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The Senate met at 12 m., Eastern Standard 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.

Heavenly Father, today is a special, yet bittersweet, day here in the Senate. Today, we will be honoring and saying farewell to some distinguished Members who have served their constituents with dedication and care. We ask You to bless these Members and their families, and to grant them good health, happiness, and peace in their new endeavors. Help them to always remember fondly their service to the people of this great Commonwealth. Days like today really make me reflect on how, as we often say, we here at the Senate are a family. We may have tough moments, but our North Star always has been, and continues to be, working together for the greater good of our Commonwealth. Let us continue to always work in that spirit. All this we ask in Your name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Arnold, Senator Killion, Senator Regan, and Senator Scarnati.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Corman requests legislative leaves for Senator Arnold, Senator Killion, Senator Regan, and Senator Scarnati. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of September 4, 2020, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of September 4, 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?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

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

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

YEA-49

Argall	Dinniman	Martin	Street
Arnold	DiSanto	Mastriano	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	Mensch	Tomlinson
Baker	Fontana	Muth	Vogel
Bartolotta	Gordner	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 Journal is approved.

CALENDAR

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

HB 916 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

HB 916 (Pr. No. 4612) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 8 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator CORMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 916 (Pr. No. 4612) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act mending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for suspension of operating privilege, for the offense of driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked and for ignition interlock limited license and providing for Relief from Administrative Suspension Program; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for grading, for penalties, for ignition interlock, for prior offenses, for Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition, for drug and alcohol assessments and for mandatory sentencing and providing for substance monitoring program. This act may be referred to as Deana's Law.

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.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
FAREWELL TO MEMBERS**

The PRESIDENT. The Senate will now proceed to recognize our distinguished colleagues.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, as you mentioned, as a special order of business on this special day, today we will receive remarks from three members of our family who are retiring and moving on to the next chapter in their lives: Senator Larry Farnese, Senator Pam Iovino, and Senator Andy Dinniman. Each of whom have served this Chamber, in this General Assembly, with great distinction.

Senator Larry Farnese came to us about 12 years ago from the city of Philadelphia and worked tirelessly to tackle many big issues in this Commonwealth, but also certainly in his area, his home city of Philadelphia. Nobody has fought harder to raise awareness and to deal with the discrimination that we have in our Commonwealth. He fought for nondiscrimination ordinances and supported the LGBT community for many years. Session after Session, Senator Farnese would raise awareness and the issue. At the end of the day, while we were not able to pass anything in this Chamber, he certainly raised awareness and allowed for other changes to be made across Pennsylvania. If not for his voice in that space, we would not advance those measures, in my view.

He also did a lot of work, for those of us who were here, when we did tort reform. The role that Senator Farnese played in working with myself, and Senator Stewart Greenleaf at the time, and so many others to advance pretty significant tort reform legislation that, I think, helped to make a major impact on our civil justice system with respect to those individuals who were harmed in the medical malpractice area. But probably most notably, and the work that has been done the last several years, has been his work in criminal justice reform. More recently, as serving as the Minority chair of the Committee on Judiciary, Larry

made certain that we advanced those measures that we passed here unanimously and are still awaiting for action on the House side, but, nevertheless, those issues were raised and articulated through the Committee on Judiciary and other committees, working with Senator Baker to move those bills forward. Those are just some of the things on the policy side that Senator Farnese worked on that had an impact here in this Commonwealth, and will continue to have an impact.

As a member of our Leadership team, Senator Larry Farnese oftentimes took to this podium and spoke about issues that were important at the time to my colleagues and the Senate Democratic Caucus, and certainly across the Commonwealth where these issues were raised in a very eloquent and articulate way and was able to make the case as to why we needed to advance a particular piece of legislation. So, he was an integral part of our Leadership team, as I mentioned, and advocated for many of those things that we talked about over the course of years, and he did it from this podium and it made a difference to the people of Pennsylvania.

Also, Larry was someone who was committed to his family. He is joined here today by his mom, Madeline. Welcome to Madeline Farnese, who is joining us today and is sitting in the gallery.

(Applause.)

Senator COSTA. And I just apologized to Senator Farnese because I think I stole his thunder in that regard, but as someone who continues to have a preference for moms, I think they are always important to all of us.

So, without much further ado, Mr. President, I would ask that Senator Farnese join us and provide us with some remarks, and I know that some of my colleagues will then also want to speak on his behalf as well.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, my mom is here today. I think one or two extra rounds of applause I do not think will ever be wasted. I am sure she appreciates that.

(Applause.)

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I have heard people, when they have given remarks before, talk about what it takes to get here. So many people, I think, are a part of our lives and do that. For me, I think at the top of that list has got to be my Mom and dad. My Dad is not here today, he passed away a few years ago, but as we know, my mom is here, and I cannot tell you how truly grateful I am for everything they have done for me. I remember when, as a practicing attorney--not a great one--but as a practicing attorney, I decided to have a career change and get into politics, and they could not have been more supportive and loving of my career choices. So, from the bottom of my heart, mom, I want to say thank you, to dad as well, too. I know he is looking down. Thank you for everything you have done for me.

Mr. President, I would also like to lay upon the record the names of individuals who are not often mentioned in this Chamber or in this space but whose work is the foundation for what we do, for what I do, for what each and every one of us is able to do on a daily basis, and that is our staff. I want to make sure I read their names so they are forever in the record for their service, not only to the 1st Senatorial District, but to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: Donna Bennett, Marissa Moylan, Dominic

Simirglia, Mary Ann Quartullo, Jocelyn Reinecke, and Jonathan Rowan. Jonathan has been with me from the start, 12 years, an incredible individual, a loyal individual, and I just feel so blessed to have him run my district office. Justin Whitmore and Brandie Pifer, who is here with me today up in the gallery, has been my assistant since I started here. Thank you, Brandie, and thank you for coming here today. Also, too, I want to recognize Marissa Moylan, as well, who is here today in the gallery. Thank you, Marissa, for coming up and for all of your years of support. Sarah Speed is on my staff, I thank her as well, too. April Coble Weidner, and, of course, Matt Franchak, my chief of staff. The last few years, having Matt on my staff has been just incredible. He is a loyal, hardworking individual who knows everything about this place and always has a smile on his face. Thank you, Matt, for all you have done for me. I also think it is important to mention some of my former chiefs of staff as well, too. My very first one was Anthony Mannino, and of course, Sally Keaveney, as well. Both were excellent chiefs of staff and cared very deeply about the issues in the 1st Senatorial District and about the issues here in this Commonwealth.

These people who I mentioned, and everybody here, these are the folks who, each and every day, answer the phones, attend meetings at night for us, and respond to my text messages, which God knows are at all hours of the night. We have helped thousands and thousands of constituents navigate through State and local government, it is a true calling what these people do, and we are so blessed to have them, and I was just so blessed to have them on my staff. Because we know, each of us knows, that those who call are sometimes desperate and angry, they are not very happy when they call in and need something. They are also very impatient at times. Those folks who I listed take those calls, provide the comfort, and give them the service that they need and, quite frankly, they deserve. I wanted their service, like I said, Mr. President, to this Commonwealth and to the people of Philadelphia to be noted in the record, in the permanent record of this institution. As I said, I am deeply grateful for their work.

We all know, Mr. President, that serving the citizens of the 1st Senatorial District is a unique and sacred privilege, and I mean that. It really is, in the realm of public service. When you serve this district, the 1st Senatorial District, on any given day you might walk past the house where Thomas Jefferson scratched out his draft of the Declaration of Independence, or down the block to where Betsy Ross designed the Stars and Stripes. It is not uncommon for us to take a normal workday and have a meeting within a stone's throw of a building where the Constitution was debated, drafted, and signed by men who held strong and sometimes very different views of the State of the Union and the prospects for its future. In the end, through arguments, revolts, and even a few shots exchanged, the best among them reached out to find common ground, to find solutions that necessarily ignored narrow, regional interests to act on the behalf of a united nation.

I have been so fortunate, Mr. President, to have been helped, mentored, by so many individuals in my time. In the beginning, folks who were there for me from the very start were Senator Vincent Fumo, councilman Frank DiCicco, and councilman Jimmy Kenney, now Mayor Jimmy Kenney. All of them helped me, gave me their faith, their trust, and for that I will truly always be grateful. Thank you for that trust.

I have been thinking about my time here. You know, as Senator Costa said, 12 years ago when I first got here and I walked

through that archway over there, I was very naive, nervous, arrogant, clueless, and I was clueless to the point where I really did not even know what I did not know. That is a problem. I will tell you, it sort of crystalized for me about how much I really did not know. I will just tell you a quick story. It was during my first year, and I was fortunate to be a member of the Committee on Appropriations. I remember getting set for that first week of hearings when I came up here as a freshman. I had this big book that our staff put together--our incredible Committee on Appropriations staff, Mark Mekilo, and everybody who worked on it--and God knows, I did not even know what the hell was in it and could not even understand it. I came in and I remember looking at the room, and I said, this is where I want to sit. I want to sit right over there. So, I made sure I got there nice and early and got my seat. At lunch, I left, and when I came back, I noticed there was somebody else in my seat. I soon realized that the person in my seat was the vice chair of the Committee on Appropriations, Senator Tomlinson. I remember walking up to Senator Tomlinson and saying, hey, that is my seat, and I actually kicked him out of my seat, or his seat. He did not say a word. All he said was, oh. I remember him looking back at Jake Corman and saying, I did not know we had assigned seats here. He just sort of looked at me and walked away.

About 5 or 6 months later, it was during budget season, and Senator Tomlinson came up to me and he said, how is Vince doing? Have you talked to Vince lately? I said, yeah, he is doing well. He said, let me tell you something, I served with Vince for decades, served on the Committee on Appropriations with him. He said, I do not know how you are going to do, but I can tell you one thing, out of all the years I served with him, Senator Fumo never kicked me out of a seat in the Committee on Appropriations. So, you got that going for you. It was at that point that I really realized I was clueless. It was at that point that Members of my own Caucus, my own delegation, came to me and helped me.

Senator Tartaglione sat me down very early on and told me that, you know, you got to get on the straight path, and told me what to do. Senator Shirley Kitchen, who at the time was our delegation chair, had a similar sit-down with me as well, too. Senator Tony Williams, as well, sat down with me and tried to set me straight. These folks, they all were very important to me because they showed me something. They showed me that, I realized for the first time, during that early time I was here, I was so focused on my agenda, on my issues, on what I wanted to do, I did not realize one of the most important things, which is this institution. In order to understand this institution, and at least I believe, it is necessary to understand the people who make it up, our colleagues with whom we serve each and every day, because they come from such diverse parts, and I began to concentrate on that. Concentrate on learning about my colleagues and understanding how important they are, and that helped me, Mr. President, gain an understanding of what this institution really means. I can tell you that I truly fell in love with this institution. I really did. It is not just what it stood for, but the fact that each and every day you have an opportunity to walk in here. It does not happen much, but you have an opportunity to walk in here and make people's lives better, and I took that to heart. I know that when I walk through that door, even now, I think I still have the same enthusiasm, same step. I probably do not have as much hair, maybe weigh a little bit more, but the point is that I understood

that to truly understand this institution is to understand the people who make it up. Because that is really what this is about. When we talk about a family, there are people here who we could go back and forth, debate, argue, and fight, but at the end of the day, the people who comprise, the people who share this institution are what make it, at least to me, something truly special and that I will never forget. I believe that when we work together, that truly is the best this institution can be. Those folks are willing to put it on the line each and every day, to get up here and fight for the stuff they believe in, to fight for the issues that their constituents sent them here to do, to have that voice and to have that courage, and, Mr. President, I see that. I see that in my Caucus, as I am leaving now. It makes me very—even though I am sad leaving, knowing that those folks will be here, that is something very important to me.

I talked about my time on the Committee on Appropriations. It really gave me an opportunity not only to learn about how this place works and the process here, but one of the most important pieces that I did not understand before I got here was the art of compromise and the responsibility to the greater good. My time on the Committee on Appropriations gave me a chance to not just serve the people of the 1st Senatorial District, but to understand the needs of the entire Commonwealth because, like I have always said, when you serve on the Committee on Appropriations, you serve the entire Commonwealth. You make decisions that affect each and every citizen. That allowed me to get a sense of what compromise really is about and what it takes. Now, I know, Mr. President, I know there are those who will say, cynically, that compromise is surrender, and that attitude has only intensified over the past years. But I learned you can remain, and I believe this, that you can remain true to your principles, principles that you came here with, the things that you believe in, and the values you believe in. You can remain true to them as you guide yourself on your path of service, while accepting what is possible when those principles clash with others. Our Founding Fathers knew of this dilemma as well. In the words that they created, a nation which, at its core principle, was equality. I say that again. This nation was created with its core principles of equality. But their deeds, as we know, often fell short of the reach of their words.

When the reality sets in, Mr. President, that a Member of this body is not going to be continuing in the privilege of service, I can tell you, it truly is—to call it a job, I never did—it truly is a privilege. It is natural that his or her thoughts turn to work left undone instead of the consolation of the achievements. I can tell you, that is a truth. Since I realized that I would not be coming back, it is, what have we not gotten done, and what can I do to get it done? I am truly grateful to my Caucus Leadership for allowing me to serve on committees that are often at the center of impactful issues of the day. I was so grateful to be the Democratic chairman of the Committee on Judiciary as we considered historic reforms for victims of childhood sexual abuse. A reckoning, Mr. President, long overdue. Again, I tip my hat to the Majority chairwoman, Senator Baker, for her leadership on that.

I had an opportunity, Mr. President, to serve on the Committee on Economic and Recreational Development at the dawn of legalized gambling in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As folks might know, the 1st Senatorial District is the only district with two casino licenses in it. The opportunity to serve on that committee as legalized gambling came in meant that Pennsylva-

nia was given millions, actually billions in revenue, while close regulation has allowed us to largely avoid the pitfalls of such a dramatic change. I was able to work with my colleagues, and this is something I am very proud of, to create a local account funding, a local share, that will provide up to \$5 million in annual funding to nonprofit groups for critical capital projects in the city of Philadelphia, not just the 1st Senatorial District, but the entire city of Philadelphia. It has truly been the honor of my lifetime to have spent these years as one of those entrusted with that work.

Next to my family, this institution and this Caucus are very important to me. It is my hope, and I am confident that it will be fulfilled, that those who follow me will insure that the pursuit of happiness will be universal, regardless of who you are, or who you love, or how you identify your gender. I know my staff and I have worked tirelessly on these issues, and I thank them for that. We know today, Mr. President, what the Founders knew then, and every generation since has struggled with, that the ideas scratched on paper inside Graff House at 7th and Market Streets in Philadelphia, fundamental equality for all under the law, still today remains unfulfilled. We continue to acknowledge that. But at least I know that my time in this service, as I look back on it, the influences of those who helped me form a legislative agenda, hopefully, those ideals will continue. I think it is important as well, too, Mr. President, for me to just briefly mention that in addition to those other folks, people like Gregory Harvey, people from the 8th Ward, my friends who were there each and every day and helped me shape a legislative agenda focused on equality and on giving people a voice who did not have one. That was always important to me.

So, Mr. President, as I finish off my time here at this podium for the last time, maybe, I can tell you that it has truly been the honor of my life. Even at times when this work came before the people I love, family members, I am sorry for that, but I will never forget, Mr. President, the privilege of being here with each and every one of you. So, from that, Mr. President, I just hope that we continue to acknowledge this, these principles that we believe in, the values that we believe in, what we come here with from our own individual districts, and strive to achieve a level of compromise. When this body works together, when it chooses an issue that it truly wants to get done, there is nothing better than watching this Chamber do that. That has been some of the greatest experiences of my life, watching the people in this room, on both sides of the aisle, come together to deliver for the people of Pennsylvania.

From the bottom of my heart, Mr. President, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak today. Thank you.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator Lindsey Williams.

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I just wanted to begin by saying to Senator Farnese, thank you for your years of service. I know I have only been here 2 years, but it has been an absolute honor to serve alongside you, and I want to thank you for being a true ally. You have never failed to speak on this floor about issues that are near and dear to your heart, that you care deeply about, whether that be LGBTQ issues, gun safety, women's right to choose, criminal justice reform, and many more. You have spoken so passionately on the floor, and it will be missed. I can tell you, your speeches on the floor are often topics of conversation during our staff meetings and group chats

because that passion comes from a real place, and we can all see and hear that. When push comes to shove, you voted the right way, and you were not only an ally when the camera was on you, when the spotlight was on you, you were an ally when nobody else was looking, and that is important. As a new Member, as a young woman in this building, that can be challenging at times. You have never failed to be standing right by me, and I appreciate that more than I can tell you. I do not know what it is that you will do next, but I can tell you that you will continue to make people's lives better. So, thank you.

(Applause.)

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I rise today to extend my very best wishes to Senator Larry Farnese, the Democratic chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, to acknowledge his service to our Senate, and to our Commonwealth, this committee assignment that we shared. We also served as chairs of the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness when he first joined the Senate 12 years ago. As he mentioned earlier, we tackled many challenging issues before the Committee on Judiciary this Session. Most of these were complex, controversial, emotional, and highly impactful. What we did was listen. I appreciated his approach in wanting to listen to a wide range of opinions and perspectives. We both brought differing perspectives to the debate and this conversation. Much of that comes from the differences that are rooted in where we live and who we serve. Senator Farnese's district is far different from the 20th Senatorial District. You served the largest city in our State, and the 20th Senatorial District is 2,600 square miles without a city within its boundaries. So, we brought those perspectives.

What we also tried to do at the committee level was to find common ground. While we did not always share the same point of view or opinion, I greatly appreciated that we respected our differing approaches to the debate, and when we disagreed, we did so without being disagreeable. I appreciated the work that you and your staff brought to the Senate Committee on Judiciary. You laid out a number of the issues we tackled, some of the successes we did in a very bipartisan way. I would like to thank you and Sarah Speed of your staff. Mike Cortez and I greatly appreciated all of that work.

So, as you mentioned, service in the Senate is a lifetime honor, something that we and you can be proud of, the service, the contribution. We all know that our families wear the uniform of public service with us, and I am so delighted to know that your mom could be here today to witness your last speech on the Senate floor. I extend my very good wishes for health and success in your future endeavors, and I know that you will promise to continue to serve and contribute in the years ahead. It has been a privilege to work with you on the Senate Committee on Judiciary, and I offer my warm best wishes.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, first, Senator Farnese, thank you for your dedicated service to the Commonwealth and your constituents. You know, after listening to you, that sentence just does not ring true enough in terms of how you felt about serving here and how important you felt it was serving. The historical context you put your service in was really impactful to

me, as you have always been so impactful, Larry. What impressed me the most about your service as a Senator was your unwavering commitment to the causes you cared about - human rights, criminal justice reform, and issues that impact people throughout the Commonwealth in regards to how they live their daily lives. Larry, even though some of it was not politically popular at the time, or even if it was, you were true to your word and true to your commitment to serving the people of your district and the Commonwealth. Your efforts have paid off. In many respects, we have come so much closer to achieving some of the things you have worked so hard on. I fully expect that we will, and you will be cheering us on and working on these issues in some capacity in the future.

I learned a lot from you, Larry. I watched you when you stood up and talked on the floor, whether it was on a bill or during Petitions and Remonstrances. I paid close attention to not only what you said, but the way you said it. Your thoughts were logically organized, you spoke in detail about the issues, you raised the important points that needed to be raised about that issue, but also, and maybe equally as important, was the quiet passion you brought to how you felt about these issues. It came through. Your qualities, your personality, and the service you offered to us, it has always shown through, Senator Farnese.

I, too, wish you the best in the future. You know, we still have a standing date to go to the Oley fair. We missed it this year because they did not have a fair, but we are going to get there next year. I look forward to watching you, either from afar or close up, and the things you will accomplish. I, too, want to send my greetings to your mother, whom we heard a lot about while you were serving. We knew a lot about your family, and it was wonderful to know that aspect of you as well, Larry. Thank you so much for your service.

(Applause.)

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

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, I rise today to offer remarks in honor of my colleague, Senator Larry Farnese. Though I have only served with Senator Farnese for a short time, I have taken great lessons, as has everyone who has spoken today, from his unwavering honesty and integrity, which has been a beacon in this legislature, where those qualities can sometimes be left behind. Though he and I may disagree on whether the heroes from the DC or Marvel universes have the best backstories, one thing upon which we do not disagree on is that to serve in this Chamber, one must do so with grit, kindness, and unwavering integrity. His conviction and compassion for the people of his district and our Commonwealth should serve as a roadmap for us all as we stand in this hallowed Chamber and speak on behalf of the people who have given us the privilege to serve them. That privilege and sense of right and wrong has never been forgotten by Senator Farnese. Whether he was standing up to confront and condemn hypocrisy or offering remarks in support of legislation that will improve the lives of every Pennsylvanian, Senator Farnese could always be counted on to be a voice of fairness, reason, and equity.

I will miss my friend's voice in this Chamber, but his passion, tenacity, and genuine love for this job and the people he represented will never be forgotten. As long as the people of our Commonwealth elect leaders who understand that their effectiveness will be judged by the strength of our words and our hearts,

Senator Farnese's voice will resonate in this Chamber and beyond. Thank you for your service, Senator Farnese. It has been my true honor to serve alongside you.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, thank you. Larry, you are a champion. You are my champion as well, because there were times when I sat in the front of our Caucus room, with Larry sitting next to me practically by my side all the time, and he would just give me his perspective on where he was coming from as a Senator from Philadelphia, and, of course, I represent a district that is not similar to yours in many aspects. But he was always trying to tell me what it was like to represent that area of Philadelphia, what things meant to him personally, and I learned from him. I think he said to me, Lisa, I am learning a little bit about your district as well. We had that mutual respect for each other.

You are a tireless advocate for those who, too often, are left behind. You were always championing for them. But you always understood my perspective, because at times we disagreed on policy. We never disagreed on our friendship. That was a solid given. There were times when we laughed together and times when we really had to sit down and try to pull our Caucus together too, because you and I tried. When we were in disagreements, we were like, well, maybe we can help, because that is what mattered to us. He and I were from two different districts but tried to pull our Caucus together and, like you said, because we are a family. At the end of the day, we have to get together and do what is right for the people of Pennsylvania.

To Larry's mom: hi, Mom. As Judy Schwank said, you were always being talked about, and I can tell you, because I sat next to him for a long time, he would talk about you a lot. You are Mom, and thank you so much because Larry is who he is because of how he was raised and brought up. We thank you for that. Our Caucus has been blessed to have Larry here. We are always going to be friends, Larry. I just wish you the best of luck moving forward.

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

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, first to Mama Farnese, we always want to have a child that others recognize to carry the values that he was raised with. I will tell you that Larry has done that beyond all measure. I also want to tell you that, Larry, I do not really have a speech, I just have words coming from my heart. I love you, and I am going to miss you not being in caucus or on the floor fighting with me for many Americans, Pennsylvanians, Philadelphians, who sometimes are counted out simply because we do not recognize what is most essential. All the things I could say about the comments that you made today, your passion, you have been authentic. I am glad you reminded us that this is a State created by Quaker values which requires us to look towards humanity, equity, equality, fairness, and look beyond the borders that say you are a Republican or a Democrat, or you are from Elk County or Philadelphia. It requires us, as Pennsylvanians, to look to the best in us. Certainly, you have done that in your work experience, but what people do not know, you have done it in your personal experience.

I have to share two quick stories, both are, frankly, kind of hilarious. For those who do not know, Larry is a Big Brother.

That is in his private and personal life. He literally called me one day, and he knew I used to play gaming sports, so he was asking me about Xbox or something like that, and I did not understand why he was asking me about this. You do not impress me as that kind of guy. He said, well, I have a Little Brother. Then he told me his Little Brother's name, which had some kind of derivation that gave an ethnic background, letting us know that the child was African American. Now, Larry is a lot of things, but he is not cool. So, I was trying to figure out how this guy was navigating the neighborhood in which this child lived in to support him. Larry never blinked. He was more than a Big Brother, he was an advisor to the mother. These are stories that we talk about. Larry never told the public about this. I never saw Larry take a picture, post, or brag about it in a campaign ad. It is something he is.

That is what makes him the legislator, the man, and the person he is. That is why we are going to miss him. That is why I am going to miss him. He was not just someone who sat beside me in caucus, he was not just another Democrat, he was not just another Philadelphian. He was a person who booted up every day and we put on our armor together. We were fighting the good fight for many people who will never, ever be counted, who equality may evade their entire lives, but there is a voice.

So, Mama, you and his father did a wonderful thing, raising him in the way that you did. I look forward to having a meal or two when we are allowed to, Larry, and compare notes and support you going forward. I am particularly impressed, and I am going to tell Shirley that you reminded us that she was a guiding force in our Caucus and is not to be forgotten, but, most importantly, you followed those lessons. You learned them well, young man. Carry them forward. God bless you.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

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

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, thank you. I am going to be short, Larry, because I am going to cry. My analogy of you is the *Million Dollar Baby* movie where Hilary Swank is getting her teeth knocked out and you are behind me, coaching me. You stood there when I got my teeth knocked out a few times. You got yours knocked out, too. You took a few uppercuts, and you always fought. So, while you might not be here to do that anymore, I am sure as hell going to do it in your honor, and there are a lot of battles left that you could not close out. I just want to thank you because you have been a huge guide to the new Members. You elevated us to a place where we felt more involved, more engaged, and you also had our backs. As we know, trust is a rare commodity in this building, and that is why this one hurts, because you are a rare gem. You certainly were a favorite in my family relative to your floor speeches as well. Certainly, my husband and I enjoyed watching your rants. So, maybe you can still text me and give me pointers so I can continue on in your legacy. It was an honor to serve with you. Thank you.

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I rise, like my colleagues, to salute my friend, my colleague, my former law partner, and a

gentleman I have known for a better part of both of our lives, Senator Farnese. Larry, there is a quote that says, we find ourselves in the service of others, and, in so doing, we find who we truly are. I think you found yourself as you strove to serve the interests of others. I have known you for a long time, since before either of us were lawyers or elected officials. I have had the privilege of both practicing law with you and serving with you in this Chamber, of knowing you, and watching you grow. I truly believe you found your purpose in life as you strove to solve the problems of others, both in your public service and in your personal life. In so many ways, that is one of God's truly good gifts, when you can find a way to enrich your own life by dedicating yourself to the enrichment of the lives of others. You have truly been blessed. I believe that this is, while the closing of one chapter, the beckoning of the dawn of another chapter, and that your service to people is not over. I look forward to helping you in your next chapter. So, I thank you for your service and look forward to the great things that God has in store for you in the next journey as your life proceeds. Thank you so much. I, like others, salute you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, thank you. Larry, I do not have a prepared speech. I want to speak from my heart. I do remember the first day you walked into this Chamber, and I do remember when we had to sit down and have a number of chats about how things are done and how you could get through the mazes of the Senate, and you learned well, Larry. You really did. I want to thank you for all the respect you have given to me as the chair of the Philadelphia delegation. You have helped me elevate that title.

To Mrs. Farnese, you raised a wonderful son. I want to thank you for all the novenas you have said for me and my family.

Larry, I know this is not the end of your public service. I know we will see you again because you need to serve people. You did your job so well. I love you, and I am really going to miss you. But I will be here for anything you need. Thanks, Larry, for everything. God bless, Godspeed.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Santarsiero.

Senator SANTARSIERO. Mr. President, Larry, one of my regrets is the fact that we have only been able to serve together for 2 years. But in that time, I have grown to know you as a man of integrity and passion for the issues that really matter, in my view, here in our Commonwealth. I want to say something this afternoon, largely with respect to one of those issues, because it is an issue that affects my family personally. It is one that you have been a leader and a champion on, and that is to make sure that every human being in this State is treated with dignity, respect, and that their civil rights are protected. I am referring, of course, to the LGBTQ community and the fact that you have been a champion on that bill throughout your tenure here. I know it has not gotten across the finish line yet, but, God willing, it will. For all those citizens of Pennsylvania, their families, and their loved ones, I want to say thank you. Thank you for your leadership on that, for caring, and for standing up for them.

I would be remiss if I also did not extend my thanks to Mrs. Farnese for raising the man you did and giving us such a wonderful colleague and a real leader in our State Senate and our State. Thank you, Larry.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Senator, you are a good man, and your district was lucky to have you. I am very honored to have, even for this short time, served with you. You are a good man. Thank you for your service.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, before Senator Iovino speaks, I would like to provide some remarks, as I had done with Senator Farnese. My colleagues here know of Senator Iovino's distinguished career in public service, serving for 23 years in the United States Navy, and then her work, certainly, in this Chamber. But before coming here, in addition to her service in the Navy--she achieved the rank of Captain and retired--upon the nomination of George W. Bush and the unanimous confirmation of the United States Senate, she served as the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Affairs for our Veterans Affairs Department in Washington, D.C. In that role, she fought for our veterans and made certain they were afforded the benefits that they certainly were entitled to and was their voice in Washington, D.C., for the millions of veterans across our country.

She returned home to Allegheny County, western Pennsylvania, worked at Robert Morris University, and then became Allegheny County's director of veterans affairs, a role that she did extremely well in and worked hard to continue to insure that veterans in our Commonwealth and our county received the benefits and services that they were entitled to. She came here to the Senate in April of 2019 and continued to fight for our veterans. As chairperson of the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, she was also a tremendous advocate for our first responders as well. In her role as the chair of that committee, she continued her service of fighting for our veterans to make sure they continued to receive the healthcare services they were entitled to and that they continued to receive quality long-term care. More recently, when issues arose in some of our centers around Pennsylvania during this COVID-19 crisis, Senator Iovino was there, shoulder-to-shoulder with the people who were raising the concerns, fighting to make sure that the quality of services, the quality of care that was provided to these men and women, was maintained and improved through that process.

Mr. President, I am very honored to call her my friend, and I am very honored to have Senator Iovino come to the podium for remarks as well.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator IOVINO. Mr. President, I rise today, one of my final days of Session as Senator in the 37th Senatorial District, to share a very simple message: gratitude. As my office prepares to transition to the incoming Senator-elect for the 37th Senatorial District, I look back on my tenure and there is so much and so many to extend my gratitude. First, I want to acknowledge and sincerely thank my staff. Being a legislator has been a team effort, and my team is truly exemplary. So, specifically, I want to thank Stacey Reibach, Noah Erwin, Josh Fleitman, Tierney Smith, Marilyn Oberst-Horner, Molly Levine, Courtney Yu, and Sam Smith. To each of you, it has been a pleasure working with you to serve our constituents, and I know the genuine disappointment you are feeling right now over the loss of the opportunity for that service. However, I am confident that each of you will

continue to do incredible things in your next professional chapters. The organizations that are about to add you to their rolls will be all the better for the professional standards and the incredibly good hearts that you bring to the workplace and to those you serve.

Similarly, my thanks to the Senate Democratic Caucus staff, and the staff of this whole Chamber. You are as talented a group of professionals as I have encountered anywhere. Whether it is policy, communications, parliamentary procedures, IT, or the complexity of the budget, your knowledge and experience are second to none, and our Commonwealth is extremely fortunate to have this caliber of professionals on staff and working for them. I will be forever grateful for your generosity to share your knowledge with me and to help me navigate these last 18 months.

Thank you to my colleagues and to my Caucus Leadership. Thank you for the incredibly warm and enthusiastic welcome you extended to me when I joined this Chamber a year and a half ago. I thank you for your mentorship and your friendship. Both have meant more to me than I can express. I am truly grateful, and I could not have accomplished anything without both.

Thank you to all of my supporters, many of whom I am now fortunate to count as friends. The broad coalition that elected and supported me from labor; education; veteran services communities; activists; elected officials at the Federal, State, and local level, I could not ask for more in terms of you giving your time, talent, and treasure, and I will forever be grateful for it.

Finally, to the constituents of the 37th Senatorial District, I am so deeply honored and humbled by the faith you placed in me over the last 18 months as your State Senator, and I trust that I have served you well and honorably. Working on behalf of the incredible collection of communities of the 37th Senatorial District, supporting the hopes and needs of our working families and businesses has been extremely fulfilling. I have long believed, and I know that serving as an elected official is not about the incumbent, but, rather, it is about understanding that an elected official is a temporary steward to what is enduring, the institution to which they have been elected. While I will dearly miss the work of a Pennsylvania State Senator, our democratic process, the electoral process, that institution and pillar of our democracy must now be respected and upheld. Its integrity, which I have no doubt in, has indicated that it is time for the next steward of this institution. I call upon all patriots to join me in accepting the results of the election, in honoring the peaceful transition of power, and abiding by the constitutional norms which have made our republic a beacon of freedom and political stability for almost two and a half centuries.

I will close by acknowledging and sharing that the last 2 weeks have been bittersweet. The amount of well wishes and expressions of appreciation for my service that I received have literally been overwhelming. Of course, I would have preferred to receive a win on Election Day, but I will forever cherish those incredibly kind words. Due largely to all of the people that I have thanked today, this has been the best job I have had to date in a long career of great jobs in public service. So, a final thank you to all of you. Mr. President, I yield the floor for the final time.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator Lindsey Williams.

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, thank you. Senator Iovino, I am going to start off the same way. Thank you so much for your years of service. I know it has only been a short time here in the State Senate, but it has been a lifetime of service. I know that is the core of who you are and who you will continue to be, and our Commonwealth, our country, has been that much better to have you continuing to serve. I know that is what you are going to do. You may not have the same fiery speech style that Senator Farnese has on the floor, but it does not mean it is any less passionate when you get up and speak. It is not any less thoughtful and intelligent and comes from a real place. You have done that not only on the floor, but in our caucus when we are debating issues. You bring a perspective and a quiet strength that I think is going to be sorely missed in this building and in our Caucus, and you also brought that to the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

You have worked in a bipartisan fashion on a number of things, but when you have not been able to do that, you have not shied away from doing what is right for our first responders and veterans. I have been on calls with you and Senator Muth, fighting to make sure that our veterans get the care they deserve in our State-run veterans homes, and that is something you did without a camera on you. You really just continued to fight for those veterans and to make sure that Senator Muth had the ability to raise the issues and protect those in her community and also in veterans homes across this Commonwealth. So, that perspective as a veteran is going to be sorely missed. I am losing a friend, too. I am losing somebody who, after a tough day in this building or in the district, who I could call, talk to—we might have had a rough day on the floor and we would go out and have some chips and guacamole and just bond. I am going to miss you dearly, but I know whatever it is, you are going to continue to serve your community, and I thank you for that.

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

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, I rise to offer remarks in honor of my colleague, Senator Iovino. Senator Iovino joined this Chamber in April 2019, and in her too-brief time here, she has shown herself to be one of the most dedicated public servants I have had the pleasure to know and work with. As a long-serving member of the United States Navy, Captain Iovino's life has always been about service, patriotism, and selflessness. Never one to seek the spotlight for personal or political gain, her singular dedication to the people of her district and this Commonwealth was evident in the legislation she introduced and the words she used to share her position. As Minority chairwoman of the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, Senator Iovino continued to fight for her military brothers and sisters to make sure those who served our Commonwealth and country are treated with dignity and their service is never forgotten. From fighting for legislation to remove the sunset on the Pennsylvania Military Family Relief Assistance Program to working to establish a task force to study the coordination of veteran services, there has been no clearer champion for Pennsylvania's veterans and emergency personnel.

It has been my sincere pleasure to learn from her and grow as an advocate for the men, women, and families who have sacrificed so much for the freedoms and liberties we enjoy. Her presence in this Chamber will be missed, but her advocacy and determination to serve the people of her district and our Common-

wealth with tenacity and compassion will echo in these halls for decades to come. It has been my sincere honor and privilege to call Senator Iovino my colleague and friend, and I know how fortunate the people of our Commonwealth have been to have had the chance to call her Senator. Thank you for your service, Senator, Captain Iovino.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, as Senator Collett just stated, many times when we are making remarks for departing Members, those Members have had many years of service. In Senator Iovino's case, that may not be true, but she had an impact on this body, her constituents, and her staff as if she had served for many years here. As a matter of fact, she left her mark forever as an extraordinary public servant. Pam, I almost believe, looking back on your career, that you were born into public service. It is in your blood for sure. To list all of your accomplishments, titles, and awards in your storied career prior to serving in the Senate and representing the 37th Senatorial District would take a long time. Suffice to say that your life experiences have served your constituents, the Members of this body, this entire legislature, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania very well.

As Minority chair of the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, you were at the top in making sure that veterans got their due, that they received what they should. You brought innovative projects and ideas to veteran services that I have observed had not happened before, and you brought that because you had the perspective of being a veteran yourself. Those qualifications that you brought, and the personal experience--and I have to say it--specifically as a female veteran serving in that role, you truly made a difference. I was so proud of what you were able to bring to that committee and to our community as a whole.

Beyond that, Pam, you are a woman of impeccable character and true integrity. There is a Biblical term, a woman of valor. Looking at your career, service in the Navy, service to your community, and service to this body as well, you are truly a woman of valor. You set a higher bar for what it means to be a public servant, not only in the district that you will not serve as Senator, but certainly among all of us in terms of what it means to truly do this job well. I appreciated your thoughtful approach to difficult issues and your calm and reassuring demeanor. I love sitting next to you, Pam. I recall, I overheard a story you told once about visiting a Cub Scout troop and you brought a sword that you had from your prior service and how much you impressed those Cub Scouts. I thought to myself, wow, I do not have anything that cool to bring. You were so fortunate to do that. But it was just a story that told a little bit about your personality and everything you did in service to the district. You brought something unique, something that would leave an impression, and it surely did.

Quite frankly, your leadership qualities were apparent to me from the day you walked into that caucus room and I first got the opportunity to meet you. It was just apparent to me. We will all miss the work you have done, and I know I am among many here who will say, we will miss your friendship. You know, there is an old story from the Jewish Talmud. The story is that for each and every one of us there is a star in the Milky Way, in the uni-

verse, and depending upon your deeds, the way you live your life, your character, the things you do to bring good to the world, that is how that star shines. I can say without qualification, Pam, Senator Iovino, that your star is shining brightly tonight and every night and will continue to shine. God bless you and thank you so much for all that you have done for all of us.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Santarsiero.

Senator SANTARSIERO. Mr. President, thank you. As with my other colleagues, I rise to thank Senator Iovino. Thank you, Pam, for stepping up. I think it is hard for people who do not serve in public life to know what it is to put your name out and to run for office. It is not for the faint-hearted, it comes with great risk, but it also comes with great potential and reward if you work hard. In the short time you have been here with us, you have lapped many of us in terms of the amount you have been able to do. I have to say that getting to know you over that time, I was fortunate that Tony Lepore decided to put you next to me in our caucus room, where we often had sidebars about the different issues that were coming in front of us. It really made me so happy to know that there was another Member of our Caucus who cared so deeply about the job and serving her constituents and being somewhat of a voice in our Caucus for really making change in moving things forward.

Of course, the five of us who got elected in 2018, we knew there was going to be a special election in the 37th Senatorial District, and when you won that we were so excited and became our G6, as we have called ourselves. Just spending that time with you in Session, the times we have gone out to El Sol and talked about the trials of the day, speaking for myself, and I know it is true for my colleagues, too, it has so much enriched my life to have that chance. Your life of dedication, your service to our country, the Navy, and now our State as a State Senator is something that, again, I know your constituents are grateful for and I know all of us are.

As with Larry, it is not going to be easy moving forward without you here. But we know you are going to continue on in serving because I know that is who you are. I am always going to be there in whatever way you would need me, I would be happy to help. It is difficult going through times like this. I have done it myself, but, at the end of the day, to be able to look back on what you have been able to do and the way you have been able to actually impact people's lives, again, makes that risk of putting your name forward well worth it. Thank you for being a colleague, thank you for being a friend, and thank you for serving.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, Pam, this is really difficult. From the first time I met you in Philadelphia, and it seems much longer than 19 months ago, we have spoken just about every single day of those 19 months. Sometimes for 2 hours, way past midnight. You have dedicated yourself to the people of your district. You served it well, Pam. For the short time you have been here, you have made a bigger impact than most of us in the Minority have been able to make for the lifetime we have been here. Your strong moral compass, your unwavering integrity, I really am honored and privileged to have

served with you, Pam, and to call you my friend. We have not seen the end of you. We know you will be in public service in one way or another.

Pam, I hope our friendship continues because I truly do cherish you. I love you, and I am going to miss you.

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I love the color of your mask, by the way. I have been staring at that the whole time.

Anyway, Pam, our time together was way too short, but we are grateful and thankful for your service to this country and also for your service to this Chamber. You did remarkable things for so many people, and in particular, our veterans. I know you will find a way to continue your service, because that is who you are. That is the woman I respected the minute she walked in this building. The knowledge, the professionalism, hard work, passion, and you said it the best when you spoke, Pam, you said you are humbled to have served in this position. You have been humble from the minute you got here, but you worked tirelessly for everybody that you represented and you were good for this Caucus. We needed you in this Caucus. I still want you in this Caucus. From the bottom of my heart, I am going to miss you. But I look forward to our continued friendship, because that will happen. So, thank you, Pam.

Thank you, Mr. President.

(Applause.)

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

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, thank you. Pam, it is hard to sort of explain this space to me because I have a confession, and that is of all the people who had stereotypes, I stereotyped you before I met you. I heard about your background, so I sort of made an assumption about who you would be, and you are anything but that. You have extraordinary dignity, class, grace, presence, but most defining is your intellectual gifts in your commonsense approach to solving problems. You do it in a way that, frankly, moves people without even realizing they are being moved. And you do not even really raise your voice. I am going to miss that. In fact, what is most needed in this country today, and in this State, is a person like you. A person who really shows us what a patriot looks like. What patriotism is. What a patriot speaks like. How they lead. How they provide a vision for all Americans, regardless of where they come from. I am not quite sure how people missed that on Election Day, but I want you to know that not just those of us in this Caucus, but those who called you, and those were well-deserved calls, get the fact that you are more than just a person who represents the service of this country, you represent the ethos of this country.

I am very grateful that you took the time to teach me how to serve. How to take, frankly, some of the edge off when it comes to defending those who I think need to be defended. You have given me a perspective that all of us can be included in this American dream, because you embraced everyone. I mean literally everyone: young, old, black, white, it does not really matter. Because in your patriotic America, there is space for all of us. Your comments, of course, were focused, directed, and immediate. We do respect every vote in this country. We do respect the fact that there was an outcome. Sometimes we disagree with it, we just pick ourselves back up, as Pam Iovino does, and will, and we move forward to unite this country, the State, the Com-

monwealth, and, hopefully, the Senate. Most importantly, we will be calling you for continued advice.

God bless you, my friend. Godspeed.

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

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, I will start humorously so I can maybe hold my tears to the end. I want to say thank you for being a friend, and part of me wants to sing the *Golden Girls* theme song right now on the Senate floor, but between myself, you, Senator Collett, and Senator Lindsey Williams, we formed a little pack of people who had no idea what we were doing. You came in shortly after we did and when you first sat behind me on the Senate floor you said, I feel like I do not know anything, and I said, none of us do, we are all new here. So, navigating that with all of you throughout the last 2 years has been exciting, terrifying, and the honor of a lifetime. I think going to Nashville as overachievers, as freshman legislators trying to learn as much as we possibly could, at a conference that was very detailed and we met a lot of great people--although Senator Costa did not buy us the robot that we saw in the hallway, and that is okay--but we certainly had a good time.

When I think of you, I think of four words: calm, measured, strategic, and humble. You fought for victims of military sexual trauma in your district, in my district, and across the whole country. And I want to say thank you for also fighting for the veterans in my district who passed away, because that was a fight that we had to go up against our own Governor and you fought that fight. I also want to say thank you for putting me on the most interesting task force I have ever been on, Senate Resolution No. 170, and to coordinate veteran services is clearly something we have to work on.

So, again, thank you for being a friend and for your service. There will not be a day that goes by that we will not miss you being here.

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, like my colleagues, I rise to recognize the contributions of my colleague, Senator Iovino. Bishop Desmond TuTu said, "Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." You certainly have never missed an opportunity to do a little bit of good where you are. You did it in a thoughtful, deliberate, conscientious way, always thinking about the greater good, always weighing the options, and always striving to make the best decision. You were probably one of the most thoughtful and considerate legislators I have worked with. Not just considerate of the niceties of one another, but considerate of the impact of our decisions on the people, both who you represented in your district, and people who would be impacted across the Commonwealth. It is that kind of thoughtfulness that I am sure has catapulted you to success in so many fields prior to arriving at the Senate, and it is that kind of conscientious hard work and thoughtful care to the task in front of you that will likely propel you to many additional lofty tasks in the journey that God has laid out before you.

I want to thank you, again, for your service and look forward to seeing what you do in the future and working with you in those endeavors. Thank you so much.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I share in the comments made by all my colleagues regarding Senator Farnese and Senator Iovino and the time they have been here and the manner in which they have garnered the respect of the Members, their colleagues. I am heartened by the fact that the issues we have talked about, that they have talked about, that these individuals have championed for a number of years and, more recently, Pam, that our colleagues here are going to pick up the torch and continue to carry the torch forward with them in mind knowing that they will be able to stand on their shoulders and advocate for these issues as we go forward.

Mr. President, our final speaker today, who has been with us for a number of years, is our good friend, Senator Andy Dinniman. Andy came to us from a seat that was held by Republicans, and it was the first time a Democrat won that seat since the Civil War when Andy first joined us. He served as a county commissioner and, by all accounts, was beloved. It was not until I went into Andy's district to spend some time with him that, when we walked up and down the streets of his community, it was obvious he was a celebrity. Everyone knew Andy and was gracious and said hello to him. But, more importantly, he knew everyone else. He knew the folks he was speaking with, so it was a testament to him as a person that folks knew him. I think it is a great tribute to an elected official to be able to have that quality.

Andy is known in this Chamber, and in our Caucus in particular, for a number of issues, but there are three that I want to point out that I will always remember Andy's advocacy for. Certainly, from the heart was his love of animals and the work Andy did in advocating for protecting our animals, dogs, Dog Law changes, and a whole bunch of other things in that space. He was an advocate for a variety of different things, and he did it in a bipartisan way. I know that for a fact. Most of the work Andy did was bipartisan work, and he should be complimented for that. Pipeline safety for his community was something he was very much invested in and concerned about, the quality and the safety for what was passing through his district, and the impact that it had on the quality of life for the individuals there. For a number of years, at least 10 to 12 years that we have been together, Andy served as chairperson of the Committee on Education for our Caucus. He was an outstanding advocate for the issues that were important to our Members and our Caucus and worked tirelessly to position measures that were important to our Members, working them through the channels of the Senate Committee on Education. Unfortunately, a number of years he had different chairpersons to work with, and he had to develop a relationship with each one to be able to navigate through what needed to be done and ultimately culminating in, hopefully, sometimes amendments to our School Code bill that were fruitful to our Members.

There is no question that he was a strong advocate in those areas that I mentioned, and many others. But what I remember about Senator Dinniman is his commitment to his wife, Margo. Andy made a commitment, a number of years ago, that he would always spend evenings at home with Margo, walking the dog in most instances, and he honored that commitment. That is a tribute to a person who understands the value of family, understands the value of being a loving spouse, and who has the support of a spouse. Margo—I probably should not say it, Andy, I apologize—you nursed her when she was suffering and had illnesses to deal with. You went home every night and made sure you were

there to nurse her back to good health. You traveled back and forth to Chester County to be with your lovely wife and continue to do so to this day. So that, to me, says a lot about the person who we are going to hear from now, Senator Andy Dinniman.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I have never spoken from a written text, and I do not plan to start today. But, as I was walking up here, I thought of the advice that Ray Musto had given me, because he was one of my mentors when I came here. He said, and I owe him an apology for not following his advice, he said: Andy, the less you say, the longer you will stay. However, I have not followed that advice, and I have been able to get through four elections. So, Ray, bless you and thank you for the advice anyway. But he did give me some other good advice because Ray actually was chairman of the Committee on Education before me. I once went to him and I said, how do you know whether to trust a lobbyist? He said, because the first time they do not tell you the truth, you will know not to go back and listen to them again, and they, the good lobbyists, know that as well.

So, I first wanted to pay tribute to my wife, and I thank you, Senator Costa, so much. She has been through a lot since 2011. But the amazing thing is her spirit, her resilience, and she has taught me the value of that resilience, of staying in there. I love you, Margo, and thank you for all you have done for me and also for being a model. Fortunately, through the grace of God, we recently were able to do an operation and the pain is essentially gone. She can walk again. She is going through physical therapy and life looks much better for her and for our family. But there was no question in my mind of what to do. She said, if you want to run again, run again. I realized that, at 76, it was time to say hey, you have first priority. I have had my turn in elected office, and I will certainly continue within the community.

I also want to express my thanks to our Leader, Senator Costa. You know, Jay, I am not the easiest person to deal with as our Leader because I sort of march to my own beat, but you have always been patient, and I deeply appreciate that. I think the two of us have often said, you know, it is like family. We both grew up in traditions where you could argue and fight and eventually people would say, let us sit down and eat, and it all became fine then. So, I do appreciate your kindness and your leadership. It is not easy being Minority Leader, and you have stayed in there, you continue to stay in there, so you have my great respect.

I want to thank and congratulate the two people who are leaving us today, Senator Farnese and Senator Iovino. You have made tremendous contributions to our work and have helped me in numerous ways to see and understand aspects that I did not understand. Senator Iovino, my brother is a veteran, too. He left as a Colonel in the Army, and he was in Vietnam on three tours of duty, in fact. Although one was in Cambodia, but we could not say it was Cambodia until about a year ago. So, I do know how much veterans do for our country, and I thank you. Larry, you were always the conscience of our Caucus. You reminded us of those who had been left behind and of our responsibility to make sure equal rights would be for all, and I thank you for that.

I will not be long, at least from Andy Dinniman's point of view. I even see I have some of my Republican friends laughing at that. But, hey, you know I was a professor, and we always spoke in 45-minute sequences and we were paid by the word, actually. Like preachers, I suppose. But let me say something

that might be a little different. I want to talk about this room and the pictures that we have here, and I am glad Senator Gordner is here. He is the chair of the Capitol Preservation Committee, which I had the honor of serving on.

Violet Oakley did a masterful job of trying to represent the fundamental values of this Commonwealth. Understand, she was the first woman to receive a public commission of this magnitude. Understand that Violet Oakley was no shrinking violet, by the way. She was active in the women's suffrage movement. Catherine Baker Knoll made me promise that anytime I mentioned her name that I would tell this story. Catherine, I love you, and I will keep my promise. Until the amendment giving women's suffrage, women could not go into the Chamber. That is why, Lieutenant Governor Fetterman, you have that women's reception room with the beautiful picture on the ceiling, because they had to wait there. Well, she came to hang her paintings, and they would not let her in. So, she went home and came back the next day in overalls and just walked right in and thus integrated the Senate. So, God bless you, Violet Oakley, for what you have done and for your leadership in the suffrage movement. As soon as suffrage passed, women were elected to both the Senate and the House and all changed.

But what Violet Oakley tried to do was to set a tone for us, an understanding of what this Commonwealth is all about. If you look here, you will see that in the Capitol, there are 39 Biblical references in all of the paintings in the Capitol. Twenty-five of the 39 are in this room. Only two are in the House, which may be the reason why our deliberations tend to be more civil than theirs. But, hey, what do I know, having never served in the House. I can see my good friend from Schuylkill County having a smile at that. You know, speaking of that, once, at one of our events, when we were trying to end the gassing of dogs in Pennsylvania--by the way, my friend from Schuylkill County, we had about 300 people and their dogs there--former Representative Curt Schroder saved greyhounds, and he looked at the audience and then he looked at me and he said, you know, these dogs behave better than the House. I apologize to my House Members. He meant it purely in terms of them all being quiet and disciplined.

But the point is this: I know, as I stand here, and I need to say that, first and foremost, I thank God who has kept me in health, sustained me, and brought me to this moment in time. I know, Senator Schwank, that you understand that prayer, and Senator Santarsiero as well. I can say it because of William Penn. Understand that the first place in not just this nation, but all of the world, where religious liberty was proclaimed was in Pennsylvania. It was nowhere else. So, Violet Oakley wanted us to understand that in these paintings, wanted us to understand the Quaker ideals. You see, a lot of it goes back to one of the Biblical references, and that is the reference that you have right there over where the President of the Senate would be. It says, "Let every man,--it should say let every man and woman--take heed how he buildeth there upon." Let every man and woman take heed how he buildeth there upon. I am beginning to sound like my friend, Senator Hughes, when I repeat these things, but hey, I love you, Vince, too. But the point is this: she knew there was something special about William Penn and what he was trying to do. He called it the Holy Experiment. Remember, we have to also understand that as our community increases in the number of people of the Islamic and Hindu faith, that they, too, need to

be respected because we were the place, and need to continue to be the place of religious liberty. So, what happens here is she tried to establish, through art, a statement as to what our Commonwealth was all about.

Now, what we know is that we come and go. I was here 14 years, I will soon be forgotten, as you know. You have not heard Senator Musto's name in a long time, and he was here for 30 years. But the institution remains and the Commonwealth remains because each generation builds upon it, you see. In the Old Testament, and by the way, that statement is from Corinthians 1, but it reflects the Old Testament as well, because in the Old Testament, in Hebrew, there is the expression, l'dor vador, from generation to generation. You see, we are not just here as Pennsylvania, but those of the past and even those of the future are a part of something larger, of something bigger. So, our job, our task, is to understand these fundamental values and what they mean and to make a reality of them in the generation that we serve here.

The Quakers believed that every individual had the flame of God within them, and thus the best way we honor God is to honor each other and that we take care of the poor, we take care of those in need. This is the statement which almost all our religious traditions understand, that prayer without charity becomes meaningless. That is what we do, with every ounce that we have of our fiber, is how you pray, and how you make a difference within the communities that we serve. So, understand that these paintings are not simply some work of art. What we have here is a statement, a statement of our Commonwealth and a statement that we will add to it with our own voice during the periods of time in which we serve. Now, you know, William Penn was not perfect, by the way. William Penn had slaves. It was not until later on that the Quakers rejected slavery and we became one of the first and a strong antislavery State.

So, you see, we all have to grow, because, as the poet Emily Dickinson said, in one's life, one has to dwell in possibility. Is that not wonderful, dwell in possibility. Is that not what the Commonwealth was established to do, and is that not what each and every one of us needs to do in our term of office? So, we need to in this State, and indeed, in this nation, understand that when the Declaration of Independence declared that all men are equal, immediately there were those out there who said, what about women? What about people of color? What about others who you are not including? Every generation has tried to make that more and more of a reality. That is the struggle in America, and that is why, even with all of the nastiness in politics and the sense that we are not going to be able to become one again, understand that we have constantly, through our history, struggled so that all can be equal. So that our Declaration of Independence is meaningful not just for men but for women, for people of color, for people in the LGBTQ community, and for all of us. That is the struggle here in this Commonwealth as well, is it not?

Now, just a couple other things. The real struggle in Pennsylvania is the same struggle that we have today. It is a prophetic struggle that goes back to the prophets of the Old Testament and the prophets who have come since that time. I look at Martin Luther King, for example, as a prophet of our own time. What it is, is the divide between political cynicism and hope. You know, politics can be transformational for a community, but in order for that to happen, each of us has to be transformed. That is a message. You see, that is why you have the opening prayer. That is

the message of the paintings. So, it is a struggle that will continue to make America, the Commonwealth, and to make sure that every citizen has a chance, has an opportunity. That is why I have been so honored to be in this Senate and to be a part of these deliberations. Each of you should look upon it as an honor, too. So, when you come in with that perspective, that it is cynicism versus hope, remember what William Faulkner said. William Faulkner defined hope this way. He said, it is the belief that one will not only survive but perhaps even prevail. How beautiful. That we, as human beings, can even prevail with everything that is around us, and that we can make a difference in the world.

You see, I have grown up in a religious tradition that says one has an absolute obligation to repair the world. One will never do everything in one's own lifetime, but that does not mean that one does not have that obligation, does it? I understand that. What I learned when I went out to other places of faith tradition is that they were essentially saying the same thing. You know, when I talk to my pastoral friends in terms of Christian theology, we talk about incarnation theology, the fact that Christ came to the world to show us a way in which we can make that difference in our relationships with people. When I talked to the IUMS in the Islamic tradition, they tell me that prayer without charity does not have very much meaning, that charity goes with prayer. Today is the end of Diwali. As our Hindu population increases, charity and good works and the obligation to do it are very much part and parcel of the Hindu faith.

So, what am I saying? I am saying that we are part of a larger movement, we are part of something that is very special. You know, there are days here that I--and I know each of you here--are just overwhelmed by the cynicism of the place. Overwhelmed by those who are simply seeking out their own interests at the expense of others, the role that money and political interests play. So, every day before I enter this building, I pray. I pray that I will not be the victim of that cynicism. I pray that I can keep the notion of hope alive. I pray that, even as Faulkner said, it is not just a matter of survival, but, ultimately, we might even be able to prevail.

You know, let me try to put this together with a story, and then tell you even before the story that education is the key to everything. I remember about 3 months ago, sitting on a bench outside in front of the Capitol. You never look underneath the bench to see what the words are, you just happen to sit down, right? The words under this bench came from Thaddeus Stevens. Remember, Thaddeus Stevens was a very special Congressman who established the public education system. It says, essentially, that education is the basis of the future and the pillars of the republic, or, in this case, of the Commonwealth. So, my friends, today we face the most serious crisis in education that we have ever faced since the founding of the public school movement, and we better start to do something about it.

I have been very frustrated over the last several months trying to get the attention of all of the Senators to this. Forty-five percent of the students in the public schools of this Commonwealth are low income. By the way, 70,000 are non-English speakers, and Senator Schwank has done a great service in reminding us of that. Thank you, Judy, for that. Yet, we are assuming month after month--this started last March--that people can be educated online. Tell me, how can someone who does not speak English be educated online in English, and how can their parents be their coaches if they do not speak the language? We have to get real

here. We have to understand that, right now, so many of these students are 8 to 12 months behind. They were vulnerable in the first place, and they are going to be more vulnerable now. Are we going to do something about it or are we going to sit back and let this happen? We will do something about it if we look at these paintings and understand what this Commonwealth is all about.

So, one of my last pleas here as a Senator is: remember these students. They are the future. What are you going to do? They are already vulnerable. What are their opportunities going to be? We have to educate each and every student to the top of the curriculum, and this body has to be in the leadership of it. In that vein, also remember that education is not simply filling the pail with facts, as William Butler Yeats would say. Education is lighting the fire inside of each person, is it not? What happens when there is no fire that is lit? What happens when any sense of hope that comes through education is eradicated? We will end up being a third-rate State and a third-rate Commonwealth within the global marketplace. The battle today, economically, is not between industrial systems, it is between education and labor training systems. I should congratulate those in the Senate who created that task force to look at how we can get jobs for all, because there are so many jobs that are simply sitting there that need to be filled, and a transformation of the education system is essential to do it.

In this regard, understand, my friends, that change is the given today, constant and enduring change. We have the fastest rate of change in all of human history, and COVID-19 is an example of the change, and can you keep up with it? Look what it does. But even without any more pandemics, that change is going to come from technology alone. In order to economically survive, you need to have a world-class education system where no one is left behind. That is where we struggle today. You know, we have to shake up this educational system. We have to understand that when you have paradigm shifts, when things change, okay, every institution needs to change in order to survive. I think 10 years from now you will not even recognize the high school that exists today. You already see this in the dual enrollment programs and other programs that are taking place.

Finally, dogs, and I am putting it together for you. I love dogs. I like cats, too. Your cat, Lisa, Senator Boscola, is it TNT, if I remember, right? You know why, because cats, dogs, and in my county, horses, I have to add, you know what they teach us? They teach us what it means to be human. They are loyal. They forget what happened yesterday. They are willing to forgive you. I think we see in this shutdown and COVID-19--by the way, we had better balance out the health and the economics or we will be in trouble, too. We have to get that right balance. I think what you see is this, you actually see an image of what we are supposed to be. Right? Because they have those values. And we are only at the cusp of this, by the way. We are beginning, at least what was happening in Chester County, we were working with the Penn Vet School on this, we are now using horses and dogs for therapy. We are using them for Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, and it works. So, we are on the verge of using other creatures that God has given us. We do not know this great value and what they can presume.

So, let us do this, so I can end this and put this together and not go on with my usual 45-minute university speech. Let us understand this. Here is the story. You know, if you go to Is-

rael--and I know that Senator Schwank was there, I think a year ago, and I know others who have gone on the trip to Israel from the Senate and the House--there are two seas. There is the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. They are both served by the same river, the River Jordan. But if one goes to the Dead Sea, it is devoid of life, is it not? The only thing living are these little shells that can deal with the salt on the bottom. But if you go to the Sea of Galilee, it is abundant in all of God's glory with birds, animals, and flowers. Well, how can it be if it is the same river, the River Jordan? Now, of course, there is a geographic explanation of below sea level and above sea level, but that is not the purpose of the story. You see, for every drop of water that goes into the Sea of Galilee, it is ultimately returned to the River Jordan, but the Dead Sea does not return anything. So, is that not our choice here in Pennsylvania? Is that not what William Penn was trying to create, a community in which we share and where we all can prosper? Is that not what I meant when I spoke of the great prophetic conflict that we face between cynicism and hope? Because, if we do nothing and accept defeat, then we will be dead as a community and as a Commonwealth. But if we understand and keep hope alive, then we can prosper and do well.

So today, as we approach Thanksgiving, as we put the great crops of Pennsylvania into the storehouses and into the barns, we are going to face a very cold winter, are we not? I could feel that cold as I walked in, and as you walked in today. A cold that is magnified because of the COVID-19 virus. But what we know is that spring will come and the pandemic, hopefully, will go away. So, what we have to do is be those who talk of hope and the spring of renewal. When we do, we will have, once again and forever, a great Pennsylvania.

I have ended every talk I have given in Chester County--this has been for a very long time, my friends, I served as commissioner for 14 years, and I served here almost 15 years, it is a long time--I ended it this way. My district is one of the wealthiest, if not the wealthiest in Pennsylvania. But, you know, we will not be judged by history or by our God about how wealthy we are. Nor will the Commonwealth be judged that way where some have all the wealth and others are so far behind. Because when God blesses us with an abundant harvest, it is our absolute responsibility as good people, decent people, as people of faith, to join together and to share that harvest with our brothers and sisters, with the Pennsylvania family. So, let us take the message of William Penn, let us take the message of these portraits that Violet Oakley has created, let us understand that we are only here for a certain period of time, and let us go back to what you see up there. Let every man and woman take heed how he buildeth there upon, I'dor vador, from generation to generation. Thank you.

(Applause.)

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I apologize. This is a weird time in November to be doing a budget, so I have not had an opportunity to speak on all of the Members who are retiring. I know not all could speak here today. On our side, Senator Killion clearly is not here. He has been a great friend, and we are certainly going to miss him. For all of the Members who spoke here today, we just want to offer our congratulations on the great work you have done here in the Senate, specifically the gentleman who we are speaking of now.

All sorts of interesting individuals have served in this body, and no one was more interesting than the Senator from Chester County. No one was more passionate for his views on the issues of the day and no one was more courageous to leave his base, so to speak, for what he thought was right. That is all you can do here, right, is to come here and do what you think is right. Sometimes, it gets you out of your comfort zone, and that is something that I think is a model for all of us to follow, to get out of our comfort zone every now and then and take on the issues of the day. We always joked on this side, I think the Senator was the Democratic chair of the Committee on Education for almost his entire career here and he probably went through about nine different Republican chairs over the years, six, and he got along with all of them very well. When Senator Piccola was the first, I think, to chair with him I thought, now that is going to be an interesting match. They became fast friends, and I know everyone who has served with him over the years as well has gotten along very well with the Senator from Chester County.

We are the loyal opposition. When it comes to campaigns, we all have to pick our sides. When the campaigns are over, we try to come together, and sometimes that is hard. We always tried to beat Senator Dinniman, but we just never could. He was always very popular in his district, and he made it his own. It was always served by Republicans before him, whether it was Senator Bob Thompson or Senator Earl Baker. He made it his own and made it a very safe seat for him. Because, again, I think in a lot of ways, he was courageous enough to get outside of his comfort zone and fight for what he thought was right, which is fight for his district. So, we will miss you. At one time, we actually had to make a negotiation that he could not speak on the floor anymore during budget time if we ran something for him, and he agreed to that.

But anyway, there are people you always remember serving with, and that is certainly the Senator from Chester County, as well as the other Members. Since I was back on the floor, I wanted to make notice of the Senator from Chester County. I have been here a little over 20 years, and it has been an honor to serve with you, and the same with the Senators from Philadelphia and Allegheny County who we are speaking about here today. It has been an honor to be with you and to wage debate, and that is what we are here for. We do not always agree, but public debate is a good, positive thing for all of us. I want to acknowledge the Senator's family who came up from Philadelphia. Welcome to the Senate. We are glad you are here. It is a special day, and you should all be very proud.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I wrote down a couple of words here: quiet, shy, slow to speak. Those are not words to describe the Senator from Chester County. Actually, my favorite quote of the day, week, and maybe month is: I will not be long by Andy Dinniman's standards. That is something I am going to think a lot about. But I say that in a warm and loving way. I have gotten to know Andy in a couple of different capacities. One you went and stole my thunder on was the Capitol Preservation Committee. I pride myself on being the most knowledgeable person here in probably the Capitol, on the Capitol, and if I had to say there was a close second, I am going to go with the Senator from Chester County. I have seen him in action, much as he was to-

day, in describing the history of this place, the beauty of it, and the significance of it. Violet Oakley is a perfect example. She was the first female to get a large authorization from a governmental entity in the whole country, so being able to see the magnificence of it here on a daily Session basis is something. But, Andy, your respect and knowledge of it is always appreciated, and I am glad that you mentioned it today.

For a while, I was the Caucus administrator. As Caucus administrator, I was in charge of making sure that we had clergy here in order to do the opening prayer, and I decided to allow a couple of Members to do the opening prayer as well. Andy was one of those who I asked several times because his faith is very evident. If you know Andy, you know him and speak to him, you know that his faith is deep and very persistent in his everyday life. So, I believe he was the first one who I wanted to make sure got asked in order to be able to do an opening prayer.

I also served with him on the Ben Franklin board. I have been on the Ben Franklin board for, I think, 25 or 26 years now and I got to serve with Andy on that board, and we worked together on a couple of different issues and consulted each other on them. That is an industry that is very important down in the southeast, and Andy's interest in it was great. I also want to mention that, obviously, as a professor, West Chester is very beloved, but also the State System. I have Bloomsburg University, and we have conversed on a number of different occasions about the strength of the State System of Higher Education and the importance of it as an affordable alternative for a good education. Bloomsburg University, for a number of years, got recognized as one of the best value universities, and I like that terminology, best value. It means that you are getting a quality education at a reasonable price, a best value. So, I appreciate what you have done over the years for the State System of Higher Education.

Finally, Andy, I am going to -- and finally means you conclude, by the way, Andy, it means you start to wrap up and finish; and, again, I say that in a warm and loving way. But, finally, I know that a number of issues you have taken a position on and sometimes they are--I do not know whether outside the comfort zone, as Jake mentioned, but--outside of the stream of maybe your party or your Caucus, and you have held fast on them. I had a bill on regulatory reforms and it was an issue that you joined with me several times in saying that we need to do some regulatory reforms.

There is something called the Keystone Exams which you have been passionate about for years, about how they were enacted, the process, and everything along those lines. So, I appreciated not only the other issues that were mentioned, the environment, animals, and other types of things, but I appreciated that particular issue where you joined with me and you held strong as we moved that legislation. So, thank you, Andy. You have an incredible knowledge. Your knowledge is wide and deep, and while we kid you sometimes, lovingly, about the length of your talks, it is interesting. I have never not been interested in what you say because you have a deep knowledge on a lot of issues, and I know you enjoy sharing that. You are passionate about art history, our Commonwealth's history, and our nation's history, and that is very important here in Pennsylvania, the birth of a nation. Thank you for your service, and best wishes on your retirement.

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

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, I rise today to offer remarks in honor of my colleague, Senator Andy Dinniman. As much as we all love our respective districts, we can only aspire to have the endless zeal and energy of Senator Dinniman when it comes to his pride and passionate advocacy on behalf of his district and his constituents. Senator Dinniman may not know this, but he has had the privilege of being the State Senator for my brother and his family in Oxford Township for many years. My niece still remembers the citation she received from Senator Dinniman for her high school achievements, and my nephew knows Senator Dinniman for the good wishes he passed along when he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. It is true that Senator Dinniman has been a fixture in my family's history for years, before I began serving with him here in our State Senate. But to have known Senator Dinniman as a colleague and friend has been my distinct honor.

Every one of us who has had the pleasure of serving in this Chamber knows that Senator Dinniman's passion for educational equity, as well as other issues like animal rights, is unparalleled. Though I have not served with Senator Dinniman for too long, I will never forget his kindness and welcoming nature. The Chamber will be a little less bright without Senator Dinniman's light, but his dedication to the people of his district and to the ideals of equal opportunity for every Pennsylvanian will light the path for generations to come. Thank you for your service, Senator Dinniman.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I have to start with a basic understanding of Dr. Dinniman. There have been several comments made about his lengthy speeches or commentary. Andy, I want to rise in your defense and explain to people, they think it is because of your Jewish faith, but they do not know that you are actually a hidden Baptist. So Baptists, when they say "finally," that is another 20 minutes. For those of us who have spouses, husband or wife, when we say we were done, that means we get another half hour to an hour. So, in defense of all of us, Andy is no different in that regard. Also, to his wife, Margo, Andy and I have had many private conversations about Margo's travels and mine, and her prayers for me were as strong as my prayers for her and Andy. I thank you both as friends of me and my situation as much as I am prayerful for her continued health and good humor.

I will say this, I have met a lot of people in my political life, and Andy is one of the few people, other than maybe my father, who carved out a path that was very unique and can be described as a trailblazer. I went to high school in Andy's district in the 1970s, and it was very different. I was received in a very different way. When Andy actually won that seat, it really did tilt an axis of political change in Pennsylvania that was heard across the State. It was done not because of the Democratic party. It was done because of Andy Dinniman's unique style of interacting with people of all faiths, religions, parties, and persuasions. He went to the center of who they were and made them feel important. He made them feel that they were listened to, heard, respected, and appreciated. He continued that fight up until the time he retired. So, it is appropriate that he gave us the lesson that he did of insight, of why we are here, how we are to serve, and who we are to serve. Again, he closes with the crisis of edu-

cation in this country, because there are far too many children who are falling way behind, and they truly are the destiny of this nation.

Now, I will tell you, I thank Andy for being shoulder to shoulder with me in many of those conversations and discussions as he carved a path and, frankly, blocked for me. Andy, I want to tell you I will really miss your daily activity, but I know that when you call me, I will set the timer on my clock for a little chat, and we will proceed down the path of understanding. Your wisdom, intelligence, intellect, wit, and self-indulgence of allowing people to poke fun at you is all extraordinary and lessons that we all should learn from. So, I can only pray that your quote, unquote, "retirement"--I am sure you are not really going to retire--but your changing of one seat to another will continue with the passion, fire, and desire that you claim, that you built your life upon. So, my friend, I bid you not farewell. I just bid you, I will see you a little bit later on.

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I rise to honor my colleague, and to honor him on my own behalf and on behalf of my predecessor, Senator Kitchen, who told me when I arrived in the Senate to make sure that I talked with Senator Dinniman, whom she affectionately referred to as "the professor," and he did not disappoint. In Proverbs 31:8-10, it is written: "Speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable. Speak out in order to judge with righteousness and to defend the needy and the poor." Senator Dinniman, who represents one of the wealthier districts in the Commonwealth, never forgot those words as he constantly spoke out, has spoken out, and even today speaks out for those who are powerless or needy, those who are poor and vulnerable.

Today, he spoke of the need for us to be concerned about those young people, many of whom I represent, being able to get a decent education in an environment where we are talking about having people log on to computer systems without having been provided the resources that are necessary for them to do that. He spoke out for those for whom English is a second language. He did not do it because he needs their votes, he is not running for office now, he chose retirement. He does it because he cares. It is the same reason that he has been motivated to speak out on behalf of animals that literally have no voice in this process and they need people who are literally humane to speak on their behalf, and he has done that as well. Senator Dinniman has spoken up for those who could not speak for themselves, and he has done it for a lifetime. He has done it for the people in his district, but he has done it for groups that are well beyond the scope of what he needed to do to get elected. He has done it because he cares and has a sincere passion.

I will definitely miss you, Senator Dinniman, but you have earned your retirement. I am sure, much like Senator Kitchen, you will enjoy it. I am sure you will continue to be an advocate for the things you believe in and care about and will continue to be, as is written in the Bible, a voice for the vulnerable, the needy, and the poor. The voice for the voiceless. Senator Dinniman, never stop speaking up for the voiceless. I will never stop enjoying hearing your passion. Mr. President, I salute Senator Dinniman on my behalf and on behalf of my predecessor, Senator Kitchen.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, thank you for this opportunity. I want to rise to speak about my three colleagues. I have to start with the fact that, after listening to Senator Dinniman quote Reverend Jackson's "keep hope alive," he is the second one of my colleagues in this past week who has quoted the good Reverend about keeping hope alive. As we go through our trials and tribulations, I think we learn more and more about how relevant that comment really is. If we do not have anything, the thing that keeps us going, in addition to our faith, is hope. But I think about all three of them, and, Senator Costa, you may remember this about Senator Farnese, since you have been around here almost as long as I have. Senator Tartaglione and Senator Anthony Williams, I am sure, you may remember this about our good friend Senator Farnese. Is mom still here? Okay, we are going to record this. So, we are in caucus, still back there, we are working on that, all right, and Senator Farnese shows up. We start going through these bills, and then Senator Farnese starts quoting--Senator Boscola, you may remember this because I think you were there--the history of the original intent of the language of the bill. He just does not do it with one bill, he does it with every bill that comes up. Well, I pulled the record from when the bill was first drafted and it was argued on the floor, and this one said this and this one said that, and I looked at Senator Costa and I said, what is the new kid doing with this, okay? All of this quoting of the original intent, you know, and he argued this, and he has the law books piled up, and everything like that. Thorough. Fortunately, we worked you out of that, okay. We worked you out of that practice, but thorough, always thorough. He made sure those issues that we talked about in caucus, on the floor, that there was a sense of, well, we cannot stray too far here because Senator Farnese will make sure we have not forgotten the true intent of what it is that we are here for and why we are here. This search for common ground exists among all of these three individuals, this entire body, and I think all of the Members I have had the privilege of serving with over the years. Let us be clear, it has been a privilege to serve with Senator Farnese, Senator Iovino, and Senator Dinniman. Thoroughness, Senator Farnese, thoroughness and, no doubt, friendship. No doubt. It goes without saying.

Senator Iovino, we share a common connection that goes to the military. Now I get it, just by being the dad of a kid who graduated from West Point and is now a Captain in the United States Army. So, we have that back-and-forth, of course, as the story has been laid out and the history is clear. Senator Iovino had the high-ranking position of Captain in the United States Navy. We had that common ground. When it gets to that first Saturday in December, you know, "go Army, beat Navy," and "go Navy, beat Army," we have that. Again, prepared, tactical, methodical, thinking through every angle in the legislature just as she was trained in the academy. That is Pam Iovino. Thinking through it, analyzing it, we tried this, we tried that, just the way it has been laid out. It has been my privilege and it is my honor to have served.

Then there is Senator Dinniman. And then there is Senator Dinniman. And then, there is Senator Dinniman. Relentless. Always teaching, as you know from the 25 minutes he just provided us with here today. Always teaching. Thank you. Always teaching. Willing to run through a wall even when he did not

have to run through the wall. Andy, you do not have to run through the wall. You have made your point. You do not have to run through the wall. No, I am going to run through the wall anyway because that is my commitment. That is my commitment. Relentless, Andy Dinniman. So relentless that even today, Senator Corman, he has asked me to introduce an amendment to a bill in the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, even today. We will offer it, and you will do what you do best. You will give it due consideration, and you will vote it the way you will vote it. But that is Senator Andy Dinniman. I thank you for being that voice, especially for, if you will, as has been quoted in many different faiths, whether it be the old book or the new one, of being the voice for the least of these, because somebody has to be that voice.

In this thing that we do, in this thing of legislating, I think it is most embodied in the context of service and the search for common ground. When we reduce all of this to its, if you will, again, the Reverend would remind us, irreducible self, it is that search for common ground where we can find a connection amongst one another. The best way to find it is to be thorough. The best way to find it is to be prepared. My wife has a phrase, Senator Iovino, if you stay ready, you never have to get ready. All right? And to be relentless. Do not give up. Keep hope alive. Keep pushing forward. I thank all three of you for your time here. I thank all three of you for blessing me with those distinct qualities and aspects of who you are as individuals that you provided on this floor and in our deliberations on legislation and trying to make a difference as we search for common ground. Your service has not ended. It changes from place to place, and there is a change here. We will be relying upon you. We will be calling you, not for checks, we are done with that, all right, not for donations, we are done with that. Well, kind of, sort of. But we will be reaching back out to you to help us to be our best selves in this process, because we can always be better. You have made us all better in your time here as State Senators.

In the history of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in the history of this body, quick math is probably of the millions of people who have been born and lived in Pennsylvania, probably less than a thousand out of those millions have served as Pennsylvania State Senators. Your time here is placed in well regard in that less than a thousand who have served in this Chamber to make a difference for the people of this Commonwealth. I thank you all very much. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Martin.

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, I know in speaking with Senator Dinniman, I told him I wanted to say some things about him, and I want to honor that commitment. I am glad I got back here in time from my last thing. When I first came into the Senate, I sat next to Senator Dinniman. We actually, besides just sitting next to each other, we actually share a school district between Lancaster County and Chester County in Octorara, and I have always appreciated his conversation and his perspective. When I think about Senator Dinniman, I think of someone who always tried to understand where other people were coming from. He tried to find that common ground. He never hid his passion for animals, and I think his love of his poodle, Henry, really drove him not only in connecting with his constituents for a lot of his efforts there, but also his passion for education. He wanted to do what was in the best interest of kids, and not just K

through 12, but his insights even in a lot of our work with the State System of Higher Education and giving his input. I found it to be just tremendous to be able to enjoy that input and those conversations with him. In today's era of politics, I think no one will deny the fact that there is a lot of bomb throwing that can happen on either side of the aisle. I always found Andy to be extremely respectful. Even if he was making his point, and even if it took him a long time to make his point, the one thing about Senator Dinniman was he never was accusatory. He was always very respectful in his tone, and I think that is why he elicited that of others, coming back to him. I wish him and his wife nothing but the best health and happiness in their retirement and, hopefully, our paths cross again soon.

Thank you, Senator Dinniman.

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I am really going to miss Andy. The eternal professor, a passionate advocate for his constituents. However, it is his commitment to providing a sound and equal education to every Pennsylvania child that is going to be missed probably the most. He understood that every district in Pennsylvania, they are all unique, but every child needs access to a good education and the opportunity to go to college, trade school, or an apprenticeship. He always said, get that K through 12 under your belt and then if you want to go to college, it should not cost you an arm and leg to get there. He worked tirelessly on those efforts.

I think what I am going to fondly miss the most about Andy is that he sits in front of me. You know, when we came into this Chamber, I came in before him, but when we did, we came kind of on our own. We both took over swing seats, both defeated Republicans, but there were times when we voted together with the other side of the aisle. You know, on our side of the aisle then you are kind of in the dog house--no pun intended, dog--but we stood there together. We just lifted each other up knowing that maybe we might have voted this way this time, but that our side was going to need us on other issues a lot more, and we were there for them always as well. I mean, it is hard in the Caucus to be of a moderate position sometimes, but that is what our constituents directed us to do when they voted for us. So, I am proud of those moments. I am proud that I had a friend who would hold my hand at times or we would just sit there and say, okay, can we get through this day together and then move on?

But I will also tell you he has been a little bit of a, I do not know, a character in a sense, because I remember sitting on the Ben Franklin board and Andy was up for a reelection bid and Senator Costa calls me up he says, hey Lisa, I need you to give up that Ben Franklin board. Just give it up for 2 years. If Andy gets reelected, we will give it back to you. I never got it back. I am still waiting. Maybe I will get it back. I do not know.

Anyway, the only other thing I would like to say to Andy is thank you, because you have always kept my mom in your heart and prayers, always. They sat on State committee together, and there is not a time that he did not ask me, how is my mother doing? Lastly, Andy, I will miss some of those quotes from you. What you do not know is, it came out of your mouth in caucus, and then after a time: "you see," "I will be brief." Those kind of things are heartwarming to me, and I will fondly miss those little sayings. So, thank you, Andy, for your service, and we will always be friends.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Santarsiero.

Senator SANTARSIERO. Mr. President, thank you. Andy, I rise on behalf of the Jewish caucus, that would be Judy and me, I think. You mentioned earlier about the requirement to repair the world, tikkun olam. I want to thank you for your service, of course, but I want to say, that in your case, in Larry's case, in Pam's case, all three of you, over various times that you have been here, you have performed the works of tikkun olam. So, on behalf of all of us and the people in our State, thank you for your service and continuing that service, as I know other speakers have said, you will as you move forward from this place. Thank you.

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I rise to offer brief comments for my colleague, Senator Dinniman. I only got the opportunity to serve with him on the Committee on Education for a short period of time, but it did not take long to realize the extreme passion, knowledge, and thoroughness that he possesses. I will not forget his tireless advocacy towards education matters within our Commonwealth. When our time is up in the Senate, we can only hope to leave some type of lasting legacy, and that will be defined by the work we do here in the Senate. Clearly, his legacy will be that our students across this Commonwealth are much better served and in a much better position thanks to his tireless efforts. Andy, I hope that even though you are leaving, I can still continue to bend your ear going forward, as I admire your knowledge, passion, and experience in all things education. You will be missed. Godspeed, and enjoy retirement.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator KEARNEY. Mr. President, I have not actually come to Harrisburg much in the last 6 or 7 months, but I wanted to come today to pay tribute to my three colleagues who will not be serving with us anymore. I was hoping that Senator Killion was going to be here, because I consider him a friend and want to wish him the best as well. I think that all the Senators who are leaving us are all really different in many ways, but the one thing that they really all have in common is this idea that they are doing it for the right reason. The reason they are here is not for self-aggrandizement, it is not for trying to be the most important person in the room, they are trying to do the people's work as they see it, and that is something that we all need to keep in mind here in Harrisburg and here in the Senate. Senator Farnese has been a great mentor to me. He has been a great friend and listening board. Senator Iovino has been, really, just a breath of fresh air. The wonderful way that she, as we said earlier, with grace and dignity deals with issues that are really important to her and to the Commonwealth is a wonderful thing and will be missed. Andy, Senator Dinniman, we are neighbors in part of my Chester County and Delaware County district. Andy talks very often that his district is the wealthiest district, I think mine might be the poorest, and the fact that they are right next to each other is an interesting combination. Andy has taught me a lot. I come from an academic background, I am still on the faculty at Drexel, so I appreciate the professorial nature of the way Andy approaches things, and that means more than just oratory, that means preparation. That means understanding, in full, the issues before he

tries to talk about them or presents them, and that is something we should all aspire to as well.

Thank you all three colleagues, and Senator Killion, too. Thank you for your service to the Commonwealth, your service to the Senate, and I yield my time. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to thank the family members, staff, and guests who are here watching today to recognize our distinguished colleagues, and may we wish all of them a safe and healthy future.

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

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, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the chamber as well as by ZOOM.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms and by ZOOM, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Patrick J. Stefano) in the Chair.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Kim Ward, and a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Corman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Kim Ward, and a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For the purpose of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held on the Senate floor, 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.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 5 (Pr. No. 121) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, further providing for definitions, for proposed regulations and procedures for review and for final-form regulations and final-omitted regulations and procedures for review; and providing for concurrent resolution required for economically significant regulations.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 253 (Pr. No. 571) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for regulatory compliance.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 280, HB 355 and SB 565 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

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

An Act providing for expedited partner therapy and for liability.

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

SB 606 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 606, Printer's No. 791, 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 630 and SB 658 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 679 (Pr. No. 1395) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 26, 1978 (P.L.1375, No.325), known as the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, further providing for definitions; and providing for programs for removing obstructions and flood-related hazards on streams.

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

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

SB 763 (Pr. No. 973) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 27, 1966 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.31, No.1), known as The Bituminous Mine Subsidence and Land Conservation Act, further providing for compilation and analysis of data.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 763 and HB 942 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 969 (Pr. No. 1939) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in crime victims, further providing for responsibilities of department, local correctional facilities and board; in administration, further providing for office and for powers and duties of victim advocate and providing for confidentiality of records; and, in financial matters, further providing for costs for offender supervision programs.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1034, HB 1069 and SB 1085 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 1118 (Pr. No. 1801) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1158 and SB 1236 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 1325 (Pr. No. 1973) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in burglary and other criminal intrusion, further providing for the offense of criminal trespass.

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

HB 1325 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 1325, Printer's No. 1973, 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.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 1408 (Pr. No. 1727) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act repealing the act of July 30, 1959 (P.L.585, No.192), entitled "An act permitting the completion of baseball games in cities of the first, second, second class A, and third class, and townships of the first class, notwithstanding provisions to the contrary."

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

HB 1408 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 1408, Printer's No. 1727, 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 ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1747 (Pr. No. 2338) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for prohibited conduct during emergency; and, in Commonwealth services, further providing for general authority of Governor.

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-29

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

NAY-20

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

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.

HB 1808 (Pr. No. 3919) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1980 (P.L.380, No.97), known as the Solid Waste Management Act, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and making editorial changes.

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

MUTH AMENDMENT A7850 OFFERED

Senator MUTH offered the following amendment No. A7850:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 27 through 30; page 3, lines 1 through 6; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:
"Advanced recycling." The following:

(1) A manufacturing process for the conversion of post-use polymers through processes, including pyrolysis, gasification, depolymerization, catalytic cracking, reforming, hydrogenation and other similar technologies, into any of the following:

(i) Basic hydrocarbon raw materials, feedstocks, chemicals, waxes and lubricants.

(ii) Other products, including, but not limited to, monomers, oligomers, plastics and other basic hydrocarbons.

(2) The term does not include a manufacturing process for the conversion of post-use polymers into fuels, crude oil, naphtha or liquid transportation fuels.

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

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

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, House Bill No. 1808, as it is currently written, will increase climate and air pollution while expanding our reliance on single-use plastics. As written, this bill currently defines advanced recycling to include manufacturing processes that burn single-use plastics to make crude oil and other fuels. This sham recycling process would lead to burning plastic waste instead of actually recycling it, which then would only exacerbate our climate crisis and create further reliance on the fracking industry to supply the single-use plastics. This manufacturing process is clearly not recycling, and defining it as such is really, essentially, lying to the public and endangering the health of Pennsylvanians who have to deal with increased air pollution.

My amendment would redefine advanced recycling to exclude any manufacturing processes for the conversion of post-use polymers into fuel and crude oil. This amendment would insure that this bill promotes actual, real recycling instead of allowing Commonwealth resources and policy to perpetuate climate change. I ask for an affirmative vote.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I would request a negative vote on this amendment. The current definition that is in House Bill No. 1808 was developed in consultation with DEP, and the amendment would also invalidate a large portion of the end products for these facilities. For those reasons, I would ask for a negative vote.

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

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

YEA-20

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

NAY-29

Argall	DiSanto	Mensch	Vogel
Arnold	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Aument	Hutchinson	Pittman	Ward, Kim

Baker	Killion	Regan	Yaw
Bartolotta	Langerholc	Scarnati	Yudichak
Brooks	Laughlin	Scavello	
Browne	Martin	Stefano	
Corman	Mastriano	Tomlinson	

Less than a majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

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

MUTH AMENDMENT A7679 OFFERED

Senator MUTH offered the following amendment No. A7679:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 18, by inserting after "definitions,":
providing for advanced recycling facilities;

Amend Bill, page 11, by inserting between lines 11 and 12:
Section 4. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

ARTICLE VIII-A

ADVANCED RECYCLING FACILITIES

Section 801-A. Ineligibility.

An advanced recycling facility shall be ineligible for an alternative energy credit under the act of November 30, 2004 (P.L.1672, No.213), known as the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act.

Amend Bill, page 11, line 12, by striking out "4" and inserting:
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On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, House Bill No. 1808 would currently allow for alternative energy tax credits to go towards the burning of single-use plastics to manufacture crude oil. This is a gross misuse of this tax credit program, which was established to support true renewable energy facilities such as wind and solar. Furthermore, by allowing the Commonwealth to invest tax credits into these industries we, as legislators, would be promoting a risky financial investment. Of the 37 plastics-to-fuel projects rolled out across the country since the early 2000s, only three are currently commercially operational, and estimates show that these risky projects have wasted over \$2 billion.

During a pandemic, and even before that and after, we cannot risk our taxpayers' dollars in industries that have predominantly failed around the globe. This amendment would make sure that these incorrectly defined advanced recycling facilities would be ineligible for an alternative energy tax credit. We need to be honest with the taxpayers of Pennsylvania and not further risk Pennsylvania's economic situation by investing in unreliable industries. I ask for an affirmative vote, Mr. President. Thank you.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, to be honest with the taxpayers, these facilities that are referenced in House Bill No. 1808 do not qualify for any energy credits because they do not generate any electricity. So this amendment is not applicable to these projects, so I would ask for a negative vote.

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

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, I would respond and say that, based on the research we have done, that is not true and there is a loophole for them to apply, so I am not sure where the discrepancy occurs, but I imagine that this will get voted down anyway.

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

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

YEA-20

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

NAY-29

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

Less than a majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

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

L. WILLIAMS AMENDMENT A7861 OFFERED

Senator L. WILLIAMS offered the following amendment No. A7861:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 18, by inserting after "definitions;" providing for advanced recycling facilities;
Amend Bill, page 11, by inserting between lines 11 and 12: Section 4. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

ARTICLE VIII-A

ADVANCED RECYCLING FACILITIES

Section 801-A. Environmental impact statement.

(a) General rule.--Prior to operating a manufacturing facility as an advanced recycling facility, the owner or operator of the facility shall have an environmental impact statement prepared to examine the impact of the advanced recycling facility on the following:

(1) Air and water pollution resulting from the creation and release of any hazardous pollutants through the operation of the advanced recycling facility.

(2) The greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the products and processes of advanced recycling facility, taking into account the full life cycle, including the final use of the products of the advanced recycling facility.

(b) Submission.--The owner or operator of the advanced recycling facility shall submit the environmental impact statement to the department for posting on the department's publicly accessible Internet website.

(c) Disclosure.--The results of the environmental impact statement shall, whenever reported and communicated, provide full disclosure of the geographical, temporal and technological boundaries which have been selected for the assessment.

(d) Prohibition.--The environmental impact statement shall be prepared by an independent third party with no interest, directly or

indirectly, in the ownership or operation of the advanced recycling facility or its outputs.

Section 802-A. Carbon neutrality.

An advanced recycling facility shall be carbon neutral.

Amend Bill, page 11, line 12, by striking out "4" and inserting:
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On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator Lindsey Williams.

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, this amendment requires a facility to prepare an environmental impact statement prior to operating a manufacturing facility as an advanced recycling facility. This statement must be submitted to DEP and posted on their Website. In order to insure the statement is both credible and accurate, my amendment requires that the statement be prepared by an independent third party. If we are going to allow manufacturing facilities to burn plastic under the guise of recycling, we should, at a minimum, require these facilities to be transparent with the people of the Commonwealth about the harmful effects burning plastic can have on our health and our environment. I urge an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a negative vote. The impacts of air and water quality are evaluated by DEP prior to these facilities being permitted in the first place, and I think they are a fairly independent body who do this review. So I believe this amendment will not be necessary, and I ask for a negative vote.

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

Senator BREWSTER. Mr. President, I would like to have a roll-call vote on the amendment and on the bill.

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

The yeas and nays were required by Senator L. WILLIAMS and were as follows, viz:

YEA-19

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

NAY-30

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

Less than a majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?
It was agreed to.

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-30

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

NAY-19

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

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

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 2044 (Pr. No. 2871) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act repealing the act of May 16, 1919 (P.L. 193, No. 120), entitled "An act to provide for the licensing and regulation of public dance halls and ball rooms, and for the regulation, supervision of public dances and balls in cities of the first, second, and third classes."

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

HB 2044 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 2044, Printer's No. 2871, 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 2101, HB 2176 and HB 2191 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 2233 (Pr. No. 3276) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in liquid fuels and fuels tax, providing for political subdivision and volunteer service use of tax-free motor fuels and further providing for examination of records and equipment.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Argall	Dinniman	Martin	Street
Arnold	DiSanto	Mastriano	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	Mensch	Tomlinson
Baker	Fontana	Muth	Vogel
Bartolotta	Gordner	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 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 2293, HB 2673 and HB 2674 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 26, SB 258, SB 284 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 777 (Pr. No. 4342) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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 club licensees, further providing for report and for distribution of proceeds.

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 809, SB 833, SB 870, SB 871, SB 1034, HB 1220 and HB 1224 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1226 (Pr. No. 1842) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of June 28, 2019 (P.L.839, 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, 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; to provide appropriations from special funds and accounts to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018," adding Federal appropriations to the Executive Department of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1229, SB 1242 and SB 1251 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1307 (Pr. No. 1929) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in emergency COVID-19 response, providing for appropriations from the account, for Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority, for Low-Income Energy Assistance Residential Utility Payment Program and for the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

SB 1314 (Pr. No. 1934) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in emergency COVID-19 response, providing for appropriations from the account and for Nonprofit Economic Emergency Delivery System Grants Program.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1331, HB 1363, HB 1769, HB 1855, HB 1947, HB 2348 and HB 2354 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator CORMAN.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

HB 862 (Pr. No. 976) (Rereported)

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

HB 916 (Pr. No. 4612) (Rereported)

An Act mending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for suspension of operating privilege, for the offense of driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked and for ignition interlock limited license and providing for Relief from Administrative Suspension Program; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for grading, for penalties, for ignition interlock, for prior offenses, for Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition, for drug and alcohol assessments and for mandatory sentencing and providing for substance monitoring program. This act may be referred to as Deana's Law.

HB 1342 (Pr. No. 4576) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, further providing for health services and providing for vision screening and examinations.

HB 1534 (Pr. No. 1952) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, further providing for definitions and for unlawful acts or practices and exclusions.

HB 2440 (Pr. No. 3776) (Rereported)

An Act providing for the designation of shooting ranges, sportsman clubs, hunting facilities and business relating to the sale and production of firearms and ammunition as life-sustaining.

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

**BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

HB 862 (Pr. No. 976) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I rise today to offer brief remarks on House Bill No. 862. This is the House version of Senate Bill No. 640, a bill that I sponsored and passed this Chamber unanimously. The bill authorizes the Commonwealth to join the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. The compact is an agreement between member States to improve the physical therapy services for the public by increasing the mobility of eligible licensed physical therapy providers to work in multiple States. Presently, 20 States are fully vested in the compact with full licensure reciprocity and 8 States are now in the process of full recognition. This makes the Physical Therapy Compact the third-largest compact after the doctors and nurses.

Mr. President, as Minority chair of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, I have seen reports on the progress many States have made that have undertaken adoption of these compacts. It is a growing issue, it has been made further evident by the pandemic, and I think we must, as a State, get aggressive in licensure reciprocity. More and more States are joining up and we, as a State, are simply going to be left behind. Since sponsoring several of these bills to put our State in licensure compacts, I have heard stories from many people. They are coming out of school with advanced degrees and look to where they are going to take their boards and get licensed. They can opt to stay in Pennsylvania, take the boards, and get licensed to practice in one State; or they simply can go across the border to New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, or West Virginia, get their license there, and are able to practice in 20 or 30 other States. That, as well, has become a growing problem, and we cannot afford to lose advanced healthcare practitioners because of this scenario. I ask for support for House Bill No. 862.

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-49

Argall	Dinniman	Martin	Street
Arnold	DiSanto	Mastriano	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	Mensch	Tomlinson
Baker	Fontana	Muth	Vogel
Bartolotta	Gordner	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 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.

HB 1342 (Pr. No. 4576) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, further providing for health services and providing for vision screening and examinations.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Argall	Dinniman	Martin	Street
Arnold	DiSanto	Mastriano	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	Mensch	Tomlinson
Baker	Fontana	Muth	Vogel
Bartolotta	Gordner	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 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.

HB 2440 (Pr. No. 3776) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the designation of shooting ranges, sportsman clubs, hunting facilities and business relating to the sale and production of firearms and ammunition as life-sustaining.

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

COLLETT AMENDMENT A7208 OFFERED

Senator COLLETT offered the following amendment No. A7208:

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 18 and 19:
Section 2. Definitions.
The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Law enforcement officer." As defined in 42 Pa.C.S. § 5950(d) (relating to confidential communications involving law enforcement officers).

Amend Bill, page 2, line 19, by striking out "2" and inserting:
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Amend Bill, page 2, line 27, by inserting after "COMMON-WEALTH":

for the purposes of training law enforcement officers
Amend Bill, page 3, line 1, by inserting after "HUNTING":
by law enforcement officers fulfilling the requirements of their employment

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 1 and 2:
Section 4. Compliance with public health requirements.
Nothing in this act shall be construed to relieve a business permitted to operate under section 2 from adhering to the social distancing practices, mask requirements and other mitigation measures defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or for the requirements for businesses to operate as ordered by the Governor under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301 (relating to general authority of Governor).

Amend Bill, page 3, line 2, by striking out "3" and inserting:
5

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

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

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, this amendment will insure that law enforcement officers have access to the covered facilities in House Bill No. 2440 in order to fulfill the requirements of their employment. Following the statements of the prime sponsor at the meeting of the Committee on State Government on this legislation, it became clear that the underlying concern at hand was whether or not law enforcement officers would have access to gun shops and firing ranges in order to fulfill their duties. This amendment would limit the legislation to allow these facilities to be open for law enforcement officers. However, as COVID-19 cases are soaring and reaching new records in the Commonwealth each day, we need to continue to limit spaces in which people interact closely and spread the virus. I believe this amendment will address the sponsor's concerns while protecting public health. I ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, we would ask for a negative vote on this amendment.

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

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

YEA-19

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

NAY-30

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

Less than a majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

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

COLLETT AMENDMENT A7207 OFFERED

Senator COLLETT offered the following amendment No. A7207:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 21 and 22, by striking out all of said lines
Amend Bill, page 2, line 26, by striking out "ALWAYS"
Amend Bill, page 2, line 27, by striking out the comma after "COMMONWEALTH" and inserting:

during the proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of disaster emergency,

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 1 and 2:
Section 3. Compliance with public health requirements.

Nothing in this act shall be construed to relieve a business permitted to operate under section 2 from adhering to the social distancing practices, mask requirements and other mitigation measures defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the requirements for businesses to operate as ordered by the Governor under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301 (relating to general authority of Governor).

Amend Bill, page 3, line 2, by striking out "3" and inserting:
4

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

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

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, this amendment will limit the provisions of House Bill No. 2440 to the duration of the COVID-19 related emergency declaration by the Governor. I ask for an affirmative vote.

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a negative vote.

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

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

YEA-19

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

NAY-30

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

Less than a majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?
It was agreed to.

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The 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	Langerholc	Scarnati	Yudichak
Brewster	Laughlin	Scavello	
Brooks	Martin	Stefano	
Browne	Mastriano	Tomlinson	

NAY-20

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

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.

HB 64 AND HB 1737 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 64, Printer's No. 68, and House Bill No. 1737, Printer's No. 2439, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

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 an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held immediately here on the Senate floor.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held immediately here on the Senate floor, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 1216 (Pr. No. 2126) (Amended) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, further providing for Keystone Exams and graduation requirements, for special provisions applicable to the Keystone Exams, graduation requirements and alternative competency assessment and for Special Education Funding Commission; in certification of teachers, further providing for instructional certificate grade spans and age levels and duties of department and providing for special provisions applicable to 2020-2021 school year; in pupils and attendance, providing for nonpublic school transportation for 2020-2021 school year; in terms and courses of study, further providing for pandemic of 2020; and, in educational tax credits, further providing for limitations.

RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SR 396 (Pr. No. 2034)

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.

SR 408 (Pr. No. 2115)

A Resolution designating the week of November 16 through 20, 2020, as "Pennsylvania Education for Students Experiencing Homelessness Awareness Week" and November 20, 2020, as "Red Shirt Day" in Pennsylvania.

MOTION PURSUANT TO SENATE RULE 12

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, as a special order of business, I call up Senate Supplemental Calendar No. 2, Senate Bill No. 1216, and move the Senate proceed to consider Senate Bill No. 1216, notwithstanding the provisions of Senate Rule 12(m)(2).

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

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

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

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE
AMENDMENTS AS AMENDED

SB 1216 (Pr. No. 2126) -- 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 preliminary provisions, further providing for Keystone Exams and graduation requirements, for special provisions applicable to the Keystone Exams, graduation requirements and alternative competency assessment and for Special Education Funding Commission; in certification of teachers, further providing for instructional certificate grade spans and age levels and duties of department and providing for special provisions applicable to 2020-2021 school year; in pupils and attendance, providing for nonpublic school transportation for 2020-2021 school year; in terms and courses of study, further providing for pandemic of 2020; and, in educational tax credits, further providing for limitations.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House, as further amended by the Senate, to Senate Bill No. 1216?

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House, as further amended by the Senate, to Senate Bill No. 1216.

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

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, the amendment is a good amendment. We do the best we can in trying to put things together. I knew what Representative Lawrence was trying to accomplish. Representative Lawrence and I have worked on trying to modify the Keystone Exams and all those exams taking place. I am certainly supportive. Let me say that now is the wrong time for us to do any examinations. They would not be valid. Not every student is receiving instruction in the same way. Forty-five percent of our students in this Commonwealth are low income. The city of Philadelphia still has not opened up their schools. It would just not make any sense to do these exams. I am glad we are going to request that the Federal government not do this. This is what Acting Secretary Ortega had promised. A number of States have already requested this, led by Georgia. I hope the Biden Administration will abide by this. To be quite honest, the Federal government does not have any business in State education anyway, based on the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution, and if they try it, I hope we will stand up against them. They are not ever going to cut us or cut anyone else. It is just a threat on their behalf. I certainly support it and I know that the Catholic

Conference, a variety of Christian schools, Muslim schools, and Jewish day schools have worked very hard on the piece for transportation, and I am glad that is in there as well.

So, I hope we will support it. I only have two other comments. I will tell you what one part I was disappointed was taken out, but we still need to support the bill and get it through, and that is the opt-out section. I hear on the floor all the time from the Majority, and I thank them for this, that parents should have some role in the education of their children. The education community says, oh, do not have any parents opt out because if they opt out and go below 95 percent, then the Federal government will not give us the money. You know what? Too bad for the Federal government. Education is not their business anyway. If parents want to opt their kids out, let them do it. They should do it. And the interesting thing is the largest opt-out effort against the Keystone is in the best school districts around in my county and other counties because those parents know what these exams are all about and how they are contrary to education. Because in the end, education is about lighting a fire in someone. It is not about filling the pail with facts that you spit back. That is the industrial age model of education.

So, I do hope that in the future you will stand up for the rights of parents in terms of opting out. This is a good bill. Let me finally say one last thing, if I may. I did have an amendment that I withdrew, but I think it is a very important bill that you take up. We have seen what has occurred in our society, and we need to understand the Black experience in America. I had taught African American history for over 30 years. Two of my students are now in the House, Representative Williams and Representative Kinsey, who is now head of the Black Caucus. I, Senator Street, and my two former students all came together and we have a bill that would provide information on the Black experience. It would be age appropriate, it would be able to be fit into the curriculum. So I will not be here, but I do urge you and I know that to do this--you see, if I did the amendment and you voted it down, it would be tragic. You know what I am saying? We are in a difficult period now. We have to support and make sure that we respect every single one of our citizens. We are all tied in this horrible knot together, and the only way to untie it and to liberate all of us and to free all of us so we can be brothers and sisters is to understand how it got tied in the first place. By understanding the Black experience, we will be able to see how it got tied and then be wise enough as a group to untie it.

So I do hope--I know that Senator Hughes and Senator Street and others will be pursuing this bill. I urge my colleagues on the other side not to oppose it. But let us come together finally as a society. Let us do what we have to do. We have the ability to finally, in this nation, to create a just and equitable society, but you have to look history straight in the eye and understand the violence and the horrors that took place. Maya Angelou said, if you look at history unflinchingly, it is not easy. But the only way to avoid the past is to look at it honestly and unflinchingly and do something about it, and education is one area we can do something about it.

So I hope you will take that up, I hope you will stand up for the rights of parents, and let us get this bill going and get it passed. Let us get transportation for all kids no matter what school they go to, and let us make sure that we do not waste time on testing. When we were discussing these tests, a farmer friend of mine, he said something that made sense. He said what these

tests are, you take all these days to test these students, but you do not gain weight on a pig or a cow when they stand on the scale. You are not going to succeed with students if you interrupt instruction and see how well they did on a test. By the way, we have spent \$1.5 billion in the last 10 years in this Commonwealth on testing. Over a billion dollars by the State and a half-billion dollars in school districts for what? The only thing any of these tests have shown is that you do poorly if you are impoverished, there is a relationship to poverty and the education level of the parents. We needed to blow \$1.5 billion to figure that out? Okay, so let us end this craziness of testing. Let us put it back in the classroom. Let us support our teachers and let the education associations, for a change, support the students of this Commonwealth and let us be student-centric. I respect the teachers, I love the teachers, I am a teacher myself, but we have groups--I will speak for the superintendents, the teachers, but who speaks for the students? You have to.

My parting remarks here, let us stand up for the students of this Commonwealth. Let us educate every child to the top of the curriculum. Continue on with this effort where you have this commission that is studying the failures of higher education. Let me tell you, 10 years from now you are not going to have a high school as you think about it today. College has gotten so expensive, you have dual enrollment. And what are we doing? Think about this. You take a young person in high school, they go to a career high school then you send them to the community college or technical school and then they get retrained by the employer and we give them money. Why do we not do it right in the first place instead of doing it three times? You are in the greatest era of change in all of human history, and this nation and Commonwealth will be done if we cannot keep up with that change, and it means that the whole educational system in this Commonwealth and in every State needs to respond to the new economy and to the change that is there.

That is my hope, and I have a PAC I formed on the outside on educational issues, so we will be back visiting you. Not as a lobbyist, but as an advocate from an education PAC, which is going to advocate and insist that education change, because it is not working for so many students in this Commonwealth. So, let us have the courage to do it. Thank you.

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

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

YEA-49

Argall	Dinniman	Martin	Street
Arnold	DiSanto	Mastriano	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	Mensch	Tomlinson
Baker	Fontana	Muth	Vogel
Bartolotta	Gordner	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 constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

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

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

BILL AMENDED

HB 916 (Pr. No. 4612) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act mending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for suspension of operating privilege, for the offense of driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked and for ignition interlock limited license and providing for Relief from Administrative Suspension Program; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for grading, for penalties, for ignition interlock, for prior offenses, for Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition, for drug and alcohol assessments and for mandatory sentencing and providing for substance monitoring program. This act may be referred to as Deana's Law.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?
Senator GORDNER offered the following amendment No. A7917:

Amend Bill, page 25, line 23, by striking out "90" and inserting:
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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.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 5**

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 1737 (Pr. No. 2439) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 19, 1995 (P.L.33, No.3), known as the Economic Development Agency, Fiduciary and Lender Environmental Liability Protection Act, further providing for definitions.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
Upon motion of Senator GORDNER, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY**

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020

9:00 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (public hearing to consider the nomination of Richard Vague as Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Baking & Securities)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider House Bills No. 777, 1737, 1962 and 2536)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	JUDICIARY (to consider House Bill No. 1348)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 835, 845, 1193, 1214, 1241 and 1350; House Bill No. 941; and certain Executive Nominations)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)

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 5,246 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last raised the minimum wage. That is more than 14 years, and it is far too long.

Mr. President, whenever we experience an economic downturn, whether it is on a global or national scale, or even on a hyper-local level, most folks tend to react with lament and palpable concern that our friends and neighbors, even our own families, will suffer debilitating consequences. We worry about losing our jobs and being unable to pay our bills. We worry about providing for our loved ones. But not everyone in the United States dislikes economic downturns, apparently. Some people, and the companies that they run, bank on tough times.

Perhaps the CEO of the massive, publicly-traded discount store chain Dollar General summed it up best when he reportedly told investors on a 2017 earnings call that, "The economy is continuing to create more of our core customer." In other words, growing income inequality and rising poverty rates equal more shoppers for businesses like Dollar General. I suspect that the head of this Fortune 500 company is not alone among his peers with such a cynical mindset. After all, back in 2007, Harvard Business School published a case study attributing Dollar General's rapid growth during the post-dot.com recession to "the new bargain-based mentality of the American consumer" and "the rising percentage of U.S. households in lower-income brackets and/or fixed incomes."

Earlier this week, *TheIntercept.com* published a very informative article about this topic, which is especially timely because of the ongoing political battles around the country over the minimum wage. Just 2 weeks ago, Floridians largely celebrated their overwhelming affirmative vote on a ballot proposal to raise their minimum wage to \$15 an hour. Minimum wage advocates across the nation also celebrated, but they know that their work is just starting.

The U.S. Senate run-offs in neighboring Georgia will be the next minimum wage battleground. Earlier this week, the President-elect reaffirmed his support for a \$15 minimum wage. With the presiding majority in the U.S. House already on board in the fight for \$15, the

Georgia run-offs could tip the balance of the Senate and lead to the first federal minimum wage increase since 2009. Perhaps no other candidate in the two Senate races knows the stakes of the Georgia run-offs better than one of the incumbents. Seven years before winning his first Senate term in 2014, he served as CEO of Dollar General. His official biography boasts that, during his tenure at the company from 2003-2007, "he created thousands of quality jobs and helped working families make it from payday to payday." Yet, the company's annual reports from his time in charge warned that raising the minimum wage could hurt the company financially. One can only wonder if those reports were predicting higher labor costs at the company or lesser demand for its bargain-priced merchandise due to a declining poverty rate that would have resulted from a higher minimum wage. I tend to believe the company's leaders had both of those considerations in mind at the time. Judging by the current CEO's more recent comments, they probably still do.

Nonetheless, I have said this many times before, but I do not think it is said enough: America's low-wage workers are also America's consumers. When they do better financially, the local businesses they patronize also do better. I am not talking about discount mega-chains like Dollar General. Raising the minimum wage helps working class families and it helps the independent mom-and-pop businesses that we know best and love. Mr. President, it is long past time to raise the minimum wage in Pennsylvania and raise it across the United States. I sincerely hope that the General Assembly will do its part in this effort as soon as possible.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator Lindsey Williams.

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about my mask that I am wearing. It was delivered to me by Senator Costa, but it was made for me by two career and tech-ed students from Pittsburgh Public Schools, Carmon and Mallory Pomaibo, and I am sorry, Carmon and Mallory, if I pronounced that incorrectly. I just wanted to say thank you for making this mask, thank you for all the career and tech-ed teachers in Pittsburgh and around the Commonwealth who have been working hard to adjust to COVID-19 and to provide students with a quality education, and a special thank you to Angela Mike, who is the executive director in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. So thank you for making this, I am wearing it on the floor to keep my colleagues safe.

I would like to draw your attention, Mr. President and my colleagues, to an order that was issued by Secretary Levine, yesterday, that was effective on November 18 at 12:01 a.m. this morning, that says face coverings are now required. Except as provided in Section 3, every individual, age 2 or older, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shall wear a face covering when indoors or in an enclosed space, where another person or persons who are not members of the individual's household are present in the same space, irrespective of physical distance. It does not matter how far apart you are, face coverings are required in an indoor space. Outdoors they are required with others who are not members of a person's household or you are unable to maintain sustained physical distance. Secretary Levine made sure in her order to describe that sustained physical distance means the practice of staying at least 6 feet away from others. On October 21, the Centers for Disease Control, CDC, updated its definition of close contact to someone who is within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

Mr. President, I draw your attention to that so that we can all keep our friends, family, neighbors, colleagues, and employees safe. There were a number of people in this room today who

were not wearing their masks, and so I encourage everyone to wear a mask, to wear it correctly, to wear it up over your nose. Allegheny County had 620 cases today, and it keeps going up. It is imperative on all of us to avoid even more pain for our neighbors. It is a simple thing to wear a mask, listen to public health officials, keep your distance, limit gatherings, and small gatherings, too. So, I thank the students for providing me with this mask, and I hope they can actually be role models for people in this building. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Santarsiero.

Senator SANTARSIERO. Mr. President, I regret that I am compelled, once again, to speak as I did a week ago about the state of our democracy and the health of our electoral system. But I am indeed compelled to do so, because even over the course of that last week, here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the country, for that matter, circumstances have not improved. Here, the men and women who work in our electoral system, whether at the local level in our counties, or at the State level at the Department of State, including our very capable Secretary of State, Kathy Boockvar, continue to be the object of verbal attacks and, in some cases, actual threats to their safety. This is all because of their perpetuation of the big lie that this year's election was somehow riddled with fraud. That, somehow, the outcome that resulted in the election of Joe Biden to become the 46th President of the United States was somehow lacking in integrity and illegitimate.

Those claims continue to be made despite the fact that in State after State, Secretaries of State, Republican and Democratic alike, have repeatedly said that the election went off without a hitch. That is, indeed, an incredible commentary when you think about the fact that not since 1864, when we held a Presidential election in the midst of a Civil War, did the country face the task of having to hold a major election during a time of crisis. In this case, a health crisis, the global pandemic. Yet, as an everlasting testament to the patriotism, determination, and hard work of the men and women from the local level who worked at our polls on Election Day, to the counties in sorting and counting ballots, and, indeed, to our Department of State, we were able to pull this off, and pull it off well.

Indeed, the until-recently director of Cybersecurity and Infrastructure in the Department of Homeland Security, Chris Krebs, acknowledged that fact. Acknowledged, and he said, quote, "There is no evidence that any voting system deleted or lost votes, changed votes, or was in any way compromised." That was his conclusion, and he is right. Because he had the audacity to speak out and make that statement based on facts, not lies, but on facts, he was summarily dismissed by President Donald Trump. He was dismissed in a tweet, not even given the respect of being called or called into the Oval Office.

So, here are the facts. We have a system that worked incredibly well. That was not hacked because of the hard work of the men and women at the Federal level and throughout our States. We have a system that works so well that despite the largest number of ballots cast in the history of our country, and despite a global pandemic that has caused so much disruption here in the United States and throughout the world, the election was able to occur, the votes were counted, and Joseph Biden was elected President of the United States. But despite all that, the supporters of the President continue to push conspiracy theories, continue

to push the lie that somehow this election was stolen. That lie is bad enough for what it does to the strength and the foundations of our democracy, as I discussed last week. That is dangerous enough for our country moving forward, but when the lie is also used to target individuals, to make men and women who are true public servants, who do not ordinarily step out in front of cameras, who do not seek attention, whose only goal is to get up in the morning and do their job and do it well for the men and women of our country, all the people of our country, to put those people in a situation where they have to fear for their own safety, they have to fear for the safety of their children, of their families, all because of the concerted effort to perpetuate the lie that somehow this election was stolen.

That is the moment in which we find ourselves, Mr. President. That is beyond the danger that our democracy faces. That is the affront to the people who have served us so well and who deserve our thanks, not our ridicule, and certainly not threats to their well-being. Not proposed demonstrations in front of their own homes. Not having to worry about getting out of the house in the morning and facing an angry mob. It is incumbent upon each of us as elected officials to speak out and support the truth, support these public servants, support the truth that our election worked, and that it resulted in the election of a new President, who, despite current attempts to stymie his transition into office, will indeed take office at noon on January 20, 2021.

As we stand here on the November 18, just a little over a week away from Thanksgiving, a Thanksgiving which will be very different this year for all of us because of the pandemic, but nonetheless a Thanksgiving day when we should, at that point, give thanks for everything we have gone through this year and able to survive and move forward. We need to stand up and have our voices counted. We need to stand up for these men and women and we need to demand that these tactics, that these fundamentally undemocratic tactics, the types of things that are normally associated with an authoritarian regime, that they need to stop. It has got to be more than just those of us on the Democratic side of the aisle speaking out. Our colleagues on the other side need to do the same. In fact, in many ways, it is more important that you do that.

Mr. President, I hope that a week from today, if not sooner, we will see these incidents starting to recede. I hope that a week from today we will see broad acknowledgment that the election was undertaken with integrity and without fraud and that Joe Biden was indeed elected President of the United States, and that an orderly transition of power can proceed. I hope those things, but I know hope is not enough. We need to act and speak out as well, and I urge all of my colleagues to do exactly that.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator KEARNEY. Mr. President, I rise to speak in opposition to House Bill No. 2440, which recently passed here in the Senate. I had hoped to speak before the vote was taken but, actually, do not really believe that my comments would have had any effect on the way the vote turned out, but I would like to offer them for the record.

House Bill No. 2440 will carve out a special exemption for all firearms-related businesses in times of emergency like the current pandemic, and even out of these unique times. Quite simply, it puts the gun industry above public health. When a grocery

store, pharmacy, and a gun store all have open signs during a pandemic, we must admit one of these things is not like the other. We can all understand why grocery stores and pharmacies are deemed essential or life-sustaining businesses. People will always need food or medicine, especially during times of crisis. I do not believe this could be said of shooting ranges. Allowing shooting ranges and other gun-related businesses to reopen during a pandemic is as unnecessary as it is dangerous.

In Delaware County, which I represent, our COVID-19 positivity rate is nearly 10 percent. We are seeing an alarming community spread. Keeping nonessential businesses open risks further spread among customers, employees, and their families. But we are not only talking about pandemics and other crises. This bill is truly radical in its scope because it would prevent the closure of any gun-related business in normal times as well. This raises serious questions with possibly wide-ranging consequences. If a gun-related business can never be closed, what happens if they fail to pay their rent or if they fail a fire safety inspection? What happens if they fail to follow background check requirements? Giving special treatment to an entire industry is bad enough, but allowing that industry to act with reckless abandon in times of crisis is a serious threat to public health and safety, and no industry should have that kind of power.

Thank you, Mr. President.

HOUSE MESSAGES

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 835**, 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.

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS BY AMENDING SAID 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 by amending said amendments to **HB 941**, in which concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 1268** and **SB 1309**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 616**, **HB 1538**, **HB 1662** and **HB 2296**.

HOUSE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bill for concurrence, which was referred to the committee indicated:

November 18, 2020

HB 1348 -- Committee on Judiciary.

BILLS SIGNED

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

SB 1268, **SB 1309**, **HB 616**, **HB 1538**, **HB 1662** and **HB 2296**.

RECESS

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 11 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 6:40 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.