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SENATE

MONDAY, October 5, 2020

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

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

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul says, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned.

What beautiful words and what a beautifully simple, yet impactful, message for all of us today. Lord, help us to think about the good things, especially in these difficult days. Help us to seek what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious, and worthy of praise in all that we say and do. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

**RECALL COMMUNICATIONS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communications in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

September 23, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 1, 2020, of Rebecca Dombrowsky, 669 Rockwood Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the

State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2022, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Barbara McIlvaine Smith, West Chester, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

September 23, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 1, 2020, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2022, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Harold Shields, Pittsburgh, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

September 28, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated June 18, 2020, of Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice the Honorable Susan Peikes Gantman, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MILK MARKETING BOARD

September 28, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated June 18, 2020, of Rebecca Dombrowsky, 669 Rockwood Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Milk Marketing Board, to serve until May 1, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Carol Hardbarger, Newport, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

September 28, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated June 18, 2020, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the Counties of Juniata and Perry, Magisterial District 41-3-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice the Honorable Daniel McGuire, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

October 5, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 12, 2020, of Umar Farooq, 1204 Crespo Lane, Bensalem 19020, Bucks County, Sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve until June 19, 2021, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Nirmal Joshi, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communications in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

September 23, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Denise Dennis, 3900 Ford Road, Apt. 11-I, Philadelphia 19131, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2022, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Barbara McIlvaine Smith, West Chester, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

September 23, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, William Gindlesperger, 165 Highfield Lane North, Chambersburg 17201, Franklin County, Thirty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2022, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Harold Shields, Pittsburgh, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

September 23, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, B. Michael Schaul, 840 Allenvue Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2022, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Thomas Muller, Macungie, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

September 23, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Cynthia Shapira, 111 Hawthorne Road, Pittsburgh 15238, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2022, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

September 23, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Larry Skinner, 5608 Wynnefield Road, Philadelphia 19131, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2022, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Audrey Bronson, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

September 23, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Janet Yeomans, 517 Kauffman Street, Philadelphia 19147, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2022, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF Governor

CORONER, BERKS COUNTY

September 28, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Coroner, in and for the County of Berks, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice Dennis Hess, resigned.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND [sic] SALESPERSONS

September 28, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Kirk Davis, 1709 Crestline Street, Pittsburgh 15221, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufactur-

ers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

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 2513.

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate SB 1216, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

September 25, 2020

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, J. WARD, ARGALL, MARTIN, KILLION, PITTMAN, AUMENT, HUTCHINSON, MASTRIANO and STEFANO presented to the Chair SB 1293, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in certification of teachers, further providing for locally issued temporary certification for substitute teachers.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, September 25, 2020.

Senators BLAKE, HAYWOOD, SANTARSIERO, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, COSTA, MENSCH, BROWNE and SCHWANK presented to the Chair SB 1326, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in tax credit eligibility, further providing for definitions and for eligibility and providing for independent audit for tax credits, for additional requirements for certain tax credits, for independent audit for certain tax benefits, for additional requirements for certain tax benefits, for broker licensing, for tax credit administration, for tax benefit administration and for guidelines; in research and development tax credit, further providing for credit for research and development expenses and for report to General Assembly; in keystone innovation zones, further providing for keystone innovation zone tax credits and for annual report; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, September 25, 2020.

Senators DINNIMAN, KILLION, BOSCOLA, MARTIN, SABATINA, FARNESE, LEACH, J. WARD, SCAVELLO, DiSANTO, PITTMAN, COSTA and BLAKE presented to the Chair **SB 1332**, 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, further providing for health services; and, in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, further providing for State reimbursement for health services.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, September 25, 2020.

Senators DINNIMAN, KILLION, SANTARSIERO, ARNOLD, PHILLIPS-HILL, BREWSTER, COLLETT, COSTA, STEFANO and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 1333**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Good Canine Care Program; providing for duties of the Department of Agriculture.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, September 25, 2020.

Senator LANGERHOLC presented to the Chair **SB 1334**, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8365, carrying Pennsylvania Route 53 over Little Conemaugh River in Croyle Township, Cambria County, as the Private Fredrick Kinley Memorial Bridge.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, September 25, 2020.

September 29, 2020

Senators HUTCHINSON, MARTIN, J. WARD, SCHWANK and KEARNEY presented to the Chair **SB 1336**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in elected officers and elections, further providing for nominations and elections.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, September 29, 2020.

October 2, 2020

Senators KEARNEY, HUTCHINSON, MARTIN, J. WARD and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 1337**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in incurring debt and issuing bonds and notes, further providing for approval by court to fund unfunded debt.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, October 2, 2020.

Senators ARNOLD, MENSCH, ARGALL, PITTMAN and HUTCHINSON presented to the Chair **SB 1338**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Multimodal Fund, repealing provisions relating to Balanced Multimodal Transportation Policy Commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 2, 2020.

Senator YAW presented to the Chair **SB 1339**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Harry E. Frey, Jr. and Jeffrey L. Frey, a permanent easement over certain lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Muncy State Correctional Institution situate in Clinton Township, Lycoming County, for the purpose of ingress and egress to lands which Harry E. Frey, Jr. and Jeffrey L. Frey propose to acquire from Harold James Carpenter and Carlene M. Carpenter.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 2, 2020.

Senator YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 1341**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Governor, to grant and convey, at a price to be determined through a competitive bid process, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in the Borough of West Pittston, Luzerne County.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 2, 2020.

Senator LANGERHOLC presented to the Chair **SB 1342**, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8659, carrying State Route 3037, also known as William Penn Avenue, over the Norfolk Southern and Lehigh Valley Rail Management rail lines in the City of Johnstown, Cambria County, as the Reverend Andrew William Tilly, Jr., Bridge.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 2, 2020.

Senators MASTRIANO, J. WARD, ARGALL, ARNOLD, GORDNER and HUTCHINSON presented to the Chair **SB 1343**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in tavern gaming, further providing for approval.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, October 2, 2020.

Senator SCAVELLO presented to the Chair **SB 1344**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, further providing for pandemic of 2020.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, October 2, 2020.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1350**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of May 29, 2020 (P.L. , No.1A), entitled "An act to provide appropriations from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020; to provide appropriations from special funds and accounts to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for

the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019," further providing for additional appropriations and replacement of appropriations from the General Fund and other funds and accounts for the expenses of the Executive Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020; and providing for required lapsing of money in the General Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, October 2, 2020.

October 5, 2020

Senators MUTH, COLLETT, PHILLIPS-HILL, L. WILLIAMS, FONTANA, FARNESE, BREWSTER, TARTAGLIONE, SANTARSIERO, COSTA and STREET presented to the Chair **SB 1277**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, in medical professional liability, further providing for informed consent.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, October 5, 2020.

Senators KILLION and LAUGHLIN presented to the Chair **SB 1297**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 30, 2004 (P.L.1672, No.213), known as the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act, further providing for definitions and for alternative energy portfolio standards, providing for solar photovoltaic technology requirements, for contract requirements for solar photovoltaic energy system sources, for renewable energy storage report, for energy storage deployment targets and for contracts for solar photovoltaic technologies by Commonwealth agencies and further providing for portfolio requirements in other states; and making a related repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, October 5, 2020.

Senators MARTIN, LANGERHOLC, ARNOLD, MASTRIANO, YUDICHAK, KILLION, ARGALL, BARTOLOTTA, MENSCH, DINNIMAN, GORDNER, STEFANO, J. WARD, HUTCHINSON and REGAN presented to the Chair **SB 1340**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for indoor and outdoor recreation during COVID-19 disaster emergency.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, October 5, 2020.

Senators IOVINO, FONTANA, SANTARSIERO, FARNESE, COSTA, HUGHES, MUTH and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 1345**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for duty of driver in emergency response areas; in offenses in general, further providing for the offenses of careless driving; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 5, 2020.

Senators KILLION, MENSCH, PITTMAN and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 1346**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees for hire and transporters for hire, providing for limited distributor license.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, October 5, 2020.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

September 25, 2020

Senator FONTANA presented to the Chair **SR 383**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of September 20 through 26, 2020, as "National Adult and Family Literacy Week" in Pennsylvania and encouraging all citizens of this Commonwealth to participate in activities that support and strengthen family bonds.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, September 25, 2020.

Senators SCAVELLO, STREET, BROWNE, MENSCH, FONTANA, COSTA, STEFANO, BAKER and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SR 386**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2020 as "Life Insurance Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, September 25, 2020.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, DINNIMAN, IOVINO, FONTANA, MARTIN, PITTMAN and COSTA presented to the Chair **SR 390**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2020 as "National Sensory Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, September 25, 2020

September 29, 2020

Senator PITTMAN presented to the Chair **SR 385**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing October 23, 2020, as "Drugs Kill Dreams Day" in Pennsylvania and encouraging Pennsylvanians to participate in drug prevention education activities throughout the year to demonstrate their strong commitment to stopping drug and alcohol addiction and abuse before it begins.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, September 29, 2020.

Senators BROWNE, KILLION, YAW, BARTOLOTTA, MENSCH, BAKER, SCAVELLO, COSTA, FONTANA, DINNIMAN, YUDICHAK, STEFANO and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SR 387**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of September 21 through 25, 2020, as "Clean Energy Week" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, September 29, 2020.

Senators BROWNE, HUGHES, MARTIN, LANGERHOLC, KILLION, ARNOLD, AUMENT, IOVINO, PHILLIPS-HILL, FONTANA, FARNESE, J. WARD, BAROLOTTA, YAW, DINNIMAN, COSTA, BAKER, YUDICHAK, STEFANO and PITTMAN presented to the Chair **SR 388**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of September 21 through 28, 2020, as "Safe2Say Something Week" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, September 29, 2020.

Senators MENSCH, COLLETT and SANTARSIERO presented to the Chair **SR 391**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing October 8, 2020, as "National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, September 29, 2020.

Senator MENSCH presented to the Chair **SR 392**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2020 as "Dyslexia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, September 29, 2020.

Senators DINNIMAN, LANGERHOLC, FONTANA, FARNESE, ARGALL, MARTIN, KILLION, STREET, J. WARD, AUMENT, COSTA and PITTMAN presented to the Chair **SR 394**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2020 as "National Principals Month" in Pennsylvania and honoring the contributions that principals make in the elementary schools, middle schools and high schools of our nation.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, September 29, 2020.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, MUTH, DINNIMAN, IOVINO, KILLION, FONTANA, MARTIN, HUGHES, KEARNEY, J. WARD, SANTARSIERO, K. WARD, GORDNER, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, PITTMAN and COSTA presented to the Chair **SR 395**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2020 as "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, September 29, 2020.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, FARNESE, MENSCH, DINNIMAN, MUTH, BROOKS, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, COSTA and L. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SR 396**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the essential work performed by individuals with disabilities during the 2020 pandemic and thanking them for their continued efforts through the remainder of the pandemic as they continue their work into the future.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, September 29, 2020.

Senators J. WARD, STREET, PHILLIPS-HILL, COLLETT, BAROLOTTA, DINNIMAN, SCAVELLO, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, LEACH, BREWSTER, MENSCH, BAKER, GORDNER, HUGHES, BLAKE, KEARNEY, HUTCHINSON, BROWNE, SCHWANK, KILLION, COSTA, SABATINA, AUMENT, PITTMAN, TARTAGLIONE and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SR 397**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing and celebrating the designation of 2020 as "Year of the Nurse and Midwife."

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, September 29, 2020.

Senators KILLION, BROWNE, ARGALL, ARNOLD, AUMENT, BAKER, BAROLOTTA, BREWSTER, COSTA, FONTANA, GORDNER, IOVINO, KEARNEY, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL, PITTMAN, SANTARSIERO, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, STEFANO, J. WARD, BROOKS and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SR 398**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2020 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, September 29, 2020.

October 1, 2020

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SR 400**, entitled:

A Resolution adopting a temporary rule of the Senate relating solely to amendments to the Supplement to the General Appropriation Bill and other appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, including any amendments offered to or for supplemental appropriations for prior fiscal years.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, October 1, 2020.

October 2, 2020

Senators DINNIMAN, FARNESE, COLLETT, PITTMAN, COSTA and STREET presented to the Chair **SR 370**, entitled:

A Resolution raising awareness of the dangers of smoking and vaping during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, October 2, 2020.

Senators KILLION, COSTA, FARNESE, MENSCH and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SR 378**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study regarding the opportunities for economic growth of Esports in this Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, October 2, 2020.

Senators HAYWOOD, IOVINO, FONTANA, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, STEFANO and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SR 389**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring Fannie Lou Hamer on her 103rd birthday in recognition of her vast and valiant efforts to ensure the civil rights of minorities, women and low-income families.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, October 2, 2020.

Senators DINNIMAN, FONTANA, FARNESE, ARGALL, YUDICHAK, SANTARSIERO, PITTMAN, HUTCHINSON, COSTA and STREET presented to the Chair **SR 393**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 125th anniversary of Frederick Douglass' last public lecture at the West Chester Normal School, now West Chester University.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, October 2, 2020.

Senators DiSANTO, BROWNE, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, ARGALL, REGAN, J. WARD, ARNOLD, DINNIMAN, BARTOLOTTA, GORDNER, YUDICHAK and PITTMAN presented to the Chair **SR 399**, entitled:

A Resolution celebrating Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center's 50th anniversary on October 14, 2020; and recognizing the health care workers at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center who deliver safe and compassionate health care services that improve the health and quality of life for residents of the central Pennsylvania region.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, October 2, 2020.

Senators FONTANA, PHILLIPS-HILL, FARNESE, MARTIN, ARGALL, STREET, J. WARD, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, COSTA, YUDICHAK, PITTMAN, HUGHES and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SR 401**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2020 as "Italian-American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, October 2, 2020.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

September 29, 2020

HB 1292 -- Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1961, 1962, 1963, 2598 and 2599 -- Committee on Finance.

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HB 862, 1756, 2561 and 2584 -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

HB 980, 2100 and 2530 -- Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

HB 2103, 2331 and 2792 -- Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2548 -- Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development.

HB 2673 and 2674 -- Committee on State Government.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

COMMISSION FOR AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION EXCELLENCE 2020 REPORT

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

September 4, 2020

Attached please find the 2020 Annual Report to the General Assembly by the Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence. Section 1549.1 of the Public School Code of 1949 establishes a Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence that among other duties, is charged to investigate, review, and issue an annual report on the status of agricultural education and submit this report to the Governor and General Assembly.

A copy of the 2020 annual report with full graphics can be found at https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Business_Industry/workforce-development/Documents/Agricultural%20Education%20in%20PA%202020.pdf. In addition, I have attached a text-only copy of the report to this e-mail.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Stephen B. Rudman
Legislative Director

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING COMMISSION EXTENSION REQUEST

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
Appropriations Chairman

September 30, 2020

The Honorable Joe Scarnati
President Pro Tempore of the Senate
292 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

The Honorable Bryan Cutler
Speaker of the House
139 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati and Speaker Cutler:

Act 16 of 2019, which reconstituted the Special Education Funding Commission (Commission), directed the Commission to review the funding formula adopted in 2014 and Act 30 of 2020 required the Commission to issue their report by September 30, 2020. However, the Commission anticipates that it will need until November 30, 2020 to complete its work.

We, as the three co-chairs of this Commission, respectfully request an extension to November 30, 2020, for the Commission's report.

Sincerely,

SENATOR PATRICK BROWNE
REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS SONNEY
SECRETARY PEDRO RIVERA

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

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

October 1, 2020

Re: ACT 36 of 2018: 2020 Pennsylvania Employment First Oversight Commission Report

Honorable Members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly:

Act 36 of 2018, the Employment First Act, formed the creation of the Pennsylvania Employment First Oversight Commission, which is charged to "...issue an annual report on October 1 of each year, detailing the progress on each of the measurable goals and objectives during the preceding fiscal year... [and] include recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly for effective strategies and policies needed to support the implementation of this act."

The Act provides for "...competitive integrated employment in State and county agencies and any entity providing publicly funded education, training, employment and related services and long-term services and supports for working-age Pennsylvanians with a disability; establishing Employment First, the Governor's Cabinet for People with Disabilities and the Employment First Oversight Commission and providing for their powers and duties; and conferring powers and imposing duties on the Governor and the Office of the Governor."

Please find a copy of the Commission's second report (2020), attached for your review. The Commissioners would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Mary Hartley
Chair

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

**PENNSYLVANIA PRE-K COUNTS AND HEAD
START SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
2019-20 REPORT**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Education
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17126

October 1, 2020

Act 45 of 2007 requires the Pennsylvania Department of Education to provide the General Assembly with a summary of the operations of

the Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts and Head Start Supplemental Assistance programs by October 1 of each year. Attached you will find the 2019-2020 report.

Jason Stephen
Deputy Director

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

BILLS SIGNED

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

HB 2487 and HB 2513.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator STEFANO, from the Committee on Law and Justice, reported the following bills:

HB 763 (Pr. No. 4472) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for authority to issue liquor licenses to hotels, restaurants and clubs, for sales by liquor licensees and restrictions, for sale of malt or brewed beverages by liquor licensees, for interlocking business prohibited, for retail dispensers' restrictions on purchases and sales, for unlawful acts relative to malt or brewed beverages and licensees, for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees and for premises to be vacated by patrons.

HB 1617 (Pr. No. 2737)

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in general provisions applying to both liquor and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for limiting number of retail licenses to be issued in each county.

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

SB 1336 (Pr. No. 2026)

An Act amending Title 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in elected officers and elections, further providing for nominations and elections.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Arnold and Senator Tomlinson.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests legislative leaves for Senator Arnold and Senator Tomlinson.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Anthony Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of June 10, 2020, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of June 10, 2020.

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

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

The yeas and nays were 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. The Journal is approved.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise for a special order of business to say thank you to my colleagues who spent time and effort sending well wishes to myself and my family on the passing of our mom, Louise Costa. I want you to know that it was very moving and I appreciate it very much, and I know my family does as well. I certainly thank all those, the Monday after her passing, for the special recognition of a moment of silence. I know that would have been something very meaningful to her. As I mentioned to Senator Corman a number of times, she was one of our biggest fans, watching us on PCN all the time. In fact, I recall one time when Senator Fumo made the comment one night, about 1:45 in the morning, that anybody watching PCN needs to get a life, and she was offended. A week later we were together at Senator Fumo's farm and she read him the riot act and said she was one of those people who watch PCN at 1:45 in the morning.

I want to say thank you to everyone. It is very meaningful. Senator Corman mentioned about us being a family. We are. We have our differences and our disagreements, and sometimes we carry on, and I was chastised for carrying on at our last meeting on my way home, by the way, but, nevertheless, we are one big family. It extends not only to our parents, but to our kids and

others as well. But particularly for the new Members, please remember that as we go forward. There will be debates and conversations that we have on the floor, but at the end of the day, we do our best work when we work together. From my heart, I say thank you on behalf of our family for the wonderful recognition from many of you here today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

CALENDAR

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OUT OF ORDER

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1268 (Pr. No. 1905) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 9, 1997 (P.L. 169, No. 14), known as the Nurse Aide Resident Abuse Prevention Training Act, providing for findings; further providing for definitions; providing for certification of COVID-19 temporary nurse aides; and making an editorial change.

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 1330 (Pr. No. 1968) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in food protection, providing for milk sell by date and best by date labeling.

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.

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, starting with the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by the Committee on Transportation, to be held here on the Senate floor, followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the meetings, Senate Democrats will meet for caucus as well via ZOOM.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a series of off-the-floor committee meetings, starting with the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by the Committee on Transportation, to be held here on the Senate floor, followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Tomlinson has returned, and his legislative leave is cancelled.

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 purposes of off-the-floor committee meetings starting with the Committee on Appropriations, followed by the Committee on State Government, to be held here on the Senate floor.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on Appropriations, followed by the Committee on State Government, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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

CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 5, HB 21, HB 30, SB 107, SB 253, HB 355, SB 565, SB 606, SB 679, HB 716, SB 763, SB 793 and SB 810 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 890 (Pr. No. 1814) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 26, 2001 (P.L.755, No.77), known as the Tobacco Settlement Act, in medical assistance for workers with disabilities, further providing for definitions and for medical assistance benefits for workers with disabilities and workers with medically improved disabilities.

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 890 deals with increasing the ability of people with disabilities receiving medical assistance to increase their earnings. You see, for people with disabilities, finding a job or returning to work can be a challenge. In Pennsylvania, only 35 percent of people with disabilities are actually working, and only 21 percent are working full time. These individuals, like everyone else, deserve the opportunity to work to their full potential without the fear of losing healthcare benefits. Unfortunately, private-pay insurance does not offer the home- and community-based services, like nursing care, that individuals with disabilities rely on to live their everyday lives. So, they rely on MAWD, Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities. Currently, MAWD services are only available to individuals with disabilities with an income of less than 250 percent, or roughly \$32,000 annually, that is 250 percent of poverty rate. This often discourages workers from working more hours or from accepting a raise or promotion.

Senate Bill No. 890 will allow those individuals with disabilities to increase their earnings under a new category of MAWD called Workers With Job Success. Anything over the cap will bump contributions into a new category rather than just eliminating them altogether. It covers workers from 250 percent of the poverty level up to 600 percent, or roughly \$76,000. Workers will pay 7.5 percent of their income to the MAWD program to cover their healthcare, which is a 2.5-percent increase from the current 5 percent. This means when a worker earns \$75,000 annually, they will pay 100 percent of the average cost of the MAWD program.

Twenty-two other States have more generous allowances than Pennsylvania or have removed their caps altogether. But we are pleased, Mr. President, that we are able to move Senate Bill No. 890 this far in the Pennsylvania legislature, and I ask for concurrence today.

Thank you very much.

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

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 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 LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 941 (Pr. No. 4049) -- 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 public assistance, further providing for medical assistance pharmacy services.

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

HB 941 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 941, Printer's No. 4049, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 942, SB 969, HB 1033 and HB 1034 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL AMENDED

SB 1075 (Pr. No. 2002) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, further providing for the offense of sexual abuse of children and providing for child sexual abuse prevention task force; and, in sentencing, further providing for sentencing for offenses involving sexual abuse of children.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator GORDNER, on behalf of Senator ARNOLD, offered the following amendment No. A7538:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 7, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, further providing for the offense of sexual abuse of children; in child protective services, providing for task force on child pornography; and, in sentencing, further providing for sentencing for offenses involving sexual abuse of children. Amend Bill, page 2, lines 13 through 30; pages 3 through 6, lines

1 through 30; page 7, lines 1 through 4; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

Section 2. Title 23 is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 6388. Task Force on Child Pornography.

(a) Establishment.--The Task Force on Child Pornography is established.

(b) Purpose.--The purpose of the task force is to conduct a review to ascertain any inadequacies relating to the offense of child pornography in 18 Pa.C.S. § 6312 (relating to sexual abuse of children).

(c) Composition.--The task force shall consist of the following members, who shall be appointed within 25 days after the effective date of this section:

(1) The Secretary of Human Services or a designee.

(2) The Attorney General or a designee.

(3) The Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police or a designee.

(4) The Chairman of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency or a designee.

(5) The Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing or a designee.

(6) Two members of the Senate, one appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

(7) Two members of the House of Representatives, one appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

(8) The Victim Advocate from the Office of Victim Advocate or a designee from that office.

(9) The President of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association or a designee.

(10) The Director of the Pennsylvanian Coalition Against Rape or a designee.

(11) One member of the Pennsylvania Sexual Offenders Assessment Board. If possible, the member shall be a member of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers.

(12) One member of the Pennsylvania Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

(13) The director of a rape crisis center located in this Commonwealth or a designee, appointed by the Governor.

(14) One representative of a children's advocacy center that assists in the investigation, prosecution and treatment of child sexual and physical abuse cases, appointed by the Governor.

(15) Two medical professionals that specialize in the field of child sexual abuse, one of whom shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate and one of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(16) One member of the public, appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate.

(17) One member of the public, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(d) Chairperson.--The Governor shall select the chairperson of the task force.

(e) Member requirements.--

(1) Appointed members of the task force must be individuals who have experience in investigations or prosecutions or are victims of child pornography or sexual abuse of children.

(2) The appointment of members must reflect the geographic diversity of this Commonwealth.

(f) Meetings and expenses.--The task force shall conduct its business as follows:

(1) The task force shall meet at least four times but may hold additional meetings as determined by the chairperson of the task force.

(2) The chairperson of the task force shall schedule a meeting upon written request of eight members of the task force.

(3) The first meeting of the task force shall be convened within 45 days of the effective date of this section.

(4) The task force shall hold public hearings as necessary to obtain the information required to conduct its review.

(5) Action of the task force shall be authorized or ratified by majority vote of the members of the task force.

(6) The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the Joint State Government Commission shall cooperate to provide administrative or other assistance to the task force.

(7) The members of the task force shall not receive compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the service of the task force.

(g) Powers.--The task force shall have the following powers:

(1) To recommend any improvements relating to the investigation and prosecution of child pornography as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 6312.

(2) To recommend any necessary changes in State statutes and practices, policies and procedures relating to the recognition or prosecution of child pornography as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 6312.

(h) Report.--

(1) Within one year of the first meeting of the task force, the task force shall submit a report with its recommendations to the following:

- (i) The Governor.
(ii) The President pro tempore of the Senate.
(iii) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(iv) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate.
(v) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Judiciary Committee of and the House of Representatives.

(2) The report under this subsection must be adopted at a public meeting of the task force.

(3) The report under this subsection shall be a public record under the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law.

(i) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "task force" means the Task Force on Child Pornography established in 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 GORDNER.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1118, HB 1325, HB 1439, HB 1538, HB 1584, HB 1696, HB 1747 and HB 1838 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1984 (Pr. No. 2789) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in proceedings prior to petition to adopt, further providing for petition for involuntary termination and providing for special provisions when child conceived as a result of rape or incest.

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-50

Table with 4 columns: Argall, Dinniman, Leach, Stefano; Arnold, DiSanto, Martin, Street; Aument, Farnese, Mastriano, Tartaglione; Baker, Fontana, Mensch, Tomlinson; Bartolotta, Gordner, Muth, Vogel

Table with 4 columns: 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 constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 2073 and HB 2440 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 120 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 207 (Pr. No. 1513) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1967 (P.L.869, No.385), known as the Public Works Contractors' Bond Law of 1967, further providing for duty of prime contractor to provide financial security in certain contracts involving public works and public improvements.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 391 (Pr. No. 2009) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 6, 1980 (P.L.197, No.57), known as the Optometric Practice and Licensure Act, further providing for definitions, for approval of drugs, for exemptions and exceptions and for violations and penalties.

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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 440 and SB 531 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 703 (Pr. No. 3670) -- 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 directors, providing for publication of e-mail addresses for school directors; and, in charter schools, providing for publication of e-mail addresses for board of trustees and further providing for applicability of other provisions of this act and of other acts and regulations.

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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 770, HB 777, SB 809, SB 833, HB 858 and SB 868 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 885 (Pr. No. 4075) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1967 (P.L.869, No.385), known as the Public Works Contractors' Bond Law of 1967, further providing for duty of prime contractor to provide financial security in certain contracts involving public works and public improvements.

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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 924 and SB 1034 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 1112 (Pr. No. 2010) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in alternative form of regulation of telecommunications services, further providing for additional powers and duties of commission.

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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1220, HB 1220, HB 1224, SB 1226, SB 1242, SB 1251, SB 1252, SB 1307, SB 1314, HB 1408, HB 1534, HB 1647, HB 1737, HB 1769, HB 1808, HB 1855 and HB 1947 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 2022 (Pr. No. 4316) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Department of Military Affairs, establishing the Veterans' Outreach and Support Network Program.

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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 2044, HB 2293, HB 2348, HB 2354 and HB 2503 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 845 (Pr. No. 1153) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for maximum gross weight of vehicles.

SB 983 (Pr. No. 2000) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of September 9, 1965 (P.L.497, No.251), known as the Newborn Child Testing Act, further providing for definitions and for Newborn Child Screening and Follow-up Program; and providing for mandated screening and follow-up.

SB 1158 (Pr. No. 1820) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, further providing for general authority of Governor.

SB 1173 (Pr. No. 1920) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of January 8, 1960 (1959 P.L.2119, No.787), known as the Air Pollution Control Act, further providing for advice to department.

SB 1246 (Pr. No. 1999) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in employees, providing for medals honoring law enforcement officers.

SB 1268 (Pr. No. 1905) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 9, 1997 (P.L.169, No.14), known as the Nurse Aide Resident Abuse Prevention Training Act, providing for findings; further providing for definitions; providing for certification of COVID-19 temporary nurse aides; and making an editorial change.

SB 1279 (Pr. No. 2001) (Rereported)

An Act providing for essential family caregivers in facilities during disaster emergencies.

SB 1296 (Pr. No. 1947) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, in contracts, further providing for certain contract provisions prohibited.

SB 1330 (Pr. No. 1968) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in food protection, providing for milk sell by date and best by date labeling.

SB 1350 (Pr. No. 2052)

A Supplement to the act of May 29, 2020 (P.L. , No.1A), entitled "An act to provide appropriations from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020; to provide appropriations from special funds and accounts to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019," further providing for additional appropriations and replacement of appropriations from the General Fund and other funds and accounts for the expenses of the Executive Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020; and providing for required lapsing of money in the General Fund.

HB 1069 (Pr. No. 2529) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in open meetings, further providing for public notice and providing for notification of agency business required and exceptions.

HB 2370 (Pr. No. 4061) (Rereported)

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

HB 2438 (Pr. No. 4404) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for broadband services.

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

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 1173 (Pr. No. 1920) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 8, 1960 (1959 P.L.2119, No.787), known as the Air Pollution Control Act, further providing for advice to department.

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. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Montgomery, Senator MUTH.

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, I ask the maker of the bill to rise for interrogation.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Yaw, would you permit yourself to be interrogated?

Senator YAW. Yes.

The PRESIDENT. Permission is granted.

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, my first question relative to this bill and the General Assembly being responsible for appointing new members to this air pollution control board, would there be restrictions? I know the bill says they have to have technical backgrounds within the topic area. Are there restrictions on appointing those who have backgrounds working in the fossil fuel industry?

Senator YAW. Mr. President, the restrictions are the same as they are right now. We did not change anything regarding the qualifications of the appointment. In fact, the language is identical.

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, so they would still be allowed, as it stands now. Thank you for that.

My second question would be, is there any requirement within this board of appointees to have a public health official who is familiar with studying the impact of air quality on both the public and environmental health?

Senator YAW. Mr. President, once again, the technical requirements for the appointees are identical in the bill to what they are and what the Secretary considers today for appoint-

ments. All we did is change the number in how the makeup of the board is put together.

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, thank you. That is all.

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-29

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

NAY-21

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

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 AMENDED

SB 1296 (Pr. No. 1947) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, in contracts, further providing for certain contract provisions prohibited.

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

Senator ARGALL offered the following amendment No. A7215:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 3 through 5, by striking out "which would remove the" in line 3, all of line 4 and "the city" in line 5 and inserting: if the property has been designated by the city for redevelopment in the city's redevelopment plan

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

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, this is a technical amendment just to make it clear that the property we are talking about has been designated by the city for redevelopment in the city's redevelopment plan.

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

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

YEA-47

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

NAY-3

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES
AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

Senator AUMENT, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported communications from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, recalling the following nominations, which were read by the Clerk as follows:

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

September 23, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 1, 2020, of Rebecca Dombrowsky, 669 Rockwood Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2022, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Barbara McIlvaine Smith, West Chester, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

September 23, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated

September 1, 2020, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2022, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Harold Shields, Pittsburgh, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

September 28, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated June 18, 2020, of Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice the Honorable Susan Peikes Gantman, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

October 5, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 12, 2020, of Umar Farooq, 1204 Crespo Lane, Bensalem 19020, Bucks County, Sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve until June 19, 2021, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Nirmal Joshi, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MILK MARKETING BOARD

September 28, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated June 18, 2020, of Rebecca Dombrowsky, 669 Rockwood Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Milk Marketing Board, to serve until May 1, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Carol Hardbarger, Newport, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

September 28, 2020

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated June 18, 2020, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the Counties of Juniata and Perry, Magisterial District 41-3-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice the Honorable Daniel McGuire, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I request that the nominations just read by the Clerk be returned to His Excellency, the Governor.

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

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be returned to the Governor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator DiSANTO, from the Committee on State Government, reported the following bills:

SB 1339 (Pr. No. 2049)

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Harry E. Frey, Jr. and Jeffrey L. Frey, a permanent easement over certain lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Muncy State Correctional Institution situate in Clinton Township, Lycoming County, for the purpose of ingress and egress to lands which Harry E. Frey, Jr. and Jeffrey L. Frey propose to acquire from Harold James Carpenter and Carlene M. Carpenter.

SB 1341 (Pr. No. 2050)

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Governor, to grant and convey, at a price to be determined through a competitive bid process, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in the Borough of West Pittston, Luzerne County.

HB 2673 (Pr. No. 4098)

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to grant and convey, at a price to be determined through a competitive bid process, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in Allegheny Township, Blair County.

HB 2674 (Pr. No. 4099)

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Military and Veterans

Affairs, to grant and convey, at a price to be determined through a competitive bid process, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in Allegheny Township, Blair County.

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

SB 1211 (Pr. No. 1795)

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 1236 (Pr. No. 2066) (Amended)

An Act designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 57053, located over Dixon Run at the intersection of State Route 1012 to Pennsylvania Route 403 in Green Township, Indiana County, as the PVT William L. Hadden Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 25810, carrying Interstate 80 Westbound over Pennsylvania Route 173 in Wolf Creek Township, Mercer County, and a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 25808, carrying Interstate 80 Eastbound over Pennsylvania Route 173 in Wolf Creek Township, Mercer County, as the Senator Roy W. Wilt Bridge; designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 21481, carrying State Route 1051, also known as Main Street, over Little Cocalico Creek in the Borough of Denver, Lancaster County, as the Fichthorn and Marburger Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 56645, carrying State Route 1045, also known as South 4th Street, over Cocalico Creek in the Borough of Denver, Lancaster County, as the John K. Weaver Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 13861, carrying State Route 1025 over State Route 1014 in East Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County, as the Senator Hal Mowery Memorial Bridge; designating East Montgomery Avenue between North York Road and Jacksonville Road in the Borough of Hatboro, Montgomery County, as the Sergeant James C. Petrik Memorial Road; designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8365, carrying Pennsylvania Route 53 over Little Conemaugh River in Croyle Township, Cambria County, as the Private Fredrick Kinley Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 32773, on that portion of U.S. Route 6 over the Tioga River, Mansfield Borough, Tioga County, as the Mansfield Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating the bridges, identified as Bridge Key 31419 and Bridge Key 31420, on that portion of US Route 219 over Pennsylvania Route 601 in Conemaugh Township, Somerset County, as the Corporal Anthony G. Orlandi Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 35000, carrying State Route 2040 in Bentleyville Borough, Washington County, as the Mrs. Madeline Finney Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge on Locust Road over Dixon Run in Green Township, Indiana County, as the Technician Fourth Grade William Balogh Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8659, carrying State Route 3037, also known as William Penn Avenue, over the Norfolk Southern and Lehigh Valley Rail Management rail lines in the City of Johnstown, Cambria County, as the Reverend Andrew William Tilly, Jr., Bridge; and making a related repeal.

RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SR 358 (Pr. No. 1912)

A Resolution recognizing the Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church on its 200 years of service to the City of Philadelphia and its dedication to improving lives in its community.

SR 398 (Pr. No. 2036)

A Resolution designating the month of October 2020 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

SR 400 (Pr. No. 2046)

A Resolution adopting a temporary rule of the Senate relating solely to amendments to the Supplement to the General Appropriation Bill and other appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, including any amendments offered to or for supplemental appropriations for prior fiscal years.

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

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of all the 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 1211, SB 1236, SB 1336, SB 1339, SB 1341, SB 1350, HB 763, HB 1617, HB 2673 and HB 2674.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020

10:00 A.M.	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (public hearing to receive testimony on Senate Bill No. 1256)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:00 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 136, 658 and 1085; and House Bill No. 616)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
11:00 A.M.	INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 1147; and House Bill No. 430)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
11:30 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider House Bill No. 1673)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
12:00 P.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 792, 870 and 871; and House Bills No. 26, 862, 2101, 2561 and 2584)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)

12:00 P.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 463, 628 and 1326; and House Bills No. 296, 1961, 1962 and 2497)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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12:30 P.M.	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (to consider Senate Bill No. 1210; and House Bills No. 81 and 1363)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2020

10:00 A.M.	INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS (public hearing on streamlining government: Senate Bill No. 1131)	Franklin Co. Visitors Bureau Chambersburg
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDENT. Senator Tartaglione has submitted remarks 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 gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator TARTAGLIONE:)

Mr. President, today marks 5,202 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last raised the minimum wage. That is more than 14 years, and it is far too long.

But as our General Assembly continues to dwell upon--instead of acting upon--this opportunity to raise the minimum wage, despite overwhelming public support for the idea, States and localities elsewhere continue to embrace the inevitable advance of progress. In Washington State last week, the Department of Labor and Industry announced that the statewide minimum wage will increase by 19 cents per hour starting January 1, 2021. It will be the fifth year in a row that Washington's low-wage workers will get a raise. The new rate will be \$13.69 an hour. All four prior raises in Washington were approved directly by voters as a ballot referendum. The 2021 raise will be the first to come automatically as a result of a 1.39-percent increase in the Consumer Price Index over the last 12 months. These perpetual adjustments for inflation were also approved directly by voters and do not require new legislation.

I find this pattern of raises in Washington very interesting when we compare it to the State's unemployment rate. After all, one of the most common complaints I hear from critics of raising the minimum wage in Pennsylvania is that it will cause job losses. In Washington, after 4 straight years of minimum wage raises, the unemployment rate was 3.8 percent in February 2020. In Pennsylvania, where the minimum wage has not been raised in 14 years, the unemployment rate was almost a full percentage point higher, at 4.7 percent. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, both States have seen significant increases in unemployment. Yet, in terms of the States' relative performance, Washington is doing even better than before the pandemic. As of August 2020, Washington's unemployment rate was 8.5 percent, almost 2 points better than Pennsylvania's 10.3 percent. The same comparison can be made between the largest metropolitan areas in each State. In Seattle, the minimum wage for large businesses is \$16.39 an hour, and for small businesses can be as high as \$15.75, depending on the employee benefits individual companies offer. The February unemployment rate for the metropolitan area was 3 percent, and the August rate was 7.9 percent. In the Philadelphia metropolitan area - where most folks are still subject to a \$7.25 minimum wage - unemployment was 4.5 percent in February, and 10.9 percent in August, much higher than Seattle in both cases.

Mr. President, I am not trying to compare apples to oranges here, or even apples to soft pretzels and cheesesteaks. But it is long past time that we in the Pennsylvania Senate and our counterparts in the House stop accepting the doom-and-gloom prophecies of the business community on the minimum wage issue at face value. It is long past time that we stop allowing their tunnel vision to obscure the big picture. The big picture shows that 29 other States and dozens of counties and municipalities have raised the minimum wage above the paltry \$7.25 an hour

mandated by the Federal government and mandated by our Commonwealth. The big picture also shows that through times of historically low unemployment and through a worldwide pandemic, other States with higher minimum wages and higher regard for the well-being of working people outperform Pennsylvania in basic economic measures like the unemployment rate.

My legislation, Senate Bill No. 12, would put Pennsylvania on course for a \$15 minimum wage and would enable the Commonwealth to employ the positive examples set by other States like Washington. An investment in our working people is an investment in our economy and in our collective prosperity. I urge the General Assembly to adopt Senate Bill No. 12 so that Pennsylvania's low-wage earners will have a brighter future.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, these remarks come out of the hearing we had this morning in the Committee on Education that involved the question of a special fund to aid students who are behind. Let me first say this, we are probably in the most difficult moment in education in the history of this country, and certainly of this Commonwealth. We have COVID-19, which has forced many schools to teach online or a hybrid, we have the question of racial injustice, and we are in an economic downturn. The most recent studies have said that by December, many of the poor students in this Commonwealth and throughout this country will be 12 months behind, a year behind in terms of their academic preparations. How are they going to catch up? What is going to happen to these students? The economic consequences of the students not catching up is going to be catastrophic for this Commonwealth.

In addition to that, Mr. President, we have not had very much discussion in this Chamber about the problems that exist at this particular moment in time. But equally important, no one has asked a question about the future. What is going to happen if, through God's mercy and willing, we end the pandemic by spring, how are we going to help these students? Are we going to have summer school? Are we going to put money aside for this, or are we just going to say, hey, that is just the way it is and lose a generation of students? One has to understand, by the way, that 45 percent of the students in the public schools of this Commonwealth come from low-income families. That is almost half. Are we going to not focus in on half of our student population?

At this moment in time in terms of matters, we thought we did the right thing and solved the problem when we funded schools for a full year. But the truth is, it did not matter what side of the bill you were on, everyone said, essentially, that schools will need \$1 billion simply to survive because not only do they have to offer hybrid, online, and sometimes in-person instruction, but they have the extra costs of transportation and in just keeping their schools safe.

So, Mr. President, at first, when I listened to this discussion taking place, it was a bit like listening to FOX and MSNBC at the same time. Everyone sort of said, well, there is a problem, but how you define the problem and what you do about the problem comes from two separate worlds. Finally, what I was able to do, with the help of the Majority chair, who has been wonderful on this issue, who is a good person, what we were able to do, with the assistance of Senator Aument and others, was to say to all the groups there, we need to end the education wars once and for all. We need to call a truce. The stakes are so high now. Our

students are in such need that we need to do something. What all of the groups agreed to was there is a necessity to bring people together concerning the future of education in this Commonwealth. There is a necessity to, in the words of Senator Aument, actually create a group, even if we just do it in the Senate without the House, to start to give us their thoughts and ideas on the redesign of education after the pandemic is over.

The real question that comes up and why I say it is like FOX and MSNBC is this: on one side, people say the institution of the school can solve the problems that we have. On the other side, people are saying the institution of the school has failed to solve the problems of the inequities in education, and we need to give the money directly to the students. We need to not be institution centered, but we need to be student centered. Both groups give good arguments, and it seems to me that, at long last, we need to start to discuss these things not as enemies, not attacking each other.

So, Mr. President, all I am trying to say here, and I do these remonstrances on education because I am extremely concerned about what is going to happen to a large part of this generation of students who are failing, as should every Member of this body be concerned. You know, there are many groups, justifiable groups, to give money to from our Federal CARES funds, and others, but we have the constitutional responsibility to take care of education. It is the legislature, not the Governor or the State board, as the Constitution says. I am saying to you right now that we are in deep trouble in giving equality of education, equity in education, to so many students in this Commonwealth. We are failing these students. Online education is not working. In fact, how can it work in rural Pennsylvania when 20 percent of the students in rural Pennsylvania have no access to the Internet? How can it work in the city of Philadelphia when we still know of 18,000 families of school-age children who have no access to the Internet? How can it work when you are assuming parents are to be teacher/coaches, but the truth of the matter is, those parents work two jobs just to survive, then they come home and they have three children, how are they supposed to help their children?

So, let us understand, we are failing. We are not doing the job in education that we should be doing. Let us not fail this generation of students. You know, education needed to be redesigned anyway because of the differences in the economy. In fact, the committee we formed dealing with education related to jobs in terms of how not going on to four-year programs fits into this scenario, this concern that we have.

So, all I am trying to say, in summation, is this: do you care about the children of this Commonwealth? I think every Member here does. Let us stop the fighting. Let us call an armistice. Let us work together. If we cannot solve at understanding what the repercussions are going to be when the pandemic is over, let us make sure that each and every student in this Commonwealth is taught appropriately and to the top of the curriculum.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize October as "Italian-American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania. This month is celebrated every year to honor and recognize the centuries of achievements, successes, and invaluable contributions of Italian immigrants and Italian Americans. Italian-Ameri-

can Heritage Month was first celebrated in 1989 by a special proclamation of both Congress and President George H. W. Bush. October was chosen to overlap with the Federal holiday of Columbus Day, since he was the explorer who has been credited with stumbling upon the Americas on one of his journeys. Shortly after, an Italian merchant, explorer, and navigator, Amerigo Vespucci's name was used to derive the term "America." Some of our country's ideals and principles have even come from Italians, including Thomas Jefferson's friend, Filippo Mazzei, a promoter of liberty who published a pamphlet containing the phrase, "all men are by nature equally free and independent."

In the 1820s, Italians began moving to the United States in sizable numbers when widespread poverty and starvation were plaguing parts of Italy. Most of the people came through New York and then settled in towns in the northeast region of the United States. They provided labor for American factories and mines and assisted in building roads, dams, and other infrastructure which helped fuel a booming industrial economy. Once the Italian immigrants became established in an area, they would call for their relatives to come join them in the United States. For this reason, today we have over 26 million Americans of Italian descent residing in the United States. More than 1.4 million Italian Americans live in Pennsylvania, which I am proud to report about 16 percent of them are in the Pittsburgh region. Only Scranton has a larger population of 18.8 percent. Unfortunately, Mr. President, I will miss celebrating my heritage and culture this year since there will be no parades or festivals, but I am hopeful that next year we will be able to gather together again to recognize October as Italian-American Heritage Month in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:08 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.