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**SENATE**

MONDAY, February 22, 2021

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Elder A. Vogel, Jr.) in the Chair.

**PRAYER**

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

Let us pray.

The Book of Lamentations reminds us that each day is a new beginning, that the mercies of the Lord towards us are renewed each day. This gives us hope. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning."

Heavenly Father, thank You for this week full of mercy, promise, and grace. Lead us in Your ways and fill our hearts with Your love and mercy. Help us to see others as You see them. We ask that You guide every decision, response, effort, and conversation we have. All this we ask in Your name. Amen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY

February 8, 2021

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Marisa G.Z. Lehr, Esquire, 8 Nicholson Court, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice the Honorable Mark V. Tranquilli, resigned.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE  
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

February 8, 2021

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Betsy Phillips, 3607 North Fourth Street, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Donald Stoy, Lewisberry, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

**VICTIM ADVOCATE**

February 8, 2021

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Victim Advocate, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, vice Jennifer Storm, Camp Hill, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF  
Governor

**CORRECTION TO NOMINATION  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE  
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

February 18, 2021

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

Please note that the letter dated February 8, 2021, for the nomination of Betsy Phillips, 3607 North Fourth Street, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Donald Stoy, Lewisberry, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Betsy Phillips (Public Member), 3607 North Fourth Street, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Donald Stoy, Lewisberry, whose term expired.

## GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

### DESIGNATIONS OF MEMBERS TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ELECTION INTEGRITY AND REFORM

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

February 22, 2021

TO: The Honorable Megan Martin

FROM: Senator JAKE CORMAN  
President Pro Tempore

SUBJECT: Special Committee on Election Integrity and Reform  
Appointment

Pursuant to Senate Rules 5(a)(2) and 26, Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure Section 644.1, and as authorized by Senate motion adopted on January 5, 2021, as President Pro Tempore, and in consultation with the Minority Leader, I hereby appoint the following Minority members to the Special Committee on Election Integrity and Reform:

Senator Steve Santarsiero  
Senator Maria Collett  
Senator Sharif Street  
Senator Lindsey Williams

In addition, I hereby remove Senator Ryan Aument from the Special Committee and appoint Senator John Gordner.

The Special Committee shall expire at such time as the Committee issues its final report to the Senate of Pennsylvania.

### RESIGNATION OF SENATOR JOHN P. BLAKE

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

February 16, 2021

Donetta M. D'Innocenzo  
Chief Clerk  
Pennsylvania State Senate  
104 North Office Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17102-3052

Dear Donetta:

I am writing to inform you that I am resigning from my office as Senator in the General Assembly for the 22nd Senatorial District effective March 8, 2021. It has been a great privilege and honor to serve the

people of the 22nd District and of Pennsylvania for over a decade. I have dedicated myself to being responsive to the needs, concerns and aspirations of the people I have proudly represented and I have, with vigilance, voted in Senate Committees and in the Senate Chamber always with their best interests foremost in my mind.

I have been offered and have agreed to accept a position in the office of U.S. Congressman Matt Cartwright, serving the people of the 8th Congressional District, which includes, of course, all of PA's 22nd Senatorial District. As such, albeit in a different capacity, I will still be serving the people who, on three occasions, elected me to serve in the PA Senate.

My decision to leave the Senate at this time is certainly not easy but there are personal issues which have intervened which make it necessary. My wife Louise, who turns 65 this year, is ailing from a chronic illness that limits her dexterity and physical mobility. It has become very difficult for me to contemplate three, four or maybe five days away from home attending to my duties in the Capitol as we move past this tragic and disruptive pandemic caused by Covid-19. For this reason alone it is important for me to step away and to give this office to a new generation of leadership.

I have been blessed with an exceptional staff through all of my years in the Senate and I cannot adequately express to them all of my gratitude for their loyalty, their dedication, their professionalism and yes, their friendship and support through the years. I will miss them in the weeks, months and years ahead. I also must express particular thanks to all of my past and current Senate colleagues on both sides of the aisle. It has been an honor to serve with them.

Finally, I want to express thanks to you; to Senate Secretary Megan Martin; and indeed to all Senate personnel, particularly senior staff in the Senate Democratic Caucus, who have aided me and ensured I was always an informed legislator. Their tireless, dedicated work is what ensures that all State Senators are the best public servants they can be.

It is difficult for me to convey this decision but I know it to be the right one. With kind personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

JOHN P. BLAKE  
PA State Senator  
22nd Senatorial District

### ANNUAL FINANCING STRATEGY REPORT Fiscal Year 2021-22

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

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

February 16, 2021

To the General Assembly  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

#### RE: DCED Annual Financing Strategy

Pennsylvania Act 12 of 2004 requires the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to annually develop a report containing a financing strategy for economic development.

DCED has completed the Annual Financing Strategy report for FY 2021-22 and the document can be found at the link below.

The DCED Annual Financing Strategy FY 2021-22 is available at: <https://dced.pa.gov/?s=annual+financing+strategy>.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Leigh Walter  
Director  
DCED Legislative Affairs

The PRESIDING OFFICER. This report will be filed in the Library.

### APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair wishes to announce the President pro tempore has made the following appointments:

Senator Michele Brooks as a member of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

Senator Carolyn Comitta as a member of the Aggregate Advisory Board, as a member of the Capitol Preservation Committee, as a member of the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee, as a member of the Low-Level Waste Advisory Committee, as a member of the Mining and Reclamation Advisory Board, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority.

Senator Tim Kearney as a member of the Capitol Preservation Committee.

### APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair wishes to announce the Majority Leader has made the following appointments:

Mr. Thomas Jay Ellis as a member of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority Board.

Mr. Robert G. Loughery as a member of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency Board.

### APPOINTMENTS BY THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair wishes to announce the Minority Leader has made the following appointments:

Senator Carolyn Comitta as a member of the Recycling Fund Advisory Committee, as a member of the Snowmobile/ATV Advisory Committee, and as a member of the Wild Resource Conservation Board.

Senator John Sabatina as a member of the Pennsylvania Aviation Advisory Committee.

Mr. Boise Butler as a member of the Governing Board of the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority.

Mr. Alan C. Kessler as a member of the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority.

### BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

February 10, 2021

Senators PITTMAN, ARNOLD and ARGALL presented to the Chair **SB 89**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 10, 2021.

Senators CORMAN, ARNOLD, HUTCHINSON, PITTMAN and AUMENT presented to the Chair **SB 90**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 9, 1999 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, in capital facilities, further providing for appropriation for and limitation on redevelopment assistance capital projects.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, February 10, 2021.

Senators MARTIN and ARNOLD presented to the Chair **SB 91**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), known as the Local Tax Collection Law, further providing for collection of municipal taxes by county treasurer.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 10, 2021.

Senators MENSCH, ARNOLD, AUMENT, ARGALL, GORDNER, MASTRIANO, REGAN and PITTMAN presented to the Chair **SB 93**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for applications for official absentee ballots.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 10, 2021.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, ARGALL, STREET, J. WARD, BREWSTER, COSTA and KANE presented to the Chair **SB 170**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, further providing for powers and duties.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, February 10, 2021.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, KEARNEY, FONTANA, COLLETT, STREET, BLAKE, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, KANE and CAPPELLETTI presented to the Chair **SB 186**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1959 (P.L.1913, No.694), known as the Equal Pay Law, further providing for definitions, for wage rates and for collection of unpaid wages.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 10, 2021.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, KEARNEY, BREWSTER and KANE presented to the Chair **SB 187**, entitled:

An Act providing for reimbursement of Pennsylvania Turnpike tolls for certain companies; establishing the Pennsylvania Turnpike-to-Port Freight Reimbursement Fund; and providing for duties of the Department of Transportation.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 10, 2021.

Senators DiSANTO, K. WARD, BAKER, MARTIN, PITTMAN and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 188**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 10, 2021.

Senators HUGHES, STREET, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, KEARNEY, SANTARSIERO, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA and COMITTA presented to the Chair **SB 189**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of Environmental Resources, its officers and departmental and advisory boards and commissions, providing for Office of Environmental Justice.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 10, 2021.

Senators MENSCH, J. WARD, AUMENT, BAKER, BROOKS, MARTIN, MASTRIANO, PHILLIPS-HILL, PITTMAN, STEFANO, YAW and HUTCHINSON presented to the Chair **SB 190**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 10, 2021.

Senators J. WARD, REGAN, PHILLIPS-HILL, LANGERHOLC, STEFANO, DiSANTO, AUMENT, MASTRIANO, BAKER, HUTCHINSON, PITTMAN and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 191**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 10, 2021.

Senators J. WARD, YAW, AUMENT, PHILLIPS-HILL, ARGALL, STEFANO, BARTOLOTTA, STREET, BROOKS, MARTIN, LANGERHOLC, GORDNER, REGAN, SCHWANK, PITTMAN, MENSCH and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 192**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for permit for movement during course of manufacture; and, in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for power of Governor during emergency.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 10, 2021.

Senators J. WARD, PHILLIPS-HILL, MENSCH, PITTMAN and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 193**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, February 10, 2021.

Senators J. WARD, PHILLIPS-HILL, YAW, AUMENT, MENSCH, STEFANO and MASTRIANO presented to the Chair **SB 194**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, February 10, 2021.

Senators J. WARD, COLLETT, SANTARSIERO, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, MENSCH, YUDICHAK, PITTMAN, STEFANO, KEARNEY and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 195**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1234, No.204), known as the Family Caregiver Support Act, further providing for title of act, for intent, for definitions, for primary caregiver support program, for reimbursements, for entitlement not created and for enforcement.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 10, 2021.

Senators J. WARD, BLAKE, TARTAGLIONE, BROOKS, COMITTA, SCHWANK, MENSCH, KANE, AUMENT and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 196**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in casualty insurance, providing for cost-sharing calculation.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 10, 2021.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, MENSCH and SCAVELLO presented to the Chair **SB 197**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 10, 2021.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, CAPPELLETTI, BLAKE, FONTANA, HAYWOOD, KANE, KEARNEY, SANTARSIERO, STREET, TARTAGLIONE and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 198**, entitled:

An Act providing for election day registration; and prescribing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 10, 2021.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, KEARNEY, STREET, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, KANE and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 199**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Schools-to-Work Program; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Labor and Industry.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 10, 2021.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, BLAKE, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, COSTA, KANE and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 204**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offense of aggravated assault.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 10, 2021.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, KANE, MUTH and CAPPELLETTI presented to the Chair **SB 205**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 10, 2021.

Senators TARTAGLIONE and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 206**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 10, 2021.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA and KANE presented to the Chair **SB 207**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, February 10, 2021.

Senators DiSANTO, MENSCH, BARTOLOTTA, MARTIN and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 208**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, in subdivision and land development, further providing for completion of improvements or guarantee thereof prerequisite to final plat approval.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 10, 2021.

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, J. WARD, STEFANO, AUMENT and MASTRIANO presented to the Chair **SB 209**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, providing for optional application of act.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 10, 2021.

February 11, 2021

Senators CORMAN and ARNOLD presented to the Chair **SB 92**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in duties and powers of boards of school directors, further providing for school athletics, publications and organizations.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 11, 2021.

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, SANTARSIERO, MARTIN and MASTRIANO presented to the Chair **SB 210**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for instruction in the events and significance of September 11, 2001.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 11, 2021.

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, STEFANO, MASTRIANO, ARGALL, J. WARD, MENSCH, PITTMAN, BROOKS and SCAVELLO presented to the Chair **SB 211**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and immunities, providing for protected business operations.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 11, 2021.

Senators TOMLINSON, REGAN, AUMENT, TARTAGLIONE, SANTARSIERO and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 212**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense of gambling devices, gambling, etc.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 11, 2021.

Senators HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, COSTA, COMITTA and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 213**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, further providing for misrepresentation of age to secure liquor or malt or brewed beverages, for purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages and for carrying a false identification card.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 11, 2021.

Senators TOMLINSON, MARTIN and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 214**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for limits on number of towed vehicles, for length of vehicles and for application to tow trucks.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 11, 2021.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, BLAKE, STREET, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, COSTA, SCHWANK, KANE, HAYWOOD and CAPPELLETTI presented to the Chair **SB 215**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 17, 2008 (P.L.1645, No.132), known as the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act, further providing for procedures for registration as a contractor.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 11, 2021.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, KEARNEY, FONTANA, BLAKE, CAPPELLETTI, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, KANE, MUTH and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 216**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 11, 2021.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, KEARNEY, HUGHES, STREET, CAPPELLETTI, SANTARSIERO, COSTA, SCHWANK, COMITTA, KANE, COLLETT and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 217**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, providing for report of theft or loss of firearm.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 11, 2021.

Senators HUGHES, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, KEARNEY, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, COSTA, COMITTA, MUTH and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 218**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 11, 2021.

Senators HUGHES, SANTARSIERO, KEARNEY, TARTAGLIONE, STREET, SCHWANK, COMITTA, MUTH and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 219**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for the offense of sale or transfer of firearms.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 11, 2021.

Senators HUGHES, SANTARSIERO, KEARNEY, TARTAGLIONE, STREET, COMITTA, MUTH and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 220**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 11, 2021.

Senators HUGHES, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, COSTA, COMITTA and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 221**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, establishing the Health-Related Industries Educational Scholarship Program and the Health-Related Industries Educational Scholarship Program Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 11, 2021.

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, J. WARD, KEARNEY, TARTAGLIONE, CAPPELLETTI, YAW, HAYWOOD, SCAVELLO and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 223**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, further providing for definitions and for unlawful acts.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 11, 2021.

Senators BARTOLOTTA, LANGERHOLC, ARGALL, STEFANO, J. WARD, PHILLIPS-HILL, MASTRIANO, TARTAGLIONE, PITTMAN, BAKER and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 224**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in certification of teachers, repealing certificates issued by other states and providing for out-of-state applicants for certifications.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 11, 2021.

Senators HUGHES, SANTARSIERO, KEARNEY, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, STREET, COMITTA, MUTH and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 226**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for licenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 11, 2021.

Senators HUGHES, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, COSTA, COMITTA and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 227**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in State drug treatment program, further providing for findings and purpose, for definitions, for selection for the State drug treatment program, for State drug treatment program, for written guidelines and regulations, for evaluation and for construction.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 11, 2021.

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, SCAVELLO, J. WARD and MASTRIANO presented to the Chair **SB 229**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in revenues relating to gaming, providing for revenue from expansion of gaming.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, February 11, 2021.

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, J. WARD, MARTIN, STEFANO, SCAVELLO, REGAN, MASTRIANO, YUDICHAK and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 230**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, in senior citizens property tax and rent rebate assistance, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 11, 2021.

February 16, 2021

Senators AUMENT, YUDICHAK, SCAVELLO, PHILLIPS-HILL, MARTIN, MENSCH, ARGALL, PITTMAN, YAW, DiSANTO, STEFANO and HUTCHINSON presented to the Chair **SB 231**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, further providing for general authority of Governor, providing for notification of suspensions, modifications and waivers and establishing the Disaster and Recovery Task Force.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 16, 2021.

Senators SCHWANK, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, BREWSTER, COSTA, KANE, MUTH and COMMITTA presented to the Chair **SB 232**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, in licenses, tags and kennels, further providing for issuance of dog licenses, compensation, proof required, deposit of funds, records, license sales, rules and regulations, failure to comply unlawful acts and penalties and for applications for dog licenses, fees and penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 16, 2021.

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, BROOKS, SCAVELLO, MARTIN, J. WARD, DiSANTO, GORDNER, MASTRIANO, REGAN and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 233**, 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 and for existing regulations; and establishing the Independent Office of the Repealer and providing for its power and duties.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, February 16, 2021.

Senators BROOKS, STEFANO, ROBINSON, J. WARD, HUTCHINSON, PHILLIPS-HILL, COLLETT, YUDICHAK, AUMENT, MENSCH, LAUGHLIN and CAPPELLETTI presented to the Chair **SB 235**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for association health plans.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 16, 2021.

Senators BROOKS, TARTAGLIONE, STEFANO, MARTIN, BARTOLOTTA, GORDNER, HUTCHINSON, COLLETT, YUDICHAK, BROWNE, PITTMAN, LANGERHOLC, KANE and COMMITTA presented to the Chair **SB 236**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.911, No.147), known as the Telemarketer Registration Act, further providing for definitions, for unlawful acts and penalties and for unwanted telephone solicitation calls prohibited.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 16, 2021.

Senators BARTOLOTTA, MARTIN, AUMENT, PHILLIPS-HILL, REGAN and DiSANTO presented to the Chair **SB 237**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, further providing for agreements with institutions of higher education; and, in opportunities for educational excellence, further providing for definitions, for responsibilities of school entities and for concurrent enrollment agreements.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 16, 2021.

Senators HUGHES, SANTARSIERO, KEARNEY, TARTAGLIONE, STREET, SAVAL, COSTA, COMMITTA and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 238**, entitled:

An Act providing for the establishment and funding of a center to conduct research on gun violence in this Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 16, 2021.

Senators HUGHES, SANTARSIERO, KEARNEY, TARTAGLIONE, STREET, COSTA, COMMITTA and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 239**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inchoate crimes, providing for the offense of possession of firearm or other dangerous weapon in public recreation area.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 16, 2021.

Senators BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, COLLETT, HUTCHINSON, COSTA, L. WILLIAMS, BOSCOLA, HAYWOOD and AUMENT presented to the Chair **SB 241**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fishing licenses, further providing for exemptions from license requirements.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, February 16, 2021.

February 18, 2021

Senators YAW, REGAN, SCAVELLO, HUTCHINSON, STEFANO, BAKER, YUDICHAK and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 169**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in prescribing opioids to minors, providing for prescribing opioids to individuals and further providing for definitions, for prohibition and for procedure; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 18, 2021.

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, BOSCOLA, LANGERHOLC, COLLETT, BARTOLOTTA, FONTANA, KEARNEY, STREET, ARGALL, SANTARSIERO, STEFANO, MUTH, BLAKE, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, K. WARD, COMITTA, KANE, BREWSTER, CAPPELLETTI, HAYWOOD, ROBINSON, L. WILLIAMS, LAUGHLIN, REGAN and SCAVELLO presented to the Chair **SB 234**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, providing for transfer and sale of animals.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 18, 2021.

Senators PITTMAN, BARTOLOTTA, ARGALL, PHILLIPS-HILL, AUMENT, MASTRIANO, BAKER and K. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 242**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in general budget implementation, further providing for Motor License Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 18, 2021.

Senators PITTMAN, FONTANA, BARTOLOTTA, STEFANO, J. WARD, AUMENT, TARTAGLIONE, MENSCH, SCHWANK, MASTRIANO, REGAN, COSTA, K. WARD, CAPPELLETTI and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 244**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in disabled veterans' real estate tax exemption, further providing for duty of commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 18, 2021.

Senators BROOKS, ARGALL, YAW, STEFANO, MARTIN, VOGEL, MENSCH, HUTCHINSON, YUDICHAK, BAKER and PITTMAN presented to the Chair **SB 245**, entitled:

An Act providing for counties and municipalities to distribute emergency funds to fire companies during the COVID-19 pandemic and for distribution and receipt of funds.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 18, 2021.

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, DiSANTO, REGAN and MASTRIANO presented to the Chair **SB 246**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for proposal of amendments by constitutional conventions.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 18, 2021.

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, SCHWANK, MARTIN, J. WARD, AUMENT, MENSCH, DUSH, BREWSTER, STREET and A. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 247**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in professional employees, repealing provisions relating to religious garb, insignia, etc., prohibited and penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 18, 2021.

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, MASTRIANO, DUSH, J. WARD, BARTOLOTTA, TARTAGLIONE, YAW, K. WARD, MARTIN, SCHWANK, ROBINSON, SCAVELLO, PITTMAN and AUMENT presented to the Chair **SB 248**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 38 (Holidays and Observances) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for holidays and observances.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 18, 2021.

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, PITTMAN, AUMENT, MENSCH and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 250**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, providing for grant oversight.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, February 18, 2021.

#### February 22, 2021

Senators TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, KEARNEY, HAYWOOD, BLAKE, COLLETT, STREET, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, COSTA, SCHWANK, KANE, HUGHES, CAPPELLETTI, SAVAL, COMITTA, L. WILLIAMS, MUTH, SABATINA and A. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 12**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 17, 1968 (P.L.11, No.5), known as The Minimum Wage Act of 1968, further providing for definitions and for minimum wages; providing for gratuities; further providing for enforcement and rules and regulations, for penalties and for civil actions; repealing provisions relating to preemption; and providing for taxpayer savings and reinvestment.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 22, 2021.

Senators BARTOLOTTA, BOSCOLA, LANGERHOLC, J. WARD, STEFANO, TARTAGLIONE, YAW, BLAKE, COLLETT, SCHWANK, MENSCH, BAKER, PITTMAN, ARGALL, DiSANTO, SABATINA, HUTCHINSON, SCAVELLO, LAUGHLIN, MUTH, CAPPELLETTI, KANE and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 25**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, further providing for title, for definitions, for State Board of Nursing, for dietitian-nutritionist license required, for unauthorized practices and acts not prohibited, for temporary practice permit, for graduates of schools of other states, territories or Dominion of Canada, for persons entitled to practice, for certified registered nurse practitioners and qualifications, for scope of practice for certified registered nurse practitioners, for prescriptive authority for certified registered nurse practitioners, for Drug Review Committee, for

professional liability, for reporting of multiple licensure, for continuing nursing education, for punishment for violations, for refusal, suspension or revocation of licenses, for reinstatement of license and for injunction or other process; and providing for the expiration of the State Board of Nursing's power to license certified registered nurse practitioners.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 22, 2021.

Senators STREET, KEARNEY, BARTOLOTTA, HUGHES, KANE, SCHWANK, HAYWOOD and CAPPELLETTI presented to the Chair **SB 135**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in authorized disposition of offenders, further providing for sentence of persons under the age of 18 for murder, murder of an unborn child and murder of a law enforcement officer; in sentencing, further providing for sentences for second and subsequent offenses; in miscellaneous provisions, establishing the Life with Parole Reinvestment Fund; and, in Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, further providing for parole power.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 22, 2021.

Senators AUMENT, BROWNE, SCAVELLO, YUDICHAK, FONTANA, J. WARD, BOSCOLA and PITTMAN presented to the Chair **SB 143**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Student Loan Retirement Agreement Program and the Student Loan Retirement Agreement Advisory Committee.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 22, 2021.

Senators AUMENT, BROWNE, SCAVELLO, YUDICHAK, FONTANA, J. WARD, BOSCOLA and PITTMAN presented to the Chair **SB 144**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the Higher Education Income Share Financing Pilot Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 22, 2021.

Senators SCHWANK, COSTA, FONTANA, KEARNEY, MUTH, SANTARSIERO, TARTAGLIONE, BREWSTER, KANE, COMITTA and CAPPELLETTI presented to the Chair **SB 228**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for Pennsylvania Nonprofit Security Grant Program; and establishing the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Security Grant Committee within the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Security Grant Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 22, 2021.

Senators PITTMAN, BROOKS, BARTOLOTTA, MARTIN, ARGALL, J. WARD, PHILLIPS-HILL, BOSCOLA, DiSANTO, AUMENT, MASTRIANO, MENSCH, SCHWANK,

TARTAGLIONE, REGAN, DUSH, FONTANA, LAUGHLIN, COLLETT and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 243**, 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 games of chance, providing for games of chance operations during disaster emergency.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, February 22, 2021.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, SABATINA, GORDNER, BAKER, MENSCH and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 249**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 22, 2021.

Senators DiSANTO, PHILLIPS-HILL, L. WILLIAMS, MARTIN, BARTOLOTTA, YAW, SCAVELLO and REGAN presented to the Chair **SB 252**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 45 (Legal Notices) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in legal advertising, providing for methods for advertising.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 22, 2021.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, BLAKE, STREET, SANTARSIERO, COSTA, SCHWANK, KANE and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 253**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in disabled veterans' real estate tax exemption, further providing for definitions and for duty of commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 22, 2021.

Senators STREET, MUTH, KEARNEY, CAPPELLETTI, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, KANE and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 254**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for payment of court costs, restitution and fines, for fine and for failure to pay fine; in licensing of drivers, further providing for suspension of operating privilege for failure to respond to citation; and, in penalties and disposition of fines, further providing for inability to pay fine and costs.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 22, 2021.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 255**, 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, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021; to provide appropriations from special funds and accounts to

the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, February 22, 2021.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 256**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the State Employees' Retirement Fund and from the SERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide for expenses of the State Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, February 22, 2021.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 257**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund and from the PSERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide for expenses of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, February 22, 2021.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 258**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account and from restricted revenue accounts within the General Fund to the Department of State for use by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs in support of the professional licensure boards assigned thereto.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, February 22, 2021.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 259**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide for the expenses of administering the Workers' Compensation Act, The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act and the Office of Small Business Advocate for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, February 22, 2021.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 260**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, February 22, 2021.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 261**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Consumer Advocate in the Office of Attorney General.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, February 22, 2021.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 262**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, February 22, 2021.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 263**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the restricted revenue accounts within the State Gaming Fund and from the restricted revenue accounts within the Fantasy Contest Fund and Video Gaming Fund to the Attorney General, the Department of Revenue, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, February 22, 2021.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 264**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund and the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, February 22, 2021.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 265**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of April 1, 1863 (P.L.213, No.227), entitled "An act to accept the grant of Public Lands, by the United States, to the several states, for the endowment of Agricultural Colleges," making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations, for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure; and making an appropriation from a restricted account within the Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, February 22, 2021.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 266**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of July 28, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.87, No.3), entitled "An act providing for the establishment and operation of the University of Pittsburgh as an instrumentality of the Commonwealth to serve as a State-related university in the higher education system of the Commonwealth; providing for change of name; providing for the composition of the board of trustees; terms of trustees, and the power and duties of such trustees; authorizing appropriations in amounts to be fixed annually by the General Assembly; providing for the auditing of accounts of expenditures from said appropriations; providing for public support and capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of bonds exempt from taxation within the Commonwealth; requiring the chancellor to make an annual report of the operations of the University of Pittsburgh," making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; and providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations, for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, February 22, 2021.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 267**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of November 30, 1965 (P.L.843, No.355), entitled "An act providing for the establishment and operation of Temple University as an instrumentality of the Commonwealth to serve as a State-related university in the higher education system of the Commonwealth; providing for change of name; providing for the composition of the board of trustees; terms of trustees, and the power and duties of such trustees; providing for preference to Pennsylvania residents in tuition; providing for public support and capital improvements; authorizing appropriations in amounts to be fixed annually by the General Assembly; providing for the auditing of accounts of expenditures from said appropriations; authorizing the issuance of bonds exempt from taxation within the Commonwealth; requiring the President to make an annual report of the operations of Temple University," making an appropriation for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of such appropriation; and providing a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, February 22, 2021.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 268**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of July 7, 1972 (P.L.743, No.176), entitled "An act providing for the establishment and operation of Lincoln University as an instrumentality of the Commonwealth to serve as a State-related institution in the higher education system of the Commonwealth; providing for change of name; providing for the composition of the board of trustees; terms of trustees, and the power and duties of such trustees; providing for preference to Pennsylvania residents in tuition; authorizing appropriations in amounts to be fixed annually by the General Assembly; providing for the auditing of accounts of expenditures from said appropriations; providing for public support and capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of bonds exempt from taxation within the Commonwealth; requiring the President to make an annual report of the operations of Lincoln University," making an appropriation for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of the appropriation; providing for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated; and providing for certain fiscal information disclosure.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, February 22, 2021.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 269**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, February 22, 2021.

Senators STREET, FONTANA, SANTARSIERO, BLAKE, COSTA and KANE presented to the Chair **SB 271**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in research and development tax credit, further providing for limitation on credits; and providing for Angel Investment Tax Credit.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 22, 2021.

## RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

February 10, 2021

Senators CORMAN, MARTIN, ARGALL, BARTOLOTTA, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, FONTANA, HUGHES, LANGERHOLC, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL, PITTMAN, REGAN, SANTARSIERO, SCAVELLO, STEFANO, VOGEL, J. WARD, YAW, YUDICHAK and KANE presented to the Chair **SR 25**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of February 15 through 21, 2021, as "THON Week" in Pennsylvania and honoring the work of The Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon student volunteers.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, February 10, 2021.

Senators BLAKE, MARTIN, TARTAGLIONE, BARTOLOTTA, SANTARSIERO, FONTANA, J. WARD, SCAVELLO, AUMENT, BREWSTER, COSTA, STEFANO, KANE, HAYWOOD and COMMITTA presented to the Chair **SR 26**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of February 2021 as "Turner Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, February 10, 2021.

February 22, 2021

Senators BLAKE, REGAN, HUGHES, BROWNE, BOSCOLA, KEARNEY, ROBINSON, BARTOLOTTA, MARTIN, MENSCH, J. WARD, PHILLIPS-HILL, SANTARSIERO, SCAVELLO, BREWSTER, ARGALL, FONTANA, COSTA, YUDICHAK, KANE and COMMITTA presented to the Chair **SR 27**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2021 as "Irish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, February 22, 2021.

Senators BROWNE, MARTIN, J. WARD, SCAVELLO, VOGEL, COSTA, PITTMAN, SANTARSIERO and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SR 28**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2021 as "International DeMolay Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, February 22, 2021.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SR 29**, entitled:

A Resolution adopting a temporary rule of the Senate relating solely to amendments to Supplements to the General Appropriation Bill and other appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and the General Appropriation Bill and other appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, including any amendments offered to or for supplemental appropriations for prior fiscal years.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, February 22, 2021.

**HOUSE MESSAGES**

**HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE**

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

February 11, 2021

- HB 157 and 178** -- Committee on Labor and Industry.
- HB 186** -- Committee on Transportation.
- HB 203** -- Committee on Health and Human Services.
- HB 284** -- Committee on State Government.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

Senator LANGERHOLC, from the Committee on Transportation, reported the following bills:

**SB 70 (Pr. No. 228)** (Amended)

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8556, carrying SR 1008 (Eckenrode Mill Road) over Chest Creek, located in East Carroll Township, Cambria County, as the Kenneth John Ivory Memorial Bridge.

**SB 120 (Pr. No. 91)**

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for conditions of permits and security for damages.

**HB 11 (Pr. No. 7)**

An Act designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 92 from Apple Tree Road to Rustic Lane in Exeter Township, Luzerne County, as the Robert F. Kile, Sr., Memorial Highway.

**HB 12 (Pr. No. 8)**

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 46475, carrying State Route 1021 over the Susquehanna River in Wyoming Borough, Luzerne County, as the George J. Dennis, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

**HB 16 (Pr. No. 10)**

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 40269, on that portion of US 219 Southbound over State Route 2047, Summit Township, Somerset County, as the SP4 Michael William Twigg Memorial Bridge.

Senator STEFANO, from the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, reported the following bills:

**SB 155 (Pr. No. 227)** (Amended)

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Military Community Enhancement Commission, further providing for establishment and membership.

**HB 326 (Pr. No. 388)**

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in the Governor as Commander-in-Chief, further providing for active duty for emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland, Senator Kim Ward.

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Corman.

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

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Senator KIM WARD asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator BAKER and Senator GORDNER, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

**CALENDAR**

**SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**SB 78 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER**

**SB 78 (Pr. No. 65)** -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 2 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator K. WARD, as a Special Order of Business.

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

**SB 78 (Pr. No. 65)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child custody, further providing for definitions, for award of custody, for factors to consider when awarding custody, for consideration of criminal conviction, for guardian ad litem for child, for counsel for child and for award of counsel fees, costs and expenses; and, in Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, providing for child abuse and domestic abuse education and training program for judges and court personnel.

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

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

**YEA-47**

Argall	Costa	Mastriano	Stefano
Aument	DiSanto	Mensch	Street
Bartolotta	Dush	Muth	Tartaglione
Blake	Fontana	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
Boscola	Haywood	Pittman	Vogel
Brewster	Hughes	Regan	Ward, Judy
Brooks	Hutchinson	Robinson	Ward, Kim
Browne	Kane	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H.
Cappelletti	Kearney	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Collett	Langerholc	Saval	Yaw
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**NAY-0**

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

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

**RECESS**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland, Senator Kim Ward.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senate Democrats will meet in our caucus room in the rear of the Chamber as well.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms and via Zoom, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

### AFTER RECESS

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

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Westmoreland, Senator Kim Ward.

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Aument.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Haywood.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Kim Ward requests a legislative leave for Senator Aument.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Haywood.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS LINCOLN DAY ADDRESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Robinson.

Senator ROBINSON. Mr. President, it is a tremendous privilege to have been chosen to represent the Senate as a standard bearer on the Lincoln Day Address before my colleagues here today. Lincoln once said that "...a man's character was like a tree, and his reputation like a shadow; the shadow is what we think of it, and the tree is the real thing." We walk in the shadows of many great Pennsylvanians throughout this magnificent building: William Penn; Benjamin Franklin; and then, on the opposite side of Lincoln in the Chamber is George Washington, whose birthday happens to be today. It is not coincidental that Washington and Lincoln cast their shadows on this Chamber, writing so much early history of our Commonwealth and our nation.

Lincoln, with a profound sense of history, having lost a mother and being abandoned by his father, sought the comfort of the nation's forefathers as his paternal example. Being mostly self-taught, barely educated formally, one of the only biographies Lincoln read was that of George Washington, citing his struggles in the Revolution at Trenton and Valley Forge. Within those pages, Lincoln realized what was created and fought for so many years ago. He remarked: "...there must have been something more than common that those men struggled for." As he toured the country on his inaugural journey as more and more States continued to secede from the Union, Lincoln stopped at Independence Hall 160 years ago today in Philadelphia, February 22,

1861, George Washington's birthday. He stated: "I have never had a feeling politically that did not spring from the sentiments embodied in the Declaration of Independence... It was not the mere matter of the separation of the Colonies from the motherland; but that sentiment in the Declaration of Independence which gave liberty, not alone to the people of this country, but, I hope, to the world, for all future time."

As we look at George Washington's image here, we see him standing, arms stretched in a manner to bestow a gift of triumph. Across the rostrum is Lincoln at Gettysburg, solemn, reflective, and recognizing the weight of consecrating a plot of land that so many people fought and died for. He is solemn, contemplating that thought of what his address, Presidency, and life was truly about. The responsibility of every American laid bare in the preamble to the Constitution written in Independence Hall, to insure we all strive for a more perfect Union for all. In invoking the image of "Four score and seven years ago," our forefathers had a vision for the world, a vision that was not bestowed on us, but passed along to future generations to insure the betterment of humanity.

The Gettysburg Address really spoke of Americans' unfinished work and the acknowledgment that work can never actually be completed. He told Congress in December 1861 that the struggle to preserve the Union "...is not altogether for today--it is for a vast future also." Mr. President, that is why we are all here. That is why the legend of Lincoln will never go away, why he encapsulates the image of our nation and that of the world. A walking contradiction, everyone sees something different in Lincoln because they see a piece of themselves. No matter where we come from, all of America traces our DNA to its forebears. Lincoln's DNA is woven throughout our nation, and that is why we work under these shadows, to always remind us of our responsibility as Americans to always insure a more perfect Union for future generations.

Thank you, Mr. President.

(Applause.)

### CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

#### THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

#### BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 8** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

#### BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 55 (Pr. No. 32)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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-47

Argall	Costa	Mastriano	Stefano
Aument	DiSanto	Mensch	Street
Bartolotta	Dush	Muth	Tartaglione
Blake	Fontana	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
Boscola	Haywood	Pittman	Vogel
Brewster	Hughes	Regan	Ward, Judy
Brooks	Hutchinson	Robinson	Ward, Kim
Browne	Kane	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H.
Cappelletti	Kearney	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
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NAY-0

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 113** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED AND REREFERRED

**SB 96 (Pr. No. 75)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for contributions to Veterans' Trust Fund.

On the question,  
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?  
Senator ROBINSON offered the following amendment No. A0342:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting a bracket before "Within"  
Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by inserting after "the" where it occurs the first time:

    ] The  
Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 4 and 5:  
Section 2. No later than September 1, 2022, the Department of Transportation shall implement the amendment of 75 Pa.C.S. § 1320(a).  
Amend Bill, page 2, line 5, by striking out "in 60 days" and inserting:  
    immediately

On the question,  
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?  
It was agreed to.

On the question,  
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration, as amended?  
It was agreed to.

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

Upon motion of Senator K. WARD, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill, as amended, was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

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

**SB 70, SB 120, SB 155, HB 11, HB 12, HB 16 and HB 326.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

11:30 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bills No. 69, 147, 168 and 191; and House Bill No. 157)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 36, 64, 96, 106, 116 and 158; and House Bill No. 326)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

9:00 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (S) and STATE GOVERNMENT (H) (joint public hearing on receipt of 2020 census data)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

10:00 A.M.	EDUCATION and HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (joint public hearing on education during the COVID-19 pandemic)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Westmoreland, Senator Kim Ward.

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I am submitting remarks on behalf of Senator Corman.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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 Westmoreland, Senator KIM WARD, on behalf of the gentleman from Centre, Senator CORMAN:)*

Mr. President, today, I rise to speak on the successes of the Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon, know as "THON." This year, THON was held virtually for the first time since it began in 1977, from Friday at 5:15 p.m. thru Sunday at 4 p.m. It is very fitting that this year's theme was "Rise and Unify."

Typically, over 16,500 student volunteers donate more than 5 million hours of their own time to help raise funding year-round to combat pediatric cancer—an effort that culminates in a 46-hour dance marathon traditionally held at the Bryce Jordan Center on Penn State University's campus in Centre County, part of the 34th Senatorial District.

This year, those same student volunteers proved successful in rising above the pandemic that we are all facing to replicate that same high-energy experience, but this time, remotely—and not just at the Bryce Jordan Center, but to everywhere around the world. There were over 165,000 viewers across 70 countries bringing the magic of THON into homes of supporters around the world. Last fall, these students recognized that they would need to hold this annual event as virtual, and they successfully worked together to make that happen. Many of the Four Diamonds families and THON's beneficiaries are immunocompromised, so this was more important than ever to "Rise and Unify." Four Diamonds funds pediatric cancer research through start-up grants and the Four Diamonds Pediatric Cancer Research Center and cares directly for 500 children with cancer, 100 of whom are children who have been newly diagnosed.

I introduced Senate Resolution No. 25, which would designate the week of February 15 through 21, 2021, as THON Week in Pennsylvania. Yesterday afternoon, the virtual events of the THON weekend concluded. I am advised that \$10,638,078.62 was raised to go towards treating and research for childhood cancer. Last year, THON raised over \$11 million, and has raised over \$180 million total since it began—\$100 million of these dollars have come in the last 10 years alone.

Since its introduction, THON has supported more than 4,000 children and families with childhood cancer and to this day, continues to enable research, improve treatments, cures, and benefits to children with cancer.

Mr. President, today I ask that we recognize this year's successes of THON, and thank all the student volunteers and individuals who made this happen. Although it is a challenging year for all of us, we are proud of your work to "Rise and Unify," and to help support all Four Diamonds families in our fight against pediatric cancer.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, today marks 5,343 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last raised the minimum wage. That is more than 14 years, and it is far too long.

Mr. President, the world of basketball lost a great ambassador recently, and our Commonwealth lost a champion of social justice with the passing of longtime Temple University head coach John Chaney, whose lifetime of achievement on the court was exceeded perhaps only by the life lessons he taught countless young people. I, like most folks associated with Temple, have spent considerable time thinking about the extraordinary legacy Coach Chaney has left for the university and the positive influence he has had on communities throughout Philadelphia. I have sought to learn more about his enduring message. For that, I turn to a stern speech that Coach Chaney delivered some 20 years ago upon his enshrinement into the Basketball Hall of Fame. I was inspired, but not surprised, that Coach Chaney's remarks made no mention of his more than 500 basketball victories and 17 NCAA tournament appearances in 24 years at Temple. He made no mention of the national championship he won prior to that at the Commonwealth's own Cheyney University. On the contrary, Coach Chaney spoke of his own triumph over childhood poverty and the opportunities he worked so hard to provide for young people growing up in similar circumstances.

When someone says you are poor, it does not mean you do not have money, he explained, it means you have nothing. Coach Chaney spoke of the lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise sandwiches he ate each day in grade school because his family could not afford lunch meat. He spoke of a high school coach who bought him clothes and took him to camp in the Poconos for a brief respite from the social problems he witnessed and experienced in his north Philadelphia neighborhood. He spoke of being told by a high school counselor that he was not suited for college prep classes, that he should focus on industrial arts. He spoke of failing those wood shop classes and the machine shop classes intentionally so he would be reassigned to the college prep curriculum. He told of the invaluable role that the historically black colleges and universities have had in his life and his career. First as an undergraduate at Bethune-Cookman in Florida, then as a coach at Cheyney, the oldest historically black college. "I believed so strongly in the black schools at that time because they never, ever put a ceiling on what you could learn," he said. "They believed so strongly in building up the floor so you could reach all ceilings....And I believed strongly in that. They believed in access and opportunity, and they gave me that chance."

Mr. President, the same message can and should be said about the minimum wage. Time and again, those who resist raising the minimum wage tell us that it was never meant to be a living wage. They say that the minimum wage is merely a statement, a starting point for teenagers in entry-level jobs. They say that young people should be more focused on gaining valuable work experience rather than the size of their paychecks. Mr. President, I am here to say that our current minimum wage is indeed a valuable teaching tool. Unfortunately, the lessons it conveys are all bad. The paltry rate of \$7.25 an hour teaches workers, young and old, what it is like to live in despair and on the brink of destitution with little or no hope of paying for food, shelter, transportation, healthcare, childcare, or tuition. It teaches them that we, as a society, do not value their labor, no matter how hard or how long they work. The current minimum wage teaches us all about depriving honest, hardworking people the access and ability that Coach Chaney valued and promoted so much.

Mr. President, it has been more than 14 years since the General Assembly raised Pennsylvania's minimum wage. It is long past time that we raise the floor so our low-wage earners can reach all ceilings and beyond.

Thank you, Mr. President.

**The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Camera C. Bartolotta) in the Chair.**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver, Senator Vogel.

Senator VOGEL. Madam President, it is my pleasure this afternoon to recognize the week of February 20 through 27, 2021, as FFA Week in Pennsylvania, also the subject of Senate Resolution No. 15. The FFA was previously known as the Future Farmers of America. It is comprised of students in grades 7 through 12 and college. Last year, the Pennsylvania FFA had 13,170 members from 148 chapters throughout the State. Notably, this is the third-highest membership of all time in the Commonwealth. Nationwide, the FFA broke their membership record last year with over 760,000 members and 8,739 chapters. Members of the FFA come from diverse backgrounds and are pro-

vided an agricultural education that includes fields such as agribusiness, agriscience, biotechnology, agriculture mechanics, horticulture, and animal science, among others. In addition to the education they receive, these young men and women have the opportunity to participate in leadership development events; compete at the local, State, and national level; and gain hands-on experience to prepare them for their future careers.

In representing their organizations, members may be easily identified by the traditional blue corduroy jackets which they wear with pride, and rightfully so. Additionally, FFA officers make an incredible commitment, dedicating a year of service to their organization. Pennsylvania's 2020-21 officers are: president, Mikara Anderson of Huntingdon County; vice president, Cody Lehman of Columbia County; secretary, Jessica Herr of Lancaster County; treasurer, Cheyenne Bastian-Brown of Bradford County; reporter, Alayna Harrell of Lebanon County; sentinel, Emily O'Brien of Bedford County; and chaplain, Emma Musser of Lancaster County.

Madam President, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this exemplary youth organization and its dedicated participants, as well as their advisors and families, by recognizing FFA Week in Pennsylvania this February 20 through 27.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair appreciates your recognition of FFA, as I was honored to be a Keystone degree recipient from FFA a couple of years ago. Thank you very much, Senator Vogel.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Browne.

Senator BROWNE. Madam President, I rise today to recognize the week of February 22 through 28, 2021, as Eating Disorders Awareness Week in Pennsylvania. The goal of Eating Disorders Awareness Week is to shine the spotlight on eating disorders by educating the public, spreading a message of hope, and putting lifesaving resources into the hands of those in need. Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any mental illness, and approximately 30 million Americans struggle at some point in their lives with an eating disorder. Eating disorders affect people across all backgrounds and include anorexia, bulimia, and binge eating disorders.

The 2021 theme is "Every Body Has a Seat at the Table." This theme invites inclusivity in the greater eating disorder community and sends a message to individuals at all stages of body acceptance that their eating disorder recovery issues are valid and recognized. Signs and symptoms of eating disorders are often overlooked, and many individuals, families, and communities are unaware of the devastating mental and physical consequences of eating disorders, as well as the pressures, attitudes, and behaviors that shape them. Eating disorder experts have found that prompt, intensive treatment significantly improves the chances of recovery. Unfortunately, many cases of eating disorders go undetected, and less than one-third of youths with eating disorders receive treatment.

I hope that by recognizing February 22 through 28, 2021, as Eating Disorders Awareness Week in Pennsylvania, it brings awareness by highlighting the importance of screenings for early detection and intervention of eating disorders, dispels myths, and presents eating disorders as a public health issue with close connections to substance abuse, obesity, trauma, and other mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, and obses-

sive-compulsive disorder. I ask the Members to reflect on the challenges of those with eating disorders during this week.

Thank you, Madam President.

**The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Elder A. Vogel, Jr.) in the Chair.**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Montgomery, Senator Cappelletti.

Senator CAPPELLETTI. Mr. President, stories of gun violence across Pennsylvania have been slipping through the headlines and between the focus on vaccines and the economy. But the importance of these stories cannot be forgotten in the ever-changing news cycle. The facts are this: gun violence is a national epidemic, one that touches every State, and one that we are experiencing firsthand in this Commonwealth. This past weekend, there was a shooting right in my backyard in East Norriton where my husband and I live. A shooting occurred that left one dead and four others injured at our local bowling alley. Bowling, a place for family nights and hanging out with friends, first dates, and fun. Among those there on Saturday evening were children - children who I know personally, traumatized by gun violence. Our bowling alley, a pillar of family wholesome fun, is now scarred by this tragic event.

Across the Commonwealth, we have seen instances of gun violence that were preventable. Last year in Philadelphia alone, there were over 2,000 victims of shootings, and the city is on trend to set new records on gun violence occurrences this year. In February of 2021, we already know this. This is not just a problem for southeastern Pennsylvania, it extends all across our Commonwealth. In 2018, firearms were reported as the number one leading cause of death among children and teens in Pennsylvania. Out of our 67 counties, only 10 of them reported zero total deaths by gun violence between 2015 and 2019. Through the pandemic, gun violence has only been exacerbated. We know this is a problem. In fact, that is all we ever say: this is a problem.

Here today, I am asking my colleagues to help give Pennsylvanians solutions. Keep this issue at the forefront of this body's legislative agenda, because our collective priority needs to be keeping Pennsylvanians safe from the threat of gun violence. We are in derelict of our duties not to move on this issue because we know commonsense gun laws are proven methods of reducing violence. We know it has worked because we have seen it work elsewhere, and now it is time for Pennsylvania to do the same. Please join me in prioritizing the end of gun violence in our Commonwealth and near our homes.

Thank you, Mr. President.

## RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Westmoreland, Senator Kim Ward.

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 4:37 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.