with the deployment of thousands of our men and women. Remember the uncertainty of those days? It is hard to remember since we had a great victory. How long would we be there? Would there be high casualties? My own higher headquarters ordered 10,000 bodybags, something we forget. That did a lot for our morale, I have to tell you. Would Saddam Hussein allow his armies to use chemical weapons on us as he had used against the Iranians during that decade-long war and against his own people in Iraq, the Kurdish people?

As we deployed to Saudi Arabia, I do remember, though, how the American people rallied around us. For the first time in American history, yellow ribbons went up on trees and people were telling each other to pray for our troops. Never before in my memory as a historian have I seen a nation so beseech God for His protection over our men and women in uniform, and, indeed, I saw firsthand how God heard those prayers during Operation Desert Storm. The first instance came on February 23, 1991, the day before the ground war, the minute the first tank from my regiment entered Iraq, the wind changed direction, blowing from Iraq to Saudi Arabia to the opposite direction, which meant Saddam Hussein could not use chemicals without killing his own soldiers, and answered a prayer. The second one were prayers changing the direction of a battle called the Battle of 73 Easting, which my regiment was involved with, and just as a tank battle began, an Iraqi sandstorm arrived, blinding our enemy. We liberated Kuwait, vanquished the determined foe, and came home to a grateful nation. It seemed like the ghosts of Vietnam were finally cast aside.

The 1990s was a time of transition for our veterans with costly humanitarian missions in Somalia that saved hundreds of thousands of lives, but often forgotten. Then the United States led the way to defend the people of the Balkans, especially in Bosnia, to end a genocidal civil war that the United Nations was incapable of stopping. So many of our veterans at the same time have stood vigilant along the South Korean border, and we cannot forget what happened on that fateful day of 9/11 when we were attacked by cowardly terrorists here in Pennsylvania, as well as in New York City and Washington, D.C. Our veterans stood together with allies from around the world fighting an evil enemy in Afghanistan with the longest war in American history continuing today in those high mountains of the Hindu Kush. Together, our veterans stood against the tyrant Saddam Hussein in 2003, and then continued to take on the radicals of ISIS. Our veterans have served with distinction in the far-flung places around the world in Asia, Africa, and South America, and our veterans should be able to look back with pride and satisfaction that they fought the good fight for freedom. They served our nation with honor. They stood in the gap to protect our people and our way of life. As the apostle Paul wrote, and our veterans can likewise say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

But what is next? For so many veterans, they followed General Douglas MacArthur's lead by saying, old soldiers never die, they just fade away. But I will submit to you this is no time for our veterans to fade away. Our nation and State still needs them, and I hope they continue to serve. The motivation that propelled

me to enter politics in Pennsylvania was reflecting on my own 30 years of active duty service, and the heartbreaking feeling that I had that I was turning over the State and nation in worse condition than how I received it from my father, and I could not stand aside. This is no time for any of us to fade away but to continue to stay in the fight, and to fight the good fight for freedom, but just in a different capacity. I will say to the veterans, let us stay until the job is done. Share your story, seek ways to serve, and keep fighting for freedom.

Thank you, veterans, for all you have done to defend our nation and against those who mean us harm. May God continue to shine His face upon you and may He bless this great Commonwealth. Thank you, Senator Iovino, for leading the charge on this great resolution, and together we salute all our veterans for all they have done to keep us free. Thank you.

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

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, mine is brief, but I did not want this day to pass realizing that on Veterans Day we would not be in Session. My two colleagues from Allegheny County and Franklin County really deserve the audience of all of us, but we are not all here. I did not want them to leave without knowing the fact that my father was a Korean War veteran, my grandparents were veterans of those other wars, and I was not. I am a child of privilege because I got to have a formal education off the back of a mail carrier. I got the benefit of living a life of freedom, protest, testimony, demonstration, and a lot of other things, especially in your younger years when you do not realize how people had to sacrifice in order for you to be there.

I was very familiar with the struggle of the civil rights movement. I was not necessarily as articulate about those who had to go to war until in past years I discovered the consequence of war and the remnants of that. We are still dealing with that today, mental health, drug addiction, and a variety of other things, homelessness, joblessness. The fact that we as a nation always stop and talk about how we really respect our veterans, I am not quite sure we are there. For those who have made it through, and you two are extraordinary examples and heroes of mine, beyond the legislature, beyond our party affiliation, I did not want this moment to pass for you to understand that Members of this General Assembly really do respect you for your service to our country and honor you for the value that you have given us. God bless you both.

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 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 132, SB 489, SB 530, SB 647, SB 850, SB 858, SB 895, SB 902, SB 924, SB 927, HB 57, HB 68, HB 280, HB 1203, HB 1402, HB 1522 and HB 1537.

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

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 170
TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I move that **Senate Resolution No. 170** be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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.
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
10:00 A.M.	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 570 and 784; and House Bill No. 1325)	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	TRANSPORTATION (to consider House Bill No. 1547)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bill No. 931)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bill No. 922)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I submit remarks on behalf of my colleague, Senator Tartaglione, speaking specifically to minimum wage and the demand for that increase.

The PRESIDENT. How many days has it been?

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, it has been 4,860 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last raised the minimum wage. More than 13 years ago.

Was that a trick question, Mr. President?

The PRESIDENT. No, it is for the record. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator A.H. WILLIAMS, on behalf of the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator TARTAGLIONE:)

Mr. President, today marks 4,860 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last raised the minimum wage. That is more than 13 years, and it is far too long. Mr. President, despite Pennsylvania's stagnant minimum wage, workers have a lot going for them these days. The nation's job market is strong.

This Friday, November 1, the U.S. Department of Labor will release its monthly employment update for October. I am not an economist, but I am quite confident that the new national unemployment rate contained in that report will be at or near an all-time low. I say this because last month, the rate was just 3.5 percent. That is the lowest it has been since December 1969. In fact, the national unemployment rate has been at or below 4 percent since March 2018. That is 20 consecutive months. By any historical measure, this low unemployment rate is, in effect, full employment. And it is a reason I feel compelled to sigh, or perhaps scream, every time I read or hear someone argue that we cannot raise Pennsylvania's minimum wage because it will cost us jobs. I realize that Pennsylvania's Independent Fiscal Office has predicted that my minimum wage plan, as contained in Senate Bill No. 12, might have a negative effect on many jobs. Yet, just the opposite has been happening in places where the minimum wage has already been raised.

This year alone, at least 19 States have raised their minimum wages. They are among 29 States that have raised their minimum wages above the Federal rate of \$7.25 an hour. Dozens of localities have raised their minimum wages, too. State-level and local-level minimum wage increases have become so common around the country that almost 90 percent of the nation's minimum-wage workers now make more than the Federal rate, and more than Pennsylvania's minimum-wage workers make and the nation's unemployment rate just hit its lowest level in a half-century.

Mr. President, rather than hesitating out of caution for what some predict might happen, we in the General Assembly should adopt my legislation because we know what is happening all around us. Workers in all of our neighboring States and all around the country are benefiting from a higher minimum wage. It is time that Pennsylvania's workers benefit from a higher minimum wage, too.

Thank you, Mr. President.

BILLS SIGNED

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

SB 421 and SB 694.

RECESS

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

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 6:35 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.