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SENATE

FRIDAY, September 4, 2020

The Senate met at 12:50 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Ryan P. Aument) in the Chair.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE DISPENSED WITH

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, we will dispense with the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance for today's Session.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

RECALL OF REGULAR SESSION

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

September 4, 2020

TO: President and All Members of the Senate

FROM: Senator JOE SCARNATI
President Pro Tempore

RE: Recall to Non-Voting Session
Friday, September 4, 2020, 12:50 p.m.

Consistent with the recess motion made on September 3, 2020, the Senate is recalled for non-voting session on Friday, September 4, 2020, at 12:50 p.m. for the purpose of reading communications and committee reports, and first readings of bills. There will be no roll call votes during session.

BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

September 4, 2020

Senators HUGHES, LEACH, KEARNEY, COSTA, STREET, MUTH, SCHWANK and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 964**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, September 4, 2020.

CALENDAR

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

HB 2626 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

HB 2626 (Pr. No. 4335) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 9 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PHILLIPS-HILL, as a Special Order of Business.

RECONSIDERATION OF HB 2626

HB 2626 (Pr. No. 4335) -- Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 2626, Printer's No. 4335, received first consideration.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

BILL RECOMMITTED

HB 2626 (Pr. No. 4335) -- 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 Secretary of the Commonwealth, providing for reports on implementation of elections; in county boards of elections, further providing for powers and duties of county boards, for records and documents to be open to public inspection and proviso, for preservation of records and for watchers or attorneys at sessions of county board and candidates may be present; in district election officers, further providing for qualifications of election officers and for appointment of watchers; in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for applications for official absentee ballots, for date of application for absentee ballot, for official absentee voters ballots, for delivering or mailing ballots, for voting by absentee electors and for canvassing of official absentee ballots and mail-in ballots; in Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors Advisory Board, providing for SURE requirements; in voting by qualified mail-in electors, further providing for applications for official mail-in ballots, for date of application for mail-in ballot, for official mail-in elector ballots, for delivering or mailing ballots and for voting by mail-in electors; in penalties, providing for an enhancement of penalties for certain violations; and making an editorial change.

Upon motion of Senator PHILLIPS-HILL, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on State Government.

HB 2787 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

HB 2787 (Pr. No. 4334) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 10 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PHILLIPS-HILL, as a Special Order of Business.

RECONSIDERATION OF HB 2787

HB 2787 (Pr. No. 4334) -- Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 2787, Printer's No. 4334, received first consideration.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?
A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

BILL RECOMMITTED

HB 2787 (Pr. No. 4334) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, providing for precautions against spread of COVID-19; and, in terms and courses of study, providing for sports and extracurricular activities during COVID-19 pandemic.

Upon motion of Senator PHILLIPS-HILL, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Education.

RECESS

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Education to be held at 1 p.m. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Senate will return to Session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Education to be held at 1 p.m., without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

REMAINING CALENDAR OVER IN ORDER

Upon motion by Senator PHILLIPS-HILL, all remaining bills and resolutions on the Calendar not considered were passed over in their order.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

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

HB 2787 (Pr. No. 4334) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, providing for precautions against spread of COVID-19; and, in terms and courses of study, providing for sports and extracurricular activities during COVID-19 pandemic.

BILL ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of the bill reported from committee for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.
The bill was as follows:

HB 2787.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

1:00 P.M.	EDUCATION (to consider House Bill No. 2787)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

10:00 A.M.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (public hearing on Department of Health COVID-19 contact tracing mobile app oversight and review)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
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11:00 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider House Bills No. 763 and 2513)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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12:00 P.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing to review the February 2020 report of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee entitled "A Study of the Impact of Venue for Medical Professional Liability Actions")	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. (LIVE STREAMED)
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12:30 P.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bill No. 1164; and House Bills No. 885, 908, 1408, 1582, 1647, 2044 and 2536)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
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1:30 P.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public hearing on status of PHFA Mortgage and Rental Assistance Programs/ Impact of Pandemic on Housing)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
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Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 5, 253, 793, 835 and 1170; and House Bills No. 1033, 1439, 1584, 1696, 1984, 2025 and 2787)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
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Off the Floor	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (to consider Senate Bill No. 487; and House Bill No. 2348) C A N C E L L E D	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Resolution No. 353; and certain Executive Nominations)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 1190, 1241 and 1280; and House Bill No. 2626)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

9:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing to discuss a proposed rulemaking: Water Quality Standards for Manganese and Implementation (#7-553))	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
10:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 101, 845 and 1281)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 833 and 1033; and House Bills No. 1747, 2175 and 2176)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. (LIVE STREAMED)
11:15 A.M.	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (to consider House Bill No. 777)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
11:30 A.M.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (to consider Senate Bill No. 487; and House Bill No. 2348)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
11:30 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bill No. 1309; and House Bills No. 2353, 2354 and 2440)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 1226, 1307 and 1314; and House Bills No. 2513 and 2626)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Resolution No. 353; and certain Executive Nominations)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

9:00 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (informational meeting regarding mental health awareness in agriculture)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
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RECESS

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 3 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 1:09 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.