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SENATE

TUESDAY, October 6, 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.

These are some beautiful words from Pope Francis that were recently shared with me and I am sharing them today with all of you: You can have flaws, be anxious, and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from going bust. Many appreciate you, admire you, and love you. Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, relationships without disappointments. To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in a stage of fear, love in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with applause, but to be happy in anonymity. May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness...That in spring, may it be a lover of joy. In winter, a lover of wisdom. And when you make a mistake, start all over again. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

October 6, 2020

Senators BROOKS, PHILLIPS-HILL, J. WARD and K. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1317**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in emergency COVID-19 response, providing for building occupant protection.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, October 6, 2020.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator TOMLINSON, from the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported the following bills:

SB 792 (Pr. No. 2074) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 28, 1984 (P.L.150, No.28), known as the Automobile Lemon Law, further providing for definitions, for repair obligations, for manufacturer's duty for refund or replacement and for presumption of a reasonable number of attempts.

SB 870 (Pr. No. 2075) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, further providing for definitions, for State Board of Medicine and for physician assistants.

SB 871 (Pr. No. 2076) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, further providing for definitions, for State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, for practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery without license prohibited and for licenses, exemptions, nonresident practitioners, graduate students, biennial registration and continuing medical education.

HB 26 (Pr. No. 4488) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 28, 1984 (P.L.150, No.28), known as the Automobile Lemon Law, further providing for definitions, for repair obligations, for manufacturer's duty for refund or replacement and for presumption of a reasonable number of attempts.

HB 862 (Pr. No. 976)

An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact; and providing for the form of the compact.

HB 2101 (Pr. No. 3257)

An Act amending the act of May 23, 1945 (P.L.913, No.367), known as the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law, further providing for definitions, for procedure for licensing as professional engineer, for continuing professional competency requirements and for exemption from licensure and registration.

HB 2561 (Pr. No. 4373)

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.

HB 2584 (Pr. No. 4374)

An Act amending the act of October 26, 2016 (P.L.891, No.112), known as the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Act, providing for criminal background checks for expedited licensure applicants.

Senator BROOKS, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reported the following bills:

SB 1210 (Pr. No. 2072) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of September 26, 1951 (P.L.1539, No.389), known as The Clinical Laboratory Act, further providing for definitions and for exemptions.

HB 81 (Pr. No. 4475) (Amended)

An Act providing for certification of central service technicians; imposing continuing education requirements on central service technicians; providing for duties of health care facilities and the Department of Health; and regulating the practice of surgical technology and surgical technologists.

HB 1363 (Pr. No. 4476) (Amended)

An Act establishing a bill of rights for individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism; and providing for waiting lists for intellectual disability or autism services and report.

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

SB 136 (Pr. No. 2069) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for sexual offenses and tier system.

SB 658 (Pr. No. 2070) (Amended)

An Act establishing the Center for Effective Indigent Defense Legal Representation and providing for duties and responsibilities of the board of directors.

SB 1085 (Pr. No. 1586)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in obstructing governmental operations, providing for the offense of evading arrest or detention on foot.

HB 616 (Pr. No. 4473) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, further providing for schedules of controlled substances.

Senator REGAN, from the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, reported the following bill:

HB 1673 (Pr. No. 4474) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, further providing for scope of subchapter, for legislative findings and declaration of purpose, for definitions, for assistance to volunteer fire companies, ambulance service and rescue squads, for Volunteer Companies Loan Fund, for powers and duties of office, for disposition and use of proceeds, for Volunteer Company Loan Sinking Fund and investments, for repayment obligations for principal and interest, for temporary financing authoriza-

tion, for authorization of contracts, reimbursement procedure and amount and for reimbursement procedure and amount, providing for referendum to expand loan assistance and for annual report and distribution of information, further providing for definitions and for State Fire Commissioner, providing for curriculum and training and further providing for Pennsylvania State Fire Academy, for Pennsylvania Volunteer Loan Assistance Program and for Fire Safety Advisory Committee; in volunteer firefighters, further providing for definitions, for statement of purpose, for funds and for audits and providing for fire relief formula study; in grants to fire companies and emergency medical services companies, further providing for definitions, for establishment, for publication and notice, for award of grants, for consolidation incentive, for establishment, for publication and notice and for award of grants, providing for consolidation incentive, further providing for Fire Company Grant Program, for Emergency Medical Services Company Grant Program, for additional funding, for allocation of appropriated funds, for expiration of authority and for special provisions and providing for annual reports; in incentives for municipal volunteers of fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical services agencies, further providing for definitions, for program authorization, for real property tax credit and for rejection and appeal; and making editorial changes.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of June 22, 2020; June 23, 2020; and June 24, 2020, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of June 22, 2020; June 23, 2020; and June 24, 2020.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that further reading of the Journals be dispensed with and that the Journals 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-49

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

RECESS

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

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Democrats will meet for caucus as well via ZOOM starting immediately.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Mastriano.

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

LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator DiSanto has returned, and his personal leave is cancelled.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 5, HB 21, HB 30, SB 107, SB 253 and HB 355 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 565 (Pr. No. 1512) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for additional parking regulations.

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

SB 565 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 565, Printer's No. 1512, 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

SB 606 and SB 679 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 716 (Pr. No. 2007) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry, its departmental administrative and advisory boards and departmental administrative officers, providing for joint task force on misclassification of employees.

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

HB 716 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 763 and SB 793 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 810 (Pr. No. 1398) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in boards and offices, providing for information technology; establishing the Office of Information Technology and the Information Technology Fund; providing for administrative and procurement procedures and for the Joint Cybersecurity Oversight Committee; imposing duties on the Office of Information Technology; providing for administration of Pennsylvania Statewide Radio Network and imposing penalties.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-29

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

NAY-21

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 845, HB 941, HB 942 and SB 969 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 983 (Pr. No. 2000) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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 Dauphin, Senator DiSanto.

Senator DiSANTO. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 983. My legislation seeks to strengthen Pennsylvania's newborn screening program. This early detection program is essential in identifying newborns with rare disorders and providing prompt treatment to prevent permanent disability or even death. I was approached by my constituent, Lesa Brackbill of Hershey, who lost her young daughter, Tori, in 2016 when she was only 20 months old after a battle with Krabbe, a treatable disease when screened at birth. Regrettably, in Pennsylvania, many disorders are not required to be screened and the health of newborns is dependent on the hospital at which a baby is born, or a parent's prior knowledge of these rare disorders. Lesa has

worked tirelessly over the past 4 years to improve our State screening program so we may prevent similar tragedies from happening to other young families and newborns. It has been an honor to work alongside her, and I applaud her determination and passionate advocacy efforts.

Senate Bill No. 983 imposes a screening mandate on hospitals and providers so every child born in Pennsylvania is screened equally for every disease on the federally recommended screening panel. It also empowers the Pennsylvania Newborn Screening and Follow-up Technical Advisory Board to mandate the screening of additional disorders as clinically appropriate without being subject to limitations in the Department of Health's annual appropriation. I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote on this important legislation.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1033, HB 1034 and HB 1069 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1075 (Pr. No. 2067) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act 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.

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 Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, it is fitting that our colleague, Senator Arnold's first piece of legislation would increase the penalties for those convicted of child pornography. As a former district attorney and prosecutor, Senator Arnold has long been a champion for children and has been serving on the front lines protecting them from victimization and exploitation for many years. With the rise of the distribution of child pornography, the number of images currently being shared online, and the violence associated with child exploitation, Senator Arnold's bill is a vital step forward because we are seeing a decrease in the age of child victims. No area in the United States is immune from individuals who seek to sexually exploit children through child pornography. Senator Arnold understands that those who prey on our most vulnerable children should be held accountable, and that more should be done to help these victims of sexual abuse. So, this important bill increases the grading of the offense for children under the age of 10, or prepubescence. In addition, it establishes a new task force on child pornography to review our existing laws and issue a report within 1 year. It also directs the Commission on Sentencing to provide a sentence enhancement if the child is known to the defendant.

So, I am pleased to stand today in support of this vital measure to protect our children and hold predators accountable. I thank Senator Arnold for his leadership and his advocacy, and I urge an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 1075.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1118, SB 1158 and SB 1246 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

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 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

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 OVER IN ORDER

SB 1279 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1296 (Pr. No. 2068) -- 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.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-45

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

NAY-5

Blake	Muth	Sabatina	Schwank
Brooks			

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1325 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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 third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, back in June of 2019, this body led an unprecedented effort to invest \$24 million of new funding geared towards the sustainability of our agricultural industry in Pennsylvania. The key measure in this effort was Senator Corman's Senate Bill No. 585 that established the innovative Dairy Future Commission. As a result, and with the leadership of our appointees, Senator Judy Ward and Senator Schwank, the commission offered a variety of solid recommendations to help bolster the dairy industry throughout the Commonwealth.

One of the major pieces identified in the commission's August 2020 report was the basis for Senate Bill No. 1330 that we are considering here today. This legislation would address the sell by dates on milk labels. This process would provide a milk processor with the ability to obtain the Department of Agriculture's approval to use a best by or sell by label that exceeds the current regulatory 17 days. Additionally, it would establish testing requirements and standards that would determine or confirm acceptable best by dates and sell by dates. The Department of Agriculture's current 17-day milk code mandate presents a competitive disadvantage for our fresh fluid milk. This bill addresses the disadvantage for fresh milk produced in the State by extending the shelf life and allows milk to travel further distances to market. Only two other States have fixed code dates for milk in their regulations, which is why we need to move the current 17-day milk code to an open code, which is supported by product testing. According to a Saint Joseph's School for Food Marketing study completed in 2019, consumers ranked freshness, as determined by the date code, as the most important attribute they look for when purchasing milk. As we know, Pennsylvania produces, processes, and delivers the finest, healthiest, and tastiest dairy products in the world. By passing Senate Bill No. 1330, we are not only improving the condition of the market, we are leveling the playing field for one of our most important economic drivers.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Berks, Senator Schwank.

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I rise to encourage my Senate colleagues to vote for this bill, which I am proud to have cosponsored with my Committee on Agriculture co-chair, Senator Vogel, as well as Senator Judy Ward. Its premise has been well researched and comes on the recommendation of the dairy industry study which I commissioned in 2018, and on the recommendation of the Dairy Future Commission. Simply put, this bill will help Pennsylvania sell more milk. It does that by allowing milk processors to use a best by date instead of a sell by date, and to allow these processors to request a date to be on the current 17-day limit supported by product testing.

So many of the suggestions from the studies I mentioned before focused on educating and helping our consumers. Think about how you shop when you go to the grocery store. You are looking for the most bang for your buck, right? For some products like milk, that translates to what product will be the freshest for longer. Too many Pennsylvanians see the sell by date as a safety measure and not the inventory tracking that it truly is. Allowing a best by label will help them understand the difference. Allowing processors to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for a later date than 17 days is also going to make a huge difference. Other States, as mentioned by Senator Vogel, do not have that requirement, so it would appear to the consumer that these other products are fresher than ours. That is just not the case. This legislation truly will help level the playing field. Let us make Pennsylvania milk the fresher choice.

Thank you, and I urge support of this bill.

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I rise to join my colleagues in supporting this bill, and I urge a "yes" vote. Our dairy industry has been having some difficulties for a number of months. Some of it is due to market conditions, but there are some things that

we can control. Making sure we have clear labeling so people understand that our Pennsylvania products, which are going to naturally be fresher because they are here, are preferred by people and that they are appropriately labeled so people understand their freshness and certainly to remove any impediments there would be and confusion that would cause people not to purchase our products. It is something we simply should do. It is common-sense legislation that will help an important industry, our dairy industry, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it makes a lot of sense. So, I thank the maker of the bill, and I urge an affirmative vote.

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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1439, HB 1538, HB 1584, HB 1696, HB 1747, HB 1838, HB 2073, HB 2370, HB 2438 and HB 2440 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMITTED

SB 1350 (Pr. No. 2052) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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 appro-

priation 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.

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 recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 120 (Pr. No. 86) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in adoption, further providing for definitions, for hearing, for grounds for involuntary termination and for petition for involuntary termination, providing for notice if identity or whereabouts of birth parent or putative father unknown, further providing for consents necessary to adoption and repealing provisions relating to consents not naming adopting parents.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 258, SB 284, HB 440 and SB 531 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 763 (Pr. No. 4472) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 770 and **HB 777** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

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

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

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

SB 809 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 833, HB 858, SB 868, HB 924 and **SB 1034** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1211 (Pr. No. 1795) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

BILL REREFERRED

SB 1220 (Pr. No. 1786) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in turnpike, further providing for commission powers and duties.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1220, HB 1224 and **SB 1226** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1236 (Pr. No. 2066) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1242, SB 1251, SB 1252, SB 1307 and **SB 1314** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 1336 (Pr. No. 2026) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1339 (Pr. No. 2049) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

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

SB 1341 (Pr. No. 2050) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1408 and **HB 1534** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1617 (Pr. No. 2737) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 1647 (Pr. No. 3879) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), known as the Local Tax Collection Law, further providing for effect of failure to receive tax notice.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1737, HB 1769, HB 1808, HB 1855, HB 1947 and **HB 2044** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 2293 (Pr. No. 3847) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in services and facilities, providing for emergency response plans.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 2673 (Pr. No. 4098) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

HB 2674 (Pr. No. 4099) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 358, ADOPTED

Senator CORMAN, without objection, called up from page 16 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 358**, entitled:

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.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator FARNese. Mr. President, Senate Resolution No. 358 references a church on Lombard Street in Philadelphia and the founders of the Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, which was founded in my district in 1820. Their lot, Mr. President, was a small carpenter's shed. Over the past two centuries, this little church has built and actually become one of the most historic and revered institutions in our city. It has a history of strength and perseverance. It has a history of service to its community and has triumphed over many decades of violence, intimidation, and racism. If you were an African American in Philadelphia in 1820, you knew something about the powers of hell. Eighty-five percent were still enslaved, including more than 200 in Pennsylvania. The next two centuries would bring trials that would test the most fervent believer, and yet generation after generation of Philadelphia families sustained their faith, building upon those humble beginnings to eventually construct a sanctuary that could endure over 200 years.

The building has been listed for more than 40 years on the National Register of Historic Places, but the people who occupy the pews of Big Wesley, as it is known, are ingrained in the history of Philadelphia that is too often overlooked. Mr. President, I congratulate the pastor, Reverend Michael A. King, and all the leadership of the Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church for their contributions to the Philadelphia community, their perseverance through past and present challenges, and their inspiration to all of us to keep the faith and overcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 398, ADOPTED

Senator CORMAN, without objection, called up from page 16 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 398**, entitled:

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

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator KILLION. Mr. President, I rise in favor of Senate Resolution No. 398, a resolution designating the month of October 2020 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. Domestic violence affects women and men of all racial, ethnic, religious, educational, social, and economic backgrounds. As a former board member of the Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, I learned firsthand of the successful efforts they have made in providing safety, advocacy, and supportive services to victims within all 49 municipalities in Delaware County. For over 40 years, the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence has worked to honor victims and survivors, celebrate advocates, and shine a light on intimate partner violence. Staff and volunteers at local domestic violence shelters located in communities across the Commonwealth provide shelter, legal assistance, counseling, and children's services to more than 90,000 victims per year, helping them find safety, obtain justice, and build new lives free of abuse.

Senate Resolution No. 398 encourages all Pennsylvanians to learn more about the causes, signs, prevention, and treatment for domestic violence. Today, I take this opportunity to offer these remarks on behalf of the many victims and their families and recognize the coalition and the many local organizations for their ongoing commitment to these men and women. Organizations such as these do so much for so many, providing direct service to hundreds of victims and their children who reside in the 9th Senatorial District and the communities all throughout the Commonwealth. I rise in support for the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 398.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 400, ADOPTED

Senator CORMAN, without objection, called up from page 16 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 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.

RESOLVED, That the Senate adopt a temporary rule to read:

TEMPORARY RULE

I. Budget Amendments on Senate Floor

1. Floor amendments to the Supplement to the General Appropriation Bill or other General Fund or special fund appropriation bills for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, or for any prior fiscal year shall be in order on second or third consideration only.

2. Any amendment offered on the floor of the Senate to the Supplement to the General Appropriation Bill or other General Fund or special fund appropriation bills or other budget implementing legislation (which collectively comprises and shall be referred to as the 2020-2021 Budget) that proposes spending from the General Fund or any special fund for the Commonwealth 2020-2021 fiscal year, or any prior fiscal year, at a level different from the amount contained in the 2020-2021 Budget as reported from the Appropriations Committee shall not be in order and may not be considered unless the amendment contains sufficient revisions or reductions to that 2020-2021 Budget so that the amendment does not result in a net increase to the total spending and yields a balanced budget based on current and projected revenues. Where a proposed alteration in the Supplement to the General Appropriation Bill is balanced, in whole or in part, by a change in other appropriation bills or other budget implementing legislation, the amendment shall have appended thereto a "statement of intent" setting forth the proposed adjustment to the other appropriation bill or bills that will result in no net increase in the total spending from the General Fund or any special fund contained within the 2020-2021 Budget as reported from the Appropriations Committee.

3. For the purpose of this temporary rule, the Legislative Reference Bureau, in drafting any amendment to the Supplement to the General Appropriation Bill or any other appropriation bill, shall append the "statement of intent" required for a proposal which involves more than one bill.

II. Suspension

This temporary rule may be temporarily suspended only by a vote of the majority of the members elected to the Senate.

III. Expiration

This temporary rule shall expire upon the enactment of the Supplement to the General Appropriation Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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 resolution is adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on Finance, reported the following bills:

SB 463 (Pr. No. 468)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in sales and use tax, further providing for the definition of "building machinery and equipment."

SB 628 (Pr. No. 778)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for airport land development zones.

SB 1326 (Pr. No. 2073) (Amended)

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.

HB 296 (Pr. No. 269)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for adoption and foster care tax credit.

HB 1961 (Pr. No. 4478) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in State Employees' Defined Contribution Plan, further providing for individual investment accounts, for participant contributions, for employer defined contributions, for vesting, for powers and duties of board, for investments based on participant's investment allocation choices and for expenses; in administration, funds, accounts and general provisions, further providing for administrative duties of the board and for taxation, attachment and assignment of funds; and making a related repeal.

HB 1962 (Pr. No. 4477) (Amended)

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in administration and miscellaneous provisions relating to retirement for school employees, further providing for Public School Employees' Retirement Board and for administrative duties of board and providing for stress test of system; and, in administration, funds, accounts and general provisions relating to retirement for State employees and officers, further providing for the State Employees' Retirement Board and for administrative duties of the board and providing for stress test of system.

HB 2497 (Pr. No. 3795)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of all bills reported from committees for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 136, SB 463, SB 628, SB 658, SB 792, SB 870, SB 871, SB 1085, SB 1210, SB 1326, HB 26, HB 81, HB 296, HB 616, HB 862, HB 1363, HB 1673, HB 1961, HB 1962, HB 2101, HB 2497, HB 2561 and HB 2584.

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

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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MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020

11:30 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (confirmation hearing for Tim Holden to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 120; and House Bills No. 86, 280 703, 763 and 885)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	TRANSPORTATION (to consider House Bills No. 2065, 2191, 2233 and 2296)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020

9:00 A.M.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (informational meeting regarding Broadband Roundtable Discussion)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
9:00 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing to examine Pennsylvania dog laws, related legislation and animal welfare issues)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS and EDUCATION (joint public hearing on PASSHE Redesign Implementation Plans)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
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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 5,203 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last raised the minimum wage. That is more than 14 years, and it is far too long.

Yesterday, in this Chamber, I highlighted the progress that the State of Washington has been making on raising its minimum wage, ensuring that all working people in the State have a right to earn fair, family-sustaining wages regardless of their job or profession. I shared how Washington has raised its minimum wage in 4 consecutive years and will raise it a fifth time on January 1, 2021. Yet, despite these raises, Washington's unemployment rate has consistently remained lower than Pennsylvania's rate and Washington has withstood the COVID-19 pandemic much better than Pennsylvania has in terms of job losses. Today, I have more very compelling news to report from Washington State and its capital city. Seattle--a city that is less than half the size of Philadelphia yet twice the size of Pittsburgh by population--has become the second city in the nation to adopt minimum pay rates for ridesharing companies like Uber and Lyft. Starting in January, rideshare companies will have to compensate drivers roughly equivalent to the city's minimum wage for companies that have 500 or more employees, a minimum wage in excess of \$16 an hour after deducting for the driver's expenses. In 2018, New York became the first city to adopt a rideshare minimum wage. Their drivers must earn a minimum of about \$17 after expenses.

I mention these examples not because I have proposed enacting a minimum wage for rideshare drivers in Pennsylvania, but these examples are very informative when we consider how other places are addressing the unique problems faced by the so-called self-employed workforce and independent contractors. As you know, these "non-employee" workers are not protected by the Fair Labor Standards Act. They generally do not qualify for minimum wage. They are not entitled to overtime pay when they work long hours. They do not get health insurance benefits or vacation pay from their employers. When they lose work, they do not qualify for unemployment compensation. There is no safety net for them or their families, and when the economy goes bad, they are the first to find themselves in dire straits.

To demonstrate this point, allow me to share some statistics from the PA Department of Labor and Industry. At latest count, more than 2 million Pennsylvanians have filed successful claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance since mid-April. They have collected \$4.5 billion in benefits. If it was not for the Federal CARES Act, they would have been collecting nothing for the past 7 months because they are not eligible for regular unemployment compensation. By comparison, about 2.1 million Pennsylvanians have filed successful claims for regular UC during the pandemic. In other words, there are almost as many out-of-work independent contractors as there are displaced employees.

While all of that has been happening, the U.S. Department of Labor last month received approval to publish proposed rules that will make it easier for employers to classify even more workers as independent contractors, depriving them of FLSA rights and protections. Analysts say that the administration seeks to fast track the new rules so that they will be finalized by the end of this year. Companies like Uber and Lyft would welcome the proposed worker classification rules changes with open arms.

Employing often-repeated rhetoric, a Lyft spokesman condemned the new Seattle law by arguing that it will destroy thousands of jobs. Yet, the real question should be: what kinds of jobs is he talking about? Mr. President, the answer to that should be clear. In light of the Federal government's protracted march on a pro-business agenda, and without strong State and local worker protections like those adopted in Seattle and Washington State, more and more jobs will be paying poverty wages with no worker benefits and no security. My legislation, Senate Bill No. 12, would help to reverse that downward spiral by raising Pennsylvania's minimum wage for the first time in 14 years, demonstrating that we truly value the working people of the Commonwealth and utilizing our greatest asset--our workforce--to rebuild our economy from the ground up.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator KILLION. Mr. President, earlier today we passed Senate Resolution No. 398 designating the month of October 2020 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. Senate Resolution No. 398 reads: *(Reading)*

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior used to establish power and control over another in an intimate or familial relationship; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence impacts victims, their children, other family members, friends, neighbors and coworkers; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence affects individuals from all racial, ethnic, religious, educational, social and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence takes many forms, and the victims are often subjected to physical and emotional abuse, harassment, threats, financial abuse and stalking; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence can cause victims to suffer physical and emotional trauma, anxiety, stress and sleep deprivation and has been linked to long-term health issues; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a chronically underreported crime; and

WHEREAS, One in four women and one in seven men will experience severe physical violence by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, According to the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, there were 112 fatalities associated with domestic violence in 2019; and

WHEREAS, In the last 10 years, more than 1,600 people have died from domestic violence-related incidents in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services; and

WHEREAS, Intimate partner violence has an estimated lifetime economic burden of \$156 billion in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Less than 20% of victims who report an injury from intimate partner violence seek medical treatment following the injury; and

WHEREAS, Collectively, victims of domestic violence lose approximately 8 million days of paid work annually as a result of violence; and

WHEREAS, Each year, domestic violence programs in Pennsylvania provide services to nearly 90,000 victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Thirty percent to sixty percent of perpetrators of intimate partner violence also abuse children in the home; and

WHEREAS, More than 15 million children are exposed to domestic violence each year, and those children are at a greater risk for repeating the cycle of abuse as adults; and

WHEREAS, Survivors of domestic violence and their families need education relating to their legal rights, judicial proceedings, advocacy, counseling and support services, shelter care and crisis intervention; and

WHEREAS, The strength of this Commonwealth relies on healthy, peaceful families and the safety of its residents, especially women and children, and this strength must be ensured by immediate intervention of the Commonwealth's justice system and other responsible and appropriate services; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2020 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, October 19, 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 3:23 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.