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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, March 25, 2020

The Senate met at 1:52 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the Chair.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. First, we have Members participating remotely. All those remotely participating, please give us a wave. Thank you very much.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 21(b), the Chair is giving the Senators notice that photographer Doug Gross, from the Republican Caucus, and photographer Dan Gleiter, from *PennLive/Patriot News*, Associated Press, have been granted permission to take still photographs on the floor of the Senate today.

For information of the Members, please remember that your microphones are muted. We will unmute all of you for each roll-call vote. You all will be unmuted for the entirety of each roll-call vote. If you want to be recognized to speak today and you have not already notified your respective Caucus counsel, please email the Secretary at the email address which was provide to you via email, which can also be found in and clicked on in the Virtual Session Desk app.

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Hon. MEGAN MARTIN, Secretary of the Senate:

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You invite all who are weary and burdened to come to You. Today, we come to You seeking Your healing and Your blessing. Allow Your healing hand to heal all those who have been sickened. Bring us health in body and in spirit so that we may serve You with all our strength. Let us continue to work together for the health and well-being of the citizens of our great Commonwealth. Help us to remember that working together, with divine assistance, we can do all things through the Lord, who gives us strength. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

RECALL OF REGULAR SESSION

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

March 24, 2020

TO: President and All Members of the Senate
FROM: Senator JOE SCARNATI
President Pro Tempore
RE: Recall to Session
Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

Consistent with the recess motion made on March 18, 2020, the Senate is recalled for voting Session on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

March 20, 2020

Senators KILLION, ARGALL, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BROOKS, KEARNEY, LANGERHOLC, LEACH, MENSCH, PITTMAN, SCHWANK, J. WARD and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 1096**, entitled:

An Act providing for fund transfers during the novel coronavirus as identified in the Governor's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued on March 6, 2020.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 20, 2020.

March 23, 2020

Senators MASTRIANO, BAKER, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, BROWNE, FONTANA, MENSCH, SCAVELLO, J. WARD, HAYWOOD, PITTMAN, STEFANO, BARTOLOTTA, BROOKS and PHILLIPS-HILL presented to the Chair **SB 1097**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 57 (Notaries Public) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in revised uniform law on notarial acts, further providing for authority to perform notarial act, providing for notarial act

performed by remotely located individual and further providing for notification regarding performance of notarial act on electronic record and selection of technology.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 23, 2020.

March 25, 2020

Senators A. WILLIAMS, MUTH, L. WILLIAMS, COLLETT, FARNESE and SANTARSIERO presented to the Chair **SB 978**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in selection, retention and removal of judicial officers, further providing for vacancies in office.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 25, 2020.

Senators BLAKE, TARTAGLIONE and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 1086**, entitled:

An Act providing for power plant host community benefit agreements between municipalities and owners of certain electric generating facilities, for power plant host community impact fees paid by affected facilities and fee uses; establishing public participation requirements; and providing for administrative fees and for duties of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 25, 2020.

Senators BLAKE, FARNESE, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 1087**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L.345, No.48), entitled "An act empowering the General Counsel or his designee to issue subpoenas for certain licensing board activities; providing for hearing examiners in the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs; providing additional powers to the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs; and further providing for civil penalties and license suspension," further providing for hearing examiners.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 25, 2020.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, FONTANA, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, COSTA, MUTH and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 1090**, entitled:

An Act providing for testing for dangerous levels of radon and remediation measures in school buildings, residential buildings, residential homes and commercial buildings; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 25, 2020.

Senators LAUGHLIN, STREET, TARTAGLIONE, LEACH, STEFANO, BOSCOLA, COLLETT, SABATINA, FARNESE, COSTA, BREWSTER, HAYWOOD, YUDICHAK, BLAKE, PITTMAN and BARTOLOTTA presented to the Chair **SB 1091**, entitled:

An Act providing for pharmaceutical transparency; establishing the Pharmaceutical Transparency Review Board and providing for its powers and duties; and establishing the Pharmaceutical Transparency Review Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 25, 2020.

Senator TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 1092**, entitled:

An Act imposing a duty on the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study relating to effects of certain areas of criminal law enforcement on budget of the Pennsylvania State Police.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, March 25, 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Members, your voices are throughout the Chamber. You will be broadcast over PCN, so it would be helpful if everybody just muted their buttons. Thank you.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

2018 ANNUAL LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE PROGRAM REPORT

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
P.O. Box 2063
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

February 4, 2020

Ms. Megan Martin
Secretary - Parliamentarian of the Senate
Senate Post Office Box 203053
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

Dear Ms. Martin:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is pleased to present to you its Annual Low-Level Radioactive Waste Program Report to the General Assembly and the Appalachian Compact Commission. This report covers the calendar year 2018.

The report provides a summary of the current activities of the Appalachian States Low-Level Waste Compact (compact), a list of all low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) generators in the compact, and the amounts of LLRW disposed by volume. It also contains a discussion of LLRW generation trends, LLRW in storage, waste minimization and financial statistics relating to all aspects of the compact.

The Pennsylvania Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Act (35 P.S. §§ 7130.101-7130.905) requires that this report be prepared each year. The enclosed report is based on data from the U.S. Department of Energy's Manifest Information Management System (MIMS). MIMS is a national database that contains the actual volume and radioactivity of LLRW disposed of at four existing LLRW disposal facilities in the country. The information on waste in storage was obtained directly from the LLRW generators.

DEP is providing a link for accessing the report online. The report can be accessed at <http://www.depgreenport.state.pa.us/elibrary/GetFolder?FolderID=4235>. If you have any questions, please contact Gregory Kauffman, Director of Legislative Affairs, by email at grekauffma@pa.gov or by telephone at 717-783-8303.

Thank you for your interest in this report and for continuing to partner with DEP to promote a clean environment and safer communities for all Pennsylvanians.

Respectfully,

PATRICK McDONNELL
Secretary

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

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ACT 36 OF 2018
EMPLOYMENT FIRST ACT**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Office of the Governor
Harrisburg

February 14, 2020

To the General Assembly
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Annual Report for the Employment First Act

Act 36 of 2018, the Employment First Act, required the Office of the Governor to submit an initial three-year plan to the General Assembly, outlining specific policies and strategies Commonwealth State agencies will adopt to implement the Employment First Act and ensure individuals with disabilities have the opportunity to achieve economic independence through competitive integrated employment.

The Office of the Governor, in collaboration with the Governor's Cabinet for People with Disabilities, developed this initial three-year plan, which outlines the Commonwealth's policy recommendations to implement the Employment First Act and identifies the lead State entity charged with implementing each recommendation. In most cases, the recommendations in this initial plan will be implemented through inter-agency partnerships and in collaboration with Employment First stakeholders.

Act 36 of 2018 also requires the Office of the Governor to submit an annual report to the General Assembly every year by January 30. This first annual report, builds on this initial three-year plan to include specific, measurable performance indicators and the implementation status of each policy recommendation. This information is based on the actions taken in the last six months since the publishing of the three-year plan by the various agencies identified as State leads in the original plan. These indicators are informed by the feedback and priorities of the Employment First Oversight Commission, and the measurable goals and objectives the commission published in its first annual report from Oct. 1, 2019.

The Wolf Administration has made substantial progress collaborating with the Employment First Oversight Commission and other stakeholders to further develop this comprehensive plan to advance Employment First across the Commonwealth and improve employment outcomes for Pennsylvanians with disabilities.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. This report will be filed in the library.

**2018-19 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
P.O. Box 2063
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

February 25, 2020

To the General Assembly
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: 2018-19 ANNUAL REPORT

Enclosed herewith is the Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority for 2018-19.

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

**ANALYSIS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
MINIMUM WAGE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Labor and Industry
651 Boas Street, Room 1700
Harrisburg, PA 17121-0750

March 2, 2020

The Honorable Megan Martin
Secretary of the Senate, Pennsylvania State Senate
462 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

The Honorable Dave Reddecliff
Chief Clerk, Pennsylvania House of Representatives
129 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Secretary Martin and Chief Clerk Reddecliff:

The Pennsylvania Minimum Wage Act directs the Department of Labor & Industry to produce an annual report detailing data on the previous calendar year's demographics and any other relevant characteristics of workers paid at or below the minimum wage. The required report is due to the General Assembly by March 1st of each year.

It is my pleasure to provide the *2020 Analysis of the Pennsylvania Minimum Wage* report as approved by the Minimum Wage Advisory Board and required by the Act.

An electronic version of the report, and a direct link to the document on the Department's website, will be provided via email to each member of the General Assembly as well.

Sincerely,

JERRY OLEKSIK
Secretary

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. This report will be filed in the library.

**2019 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Labor and Industry
651 Boas Street, Room 1700
Harrisburg, PA 17121-0750

March 4, 2020

The Honorable Megan Martin
Secretary of the Senate, Pennsylvania State Senate
462 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

The Honorable Dave Reddecliff
Chief Clerk, Pennsylvania House of Representatives
129 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Secretary Martin and Chief Clerk Reddecliff:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Workforce Development Board (PA WDB), it is my pleasure to present the Board's 2019 Annual Report to the General Assembly.

This report satisfies the board's responsibility under the Pennsylvania Workforce Development Act to provide annual updates by March 1st on the performance of the workforce development system and share the annual reports submitted by local workforce development boards.

An electronic version of the report and a direct link to the document on the Department's website will be provided via email to each member of the General Assembly as well.

Sincerely,

JERRY OLEKSIK
Secretary

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. This report will be filed in the library.

**ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF
THE CONSTRUCTION WORKPLACE
MISCLASSIFICATION ACT**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Labor and Industry
651 Boas Street, Room 1700
Harrisburg, PA 17121-0750

March 4, 2020

The Honorable Megan Martin
Secretary of the Senate, Pennsylvania State Senate
462 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

The Honorable Dave Reddecliff
Chief Clerk, Pennsylvania House of Representatives
129 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Secretary Martin and Chief Clerk Reddecliff:

The Construction Workplace Misclassification Act requires the Department of Labor and Industry to submit annually, by March 1, a report to the Pennsylvania General Assembly detailing data on the previous calendar year's administration and enforcement of the Act.

It is my pleasure to provide the report titled *Administration and Enforcement of the Construction Workplace Misclassification Act* as required by the statute.

An electronic version of the report, and a direct link to the document on the Department's website, will be provided via email to each member of the General Assembly as well.

Sincerely,

JERRY OLEKSIK
Secretary

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

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Community and Economic Development
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

March 12, 2020

To the General Assembly
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Enclosed herewith is the Report to the General Assembly of the Neighborhood Assistance Program.

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journal of the Session of January 27, 2020, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of January 27, 2020.

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For the Members on the video conference, your mics will be unmuted so that you may vote. So keep in mind your mics are unmuted during the roll-call vote.

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-50

Argall	Dinniman	Leach	Stefano
Arnold	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	

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journal is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair would like to make one more recommendation for those on the video conferencing. If you have a TV on or a feed on that is not with the video conference, please shut it off because it is creating an echo within the Chamber. So please shut off any TVs that you have during this process. Thank you.

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held immediately here on the Senate Chamber floor.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For the information of the Members, when we recess for the committee meetings today, all Members are asked to please remain in the Zoom room. Do not log off. All microphones will be muted except for those Members participating in a committee meeting. This will help us with a smoother Session day.

For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 64, HB 355, SB 417, SB 462, SB 494, SB 679, SB 693, HB 775, SB 798, HB 1045, HB 1379, HB 1405 and HB 1522 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 207, SB 258, SB 284 and HB 342 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 368 (Pr. No. 1383) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for notification to department and development of plan of safe care for children under one year of age.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 377 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 422 (Pr. No. 1088) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in training and certification of inspectors, further providing for training of inspectors

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 531, SB 565 and HB 584 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 606 (Pr. No. 791) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for expedited partner therapy and for liability.

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.

HB 732 (Pr. No. 960) -- 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 realty transfer tax, further providing for excluded transactions.

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.

HB 752 (Pr. No. 802) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in property and buildings, further providing for price paid for acquisitions and improvements.

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 766 and **SB 784** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 809 (Pr. No. 1387) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Judicial Conduct Board, further providing for staff and operations and establishing the Pennsylvania Commission on Legislative Conduct.

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

SB 809 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 809, Printer's No. 1387, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be placed on the Calendar.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 863 (Pr. No. 1224) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 48 (Lodging and Housing) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hotels, further providing for definitions, for hotelkeepers, for notice to boarders to lock rooms, for lien, warrant, sale and right of redemption, for liability for property loss or damage, for special arrangements for safe deposit of valuables, for duty of guest, for other liability, for exemption from levy or sale, for baggage, for baggage sale requirements, for sale proceeds, providing for abandoned property and further providing for tourist camp heater safety.

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

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

SB 932 (Pr. No. 1358) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in volunteer firefighters, further providing for definitions.

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

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

SB 934 (Pr. No. 1515) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in departmental powers and duties as to licensing, further providing for right to enter and inspect.

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

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

SB 935 (Pr. No. 1516) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 27, 1927 (P.L.465, No.299), referred to as the Fire and Panic Act, further providing for standards for Class VI buildings.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 954 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 958 (Pr. No. 1514) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in manufacture and supply of electricity, further providing for specific powers.

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

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

SB 987 (Pr. No. 1450) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, further providing for definitions and for State Fire Commissioner, providing for curriculum and training, further providing for Pennsylvania State Fire Academy and for Fire Safety Advisory Committee.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 995 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 996 (Pr. No. 1461) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in emergency medical services system, further providing for basic life support ambulances.

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

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

SB 1030 (Pr. No. 1489) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L.1535, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, further providing for official plans.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 1058 (Pr. No. 1675) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act requiring that information on the option of perinatal support care programs be given to a woman after diagnosis of a life limiting condition; and imposing penalties.

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1174 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1751 (Pr. No. 3275) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) and 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in associations and organizations relating to boroughs, further providing for authorization and expenses; and, in city officers and employees relating to third class cities, further providing for Pennsylvania Municipal League and other municipal affairs organizations.

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1907 (Pr. No. 2674) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge carrying State Route 1025 over U.S. Route 11/15 in East Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County, as the Senator Hal Mowery Memorial Bridge.

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

RESOLUTION LAID ON THE TABLE

SR 179 (Pr. No. 1043)

A Resolution petitioning the Congress of the United States to extend daylight saving time throughout the year across the country.

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

HB 68 (Pr. No. 3499) (Amended) (Rereported)

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, providing for unemployment compensation benefit notification by employers, in contributions by employers and employees, further providing for relief from charges; and providing for emergency provisions related to COVID-19.

HB 280 (Pr. No. 881) (Rereported)

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 1210 (Pr. No. 1490) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, repealing provisions relating to report of racial and ethnic groupings, to study of public schools that provide Internet instruction, to corporate seal, to submission of plans, to disapproval of plans, to Department of Public Instruction to prepare plans, to establishment of reorganized school districts, to advance establishment, to special school watchmen-school districts in townships of the second class, to copies of school laws, to educational broadcasting, to residences for teachers and janitors, to heating stoves to be shielded, to ventilation and thermometer, to fireproof construction, to doors to open outward and fire escapes, etc., to completion of abandoned WPA projects in districts of the third and fourth class, to condition of grounds and shade trees, to summer schools, etc., to possession of telephone pagers prohibited, to nonprofit school food program, to antitruancy programs, to medical care for children under six with defective hearing, to report, to care and treatment of pupils, to local wellness policy, to foreign language academies, to monthly reports to school directors of the districts second, third and fourth class, to Read to Succeed Program, to department duties and powers, to schools or classes, supervisors, principals, instructors, etc., to estimate of expenses and reimbursements and appropriations, to teachers of evening schools, to duties of public institutions of higher education, to medical education loan assistance and to special study on the revenue impact of out-of-State tax credits.

HB 1232 (Pr. No. 3500) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, providing for emergency finance and tax provision; in additional special funds, providing for COVID-19 response transfers and for the Enhanced Revenue Collection Account; in 2018-2019 budget implementation, further providing for Department of Revenue; and making an editorial change.

MOTION PURSUANT TO SENATE RULE 12

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, as a special order of business, I call up Senate Supplemental Calendar No. 1, House Bill No. 68 and House Bill No. 1232, and move the Senate proceed to consider House Bill No. 68 and House Bill No. 1232, notwithstanding the provisions of Senate Rule 12(m)(2).

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1**

**BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

HB 68 (Pr. No. 3499) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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, providing for unemployment compensation benefit notification by employers, in contributions by employers and employees, further providing for relief from charges; and providing for emergency provisions related to COVID-19.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair would like to make an announcement, would those participating on the video conference turn off any TVs that are on in the background. Also, we will be taking a slow roll-call vote in which the mics will be unmuted, so as we go through the roll-call vote until we are finished, your mics will be unmuted.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senator Tartaglione would like to submit remarks for the record.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. 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 Allegheny, Senator COSTA, on behalf of the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator TARTAGLIONE:)

Mr. President, I rise today to speak in support of the amended House Bill No. 68 and urge my colleagues to adopt the legislation.

As all Pennsylvanians grapple with the many challenges presented by the coronavirus pandemic, the plight of workers and their employers requires our utmost attention. Time and resources are essential both medically and financially. Just as the thousands of individuals afflicted by this illness need time and resources to recover, displaced workers and their employers need time and resources to get back on their feet again.

This legislation provides them with the time and resources they need by helping to mitigate the financial setbacks caused by coronavirus. People who suddenly, with little or no warning, find themselves out of work cannot afford to wait a week or more to learn when, or if, they will be collecting another paycheck. They need income now. House Bill No. 68, as amended, meets this need by codifying the Wolf administration's waiver of the one-week waiting period for Unemployment Compensation. It also codifies the administration's waiver of work search and registration requirements, so that - during this emergency - displaced workers can dedicate their time to more pressing needs like ensuring the health and safety of their families, without disqualifying themselves from UC eligibility.

In addition, amid the shock and despair of losing their jobs, displaced workers must know their options right away. They must know where to turn. They must know what compensation is available, where it is available, and how to obtain it. Individual employers are in the best position to provide this information. This amendment ensures that displaced workers get the information they need as quickly and efficiently as possible from their employers upon their release from the job. Likewise, employers are facing many tough decisions about how they will proceed during the coronavirus emergency, and how those decisions will impact their futures beyond the emergency. As they consider all the factors, employers should know that they will not be obligated to pay benefit charges arising from unemployment claims caused by the coronavirus emergency.

This legislative relief will help to sustain employers through the emergency and help them to rebuild for a prosperous future. Therefore, I respectfully urge my colleagues to vote in favor of the amended House Bill No. 68.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Table with 4 columns of names: Argall, Arnold, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Blake, Boscola, Brewster, Brooks, Browne, Collett, Corman, Costa, Dinniman, DiSanto, Farnese, Fontana, Gordner, Haywood, Hughes, Hutchinson, Iovino, Kearney, Killion, Langerholc, Leach, Martin, Mastriano, Mensch, Muth, Phillips-Hill, Pittman, Regan, Sabatina, Santarsiero, Scarnati, Scavello, Stefano, Street, Tartaglione, Tomlinson, Vogel, Ward, Judy, Ward, Kim, Williams, Anthony H., Williams, Lindsey, Yaw, Yudichak

NAY-0

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

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

HB 1232 (Pr. No. 3500) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, providing for emergency finance and tax provisions; in additional special funds, providing for COVID-19 response transfers and for the Enhanced Revenue Collection Account; in 2018-2019 budget implementation, further providing for Department of Revenue; and making an editorial change.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Table with 4 columns of names: Argall, Arnold, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Blake, Boscola, Brewster, Dinniman, DiSanto, Farnese, Fontana, Gordner, Haywood, Hughes, Hutchinson, Leach, Martin, Mastriano, Mensch, Muth, Phillips-Hill, Pittman, Regan, Stefano, Street, Tartaglione, Tomlinson, Vogel, Ward, Judy, Ward, Kim, Williams, Anthony H.

Table with 4 columns of names: Brooks, Browne, Collett, Corman, Costa, Iovino, Kearney, Killion, Langerholc, Laughlin, Sabatina, Santarsiero, Scarnati, Scavello, Schwank, Williams, Lindsey, Yaw, Yudichak

NAY-0

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

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

HOUSE MESSAGES

SENATE BILLS RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate SB 422 and SB 751, 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 pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held immediately here on the Senate Chamber floor.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations which will commence immediately on the floor, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 422 (Pr. No. 1608) (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 county boards of elections, further providing for powers and duties of county boards; in ballots, further providing for forms of ballots, printing ballots, numbers; in electronic voting systems, further providing for forms, for election day procedures and the process of voting and for post election procedures; in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, further providing for manner of applying to vote, persons entitled to vote, voter's certificates, entries to be made in district register, numbered lists of voters, challenges and for deadline for receipt of valid voter registration application; in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for applications for official absentee ballots, for approval of application for absentee ballot, for absentee and mail-in electors files and lists, for

official absentee voters ballots, for envelopes for official absentee ballots, for delivering or mailing ballots, for voting by absentee electors, for canvassing of official absentee ballots and mail-in ballots and for public records and repealing provisions relating to violation of provisions relating to absentee voting; in voting by qualified mail-in electors, further providing for qualified mail-in electors, for applications for official mail-in ballots, for approval of application for mail-in ballot, for official mail-in elector ballots, for envelopes for official mail-in ballots, for voting by mail-in electors and for public records and repealing provisions relating to violation of provisions relating to mail-in voting; providing for Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board; in penalties, further providing for violations of provisions relating to absentee electors ballots; providing for emergency provisions for 2020 general primary election; and making a related repeal.

SB 751 (Pr. No. 1599) (Rereported) (Concurrence)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in professional employees, further providing for rating system and for persons to be suspended and providing for a revised rating system; and, in terms and courses of study, providing for pandemic of 2020.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 2**

SB 751 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 751 (Pr. No. 1599) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 2 of Supplemental Calendar No. 2, by Senator CORMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 751 (Pr. No. 1599) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in professional employees, further providing for rating system and for persons to be suspended and providing for a revised rating system; and, in terms and courses of study, providing for pandemic of 2020.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 751?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. 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. 751.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, while all of us unite in support of the School Code bill in this time of crisis, we need to be honest and say while this bill calls for continuity of education, while our schools are closed, that many districts and the Commonwealth as a whole are not prepared to deliver such continuity. This legislature needs to ramp up our efforts in support of school districts in this endeavor. We need to call upon our parents, teachers, and retired educators to assist in this needed continuity. Briefly, understand that over 50 percent of the students in

Philadelphia, if the solution so far has only been online learning, over 50 percent of the students in Philadelphia have no access to online learning. Vast areas of our rural portions of this Commonwealth have no access to broadband.

All I am trying to say, Mr. President, is of course we support this bill, but the legislature, the Department of Education, and each and every one of us as Senators need to assist our local districts so that we can bring about the continuity of education in this crisis. Already, three States have ended their schools for this school year. We do not know what the future holds for us all, but I am simply rising in support of the bill and urging all of us to assist and get involved in this matter of the continuity of education for each and every student of the Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, our Commonwealth faces an unprecedented time in its history. As I speak these words remotely, much uncertainty remains. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed every facet of our lives. We seek a return to normalcy; yet, we have a duty to press forward and deal with the issues at hand. I, as you, do not take these duties lightly. Since this pandemic reared its ugly head and mandated school closures across this Commonwealth, we have been working on addressing many issues. This bill is a result of those efforts. This bill is not partisan. This bill is about the students of this great Commonwealth. This bill will serve as a template as we continue to navigate uncharted waters. We do not know exactly when our students will return to school, but we do know that this bill will help ease that transition back and provide all available resources to insure that our students succeed.

I thank all my colleagues in the Senate and the House, and the multitude of stakeholders who assisted with valuable input in this process, and I ask for an affirmative vote.

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-50

Argall	Dinniman	Leach	Stefano
Arnold	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	

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.

MOTION PURSUANT TO SENATE RULE 12

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, as a special order of business, I call up Senate Supplemental Calendar No. 2, Senate Bill No. 422, and move the Senate proceed to consider Senate Bill No. 422, notwithstanding the provisions of Senate Rule 12(m)(2).

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

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

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 422 (Pr. No. 1608) -- 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 county boards of elections, further providing for powers and duties of county boards; in ballots, further providing for forms of ballots, printing ballots, numbers; in electronic voting systems, further providing for forms, for election day procedures and the process of voting and for post election procedures; in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, further providing for manner of applying to vote, persons entitled to vote, voter's certificates, entries to be made in district register, numbered lists of voters, challenges and for deadline for receipt of valid voter registration application; in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for applications for official absentee ballots, for approval of application for absentee ballot, for absentee and mail-in electors files and lists, for official absentee voters ballots, for envelopes for official absentee ballots, for delivering or mailing ballots, for voting by absentee electors, for canvassing of official absentee ballots and mail-in ballots and for public records and repealing provisions relating to violation of provisions relating to absentee voting; in voting by qualified mail-in electors, further providing for qualified mail-in electors, for applications for official mail-in ballots, for approval of application for mail-in ballot, for official mail-in elector ballots, for envelopes for official mail-in ballots, for voting by mail-in electors and for public records and repealing provisions relating to violation of provisions relating to mail-in voting; providing for Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board; in penalties, further providing for violations of provisions relating to absentee electors ballots; providing for emergency provisions for 2020 general primary election; and making a related repeal.

On the question, Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 422?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. 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. 422.

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Mercer, Senator Brooks.

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

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

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Mercer, Senator BROOKS:)

Mr. President, I want to express my concern that some of the provisions of Senate Bill No. 422 have been extended to the general election. One of these concerns includes pre-canvassing efforts, which I believe would be best launched on a trial basis in the primary election only.

I believe there is value in applying some of these new processes put in place by Senate Bill No. 422 only to the primary election. This would enable Pennsylvania to identify any potential problems with these new processes and correct them if they were then in turn to be added to the general election.

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-50

Table listing names of Senators who voted 'YEA' for SB 422, including Argall, Arnold, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Blake, Boscola, Brewster, Brooks, Browne, Collett, Corman, Costa, Dinniman, DiSanto, Farnese, Fontana, Gordner, Haywood, Hughes, Hutchinson, Iovino, Kearney, Killion, Langerholz, Laughlin, Leach, Martin, Mastriano, Mensch, Muth, Phillips-Hill, Pittman, Regan, Sabatina, Santarsiero, Scarnati, Scavello, Schwank, Stefano, Street, Tartaglione, Tomlinson, Vogel, Ward, Judy, Ward, Kim, Williams, Anthony H., Williams, Lindsey, Yaw, and Yudichak.

NAY-0

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

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

HB 716 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 716, Printer's No. 2007, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill 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

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020

10:00 A.M. INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS (public hearing on Red Tape Reduction) 2906 Copperleaf Dr., Erie CANCELLED

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 1050, 1051, 1052, 1053, 1054, 1055, 1056, 1057, 1058, 1059, 1060, 1061, 1062, 1063, 1064 and 1093)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	FINANCE (to consider House Bills No. 1083 and 1796)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 841 and certain Executive Nominations)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 1027 and 1097)	Senate Chamber LIVE STREAMED)

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senator Tartaglione would like to submit remarks for the record. Thank you, sir.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. 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 Allegheny, Senator COSTA, on behalf of the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator TARTAGLIONE:)

Mr. President, today marks 5,008 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last raised the minimum wage. That is more than 13 1/2 years and it is far too long. With each passing day, the reality becomes clearer and clearer. As States and localities around the nation raise their minimum wages above the woefully inadequate Federal rate of \$7.25 an hour, we in the Pennsylvania General Assembly continue to neglect the needs and the will of our constituents. It is not like this in most States.

Last month, Pew Research Center published a report stating that 61% of all U.S. wage and salaried workers, roughly 91 million people, work in jurisdictions where the minimum wage is greater than \$7.25. That includes 29 States, the District of Columbia, and 46 cities and counties. In Nevada, the minimum wage is \$8.25. That is at the low end of the pay scale. For the largest employers in Seattle, Washington, the minimum wage is \$16.39. That is the highest rate in the country.

Like Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth of Virginia is one of just 21 States where \$7.25 is still the law of the land. Yet, earlier this month, the Virginia House and Senate each adopted a compromise bill that will raise their minimum wage to \$9.50 next January, \$11 in 2022, and \$12 in 2023. I mention Virginia because it demonstrates what lawmakers can accomplish when we work across the political and ideological boundaries that we allow to define us. Minimum wage was not a slam dunk in Virginia. There were opposing views even within the Democratic Party that now controls both chambers. Some lawmakers wanted a \$15 minimum wage. Others argued \$15 would be too great a step for many of the State's smaller employers and those in rural areas. Some legislators proposed regionalizing the minimum wage to account for economic differences between the more affluent areas like northern Virginia and areas where the cost of living is less expensive. Others noted that only about one in four Virginians of color live in the areas that would likely see the largest minimum wage increases under a regional plan, so a regional minimum wage law would not be fair to them. Virginia lawmakers even debated whether to exclude certain groups of workers from the higher minimum wage. The bill, as adopted, excludes agricultural workers and students, among others. On the other hand, domestic workers and people with intellectual disabilities will be pro-

tected under the new law. In the end, what is happening in Virginia and what has already happened in most of the country stands in stark contrast to what has been happening here in Pennsylvania, or shall I say, what has not been happening here.

In the Pennsylvania Senate, we were able to adopt a compromise minimum wage bill last year. But our progress fell on deaf ears among the House Leadership. As a result, we are back to square one. We are not talking about different ways we might address our many legitimate concerns about minimum wage. We are not improving the lives of low-wage Pennsylvanians and their families. And, with each passing day, we are falling further behind the rest of the United States.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, for the information of the Members, first, I thank all of the Members for their patience in the historic Session we have held here today. I know there were some bumps along the way, but I think we accomplished a great deal for the people of Pennsylvania today in a bipartisan fashion, passing four significant bills unanimously. But for the information of the Members, we are now going to go at ease while we wait for the bills to be returned from the House. There will be no further votes today. Once we receive these bills back from the House, they will be signed, and the Senate will then recess to the call of the President pro tempore.

Thank you, Mr. President.

(The Senate was at ease.)

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 68** and **HB 1232**.

BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bills:

SB 422, SB 751, HB 68 and HB 1232.

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until the call of the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate stands in recess until the call of the President pro tempore.

AFTER RECESS

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

RECESS

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, April 6, 2020, at 1:15 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 10:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.