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**SENATE**

WEDNESDAY, May 26, 2021

The Senate met at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Reverend PAUL FRANK, of St. James Lutheran Church, Hallam, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, we are thankful for Your many blessings. You have been good to us, Your people. In a few days we will be celebrating Memorial Day. We give thanks to all who have served, or are serving, in the Armed Forces. We owe them a great debt of gratitude. We are also thankful for all who work in law enforcement, firefighters, and those in the medical profession. We appreciate all their hard work and dedication. As another school year is coming to an end, we give thanks for all school administrators, teachers, and students. It has been a difficult year. COVID-19 has caused far-reaching problems for all people. We pray for those who have lost loved ones through the virus. Comfort them as they grieve the loss of their loved ones. Be with those who are suffering from the disease. Touch them with a healing spirit. We are thankful for the vaccine and for those who administer it. May the vaccine be effective in our war against COVID-19. We pray for our elected officials. Give them wisdom how best to deal with the pandemic. We live in a beautiful State with a rich history, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Be with our Pennsylvania elected Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Senators, and Representatives. We are grateful for their hard work and dedication. Bless them and the work they have been elected to do. Grant them wisdom and insight. In this we pray, Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Frank, who is the guest today of Senator Phillips-Hill.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator BARTOLOTTA, from the Committee on Labor and Industry, reported the following bills:

**SB 567 (Pr. No. 703)**

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

**SB 617 (Pr. No. 694)**

An Act providing for family and medical leave for eligible employees.

**SB 689 (Pr. No. 762)**

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in compensation, further providing for qualifications required to secure compensation.

**HB 664 (Pr. No. 1047)**

An Act amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preemptions, providing for businesses operated by minors; and, in general provisions relating to planned communities, providing for businesses operated by minors.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE**

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Kim Ward requests a legislative leave for Senator Yaw. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

**JOURNALS APPROVED**

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of February 23, 2021, and February 24, 2021, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of February 23, 2021, and February 24, 2021.

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I move that further reading of the Journals be dispensed with and that the Journals be approved.

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

The yeas and nays were required by Senator K. WARD and were as follows, viz:

YEA-48

Argall	Costa	Martin	Schwank
Aument	DiSanto	Mastriano	Stefano
Baker	Dush	Mensch	Street
Bartolotta	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Boscola	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
Brewster	Haywood	Pittman	Vogel
Brooks	Hughes	Regan	Ward, Judy
Browne	Hutchinson	Robinson	Ward, Kim
Cappelletti	Kane	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Kearney	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Langerholc	Saval	Yaw
Corman	Laughlin	Scavello	Yudichak

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

RECESS

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Law and Justice to be held here on the floor and via Zoom.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Law and Justice to be held here on the floor and via Zoom, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 28 (Pr. No. 10) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the administration of permits by State agencies, for a tracking system for permit applications, for the establishment of permit programs, for third-party review of permit decision delays and for annual reports.

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

MUTH AMENDMENT A0954 OFFERED

Senator MUTH offered the following amendment No. A0954:

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 10 and 11: "Grossly deficient application." An application that fails to provide necessary documents and information in sufficient detail to perform a technical review or that demonstrates an insufficient understanding of what is required to comply with State statutes or regulations. "Immediate family member." A parent, spouse, child, brother, sister, nephew, niece, the spouse of a child, brother, sister, nephew or niece or the parent of a spouse.

Amend Bill, page 6, by inserting between lines 3 and 4: (c) Grossly deficient application.--If an application is deemed by the State Agency to be a grossly deficient application, the application shall be returned to the applicant and its submission shall be null and void. A time limit under this act shall not apply to a grossly deficient application.

Amend Bill, page 7, by inserting between lines 15 and 16: (e) Conflict of interest.--A third-party professional administering the program shall be subject to 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11 (relating to ethics standards and financial disclosure) and may not be an immediate family member of the permit applicant or an owner, employee, officer or director with which an immediate family member is associated.

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, I rise to offer amendment No. A0954 and ask for its immediate consideration. Among other things, Senate Bill No. 28 purports to reform the permit review process by State agencies by creating a secure tracking system for applicants to track the status of permits under the guise of greater accountability and transparency during the application process.

My amendment deals with two separate issues: inadequate or incomplete permit applications and the avoidance of conflicts of interest. Senate Bill No. 28 contains language dealing with incomplete or technically deficient applications. It provides that if an application is deemed to be incomplete or technically deficient, a State agency must notify the applicant with the reasons as to why the application is not in conformance or where correction or additional information would be required. The State agency may notify the applicant within 10 business days in the case of an incomplete application or within 20 days of a technically deficient application. But Senate Bill No. 28 does not deal with situations where a permit application is so woefully incomplete or deficient in all material and technical aspects that it is a nonstarter. Conceivably, such an application could be submitted to an agency for review with no response or accountability, and it would trigger a review process leaving the State agency to deal with a frustrated or angry applicant, as well as putting a large burden of work on State agencies to try to get information out of applicants who should have completed it correctly in the first place.

Accordingly, amendment No. A0954 creates a new category of application called a grossly deficient application, which is a term defined in this amendment. The effect of a grossly deficient application is that it would be considered null and void and would not trigger a review process by the agency or a third party or trigger any day count. The incidence of deficient applications has been a major issue with the permitting process, and this amendment allows us to address it and further define permit reviews from a quality content submission standpoint. This amendment also aims to prevent possible conflict of interest that could come into play with the engagement of third-party reviewers.

Thank you, Mr. President. I urge a "yes" vote on this amendment.

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I respectfully request a "no" vote on this amendment. Thank you.

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

Boscola	Costa	Kearney	Schwank
Brewster	Fontana	Muth	Street
Cappelletti	Haywood	Sabatina	Tartaglione
Collett	Hughes	Santarsiero	Williams, Anthony H.
Comitta	Kane	Saval	Williams, Lindsey

NAY-28

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

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 A1165 OFFERED

Senator MUTH offered the following amendment No. A1165:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 29, by striking out "30" and inserting:  
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Amend Bill, page 3, line 18, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

"Third-party professional." As follows:

(1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), an individual in this

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 21 and 22:

(2) For a permit review by the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Department of Transportation, a conservation district, as defined in section 3(c) of the act of May 15, 1945 (P.L.547, No.217), known as the Conservation District Law.

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, amendment No. A1165 seeks to improve Senate Bill No. 28 in two areas. It provides for more time for review of applications and input by interested parties, and it suggests changes to the third party review process. Senate Bill No. 28 sets a standard, 30-day window for agency review of permit applications, which eliminates the ability of the public to comment on permit applications required by other State and Federal laws. Public input is important; allowing enough time for our agency permit reviewers to look at permits in a meaningful way

is also very important. This bill would create the potential for permits that are below State standards if we rush through in a 30-day process. My amendment would extend the 30-day period to 90 days in order to allow for adequate time for review and additional time for public input. Additionally, my amendment revises the third-party review process by stipulating that conservation districts from each of our counties would be tasked with conducting reviews on behalf of DEP, DCNR, and PennDOT. I urge a "yes" vote on this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I respectfully request a "no" vote on this amendment. Thank you.

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-19

Brewster	Fontana	Muth	Street
Cappelletti	Haywood	Sabatina	Tartaglione
Collett	Hughes	Santarsiero	Williams, Anthony H.
Comitta	Kane	Saval	Williams, Lindsey
Costa	Kearney	Schwank	

NAY-29

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

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 28. This legislation will require all agencies that issue permits to increase transparency throughout the permitting process. Senate Bill No. 28 will also require agencies to post information about the permits that they grant on their Websites. This will create an accessible tracking system for applicants to check the status of their applications and to clearly state the legal authority that the agency relies on when rejecting a permit application. Similar to what we have seen in the private sector, like Amazon Prime deliveries or ordering takeout from your favorite restaurant, you should be able to track your permit from start to

finish. The tracking system shall include processing time, dates of each permit, completeness review, technical review, elevated review, and an estimated time remaining for each incomplete phase of the permit approval process, as well as a contact person assigned to answer questions throughout the application process. This will, again, allow for greater transparency, which gives those individuals, businesses, and nonprofits who are applying for permits more peace of mind and assurance that they have not been forgotten in this process. Most importantly, this will make State government more accountable for a process that, quite frankly, many of our offices continue to hear about. I respectfully request an affirmative vote.

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-28

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

NAY-20

Boscola	Costa	Kearney	Schwank
Brewster	Fontana	Muth	Street
Cappelletti	Haywood	Sabatina	Tartaglione
Collett	Hughes	Santarsiero	Williams, Anthony H.
Comitta	Kane	Saval	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 present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE**

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Kim Ward requests a legislative leave for Senator Argall. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

**CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**

**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED**

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 78, HB 101 and SB 113** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**SB 126 (Pr. No. 98)** -- 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 and for existing regulations.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Mercer, Senator Brooks.

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, Pennsylvania is known as the home of many firsts and many bests, but, unfortunately, it also has the reputation for some of the most burdensome regulations. Whenever we can, we should act to undo mandates and regulations that only serve to hinder economic growth and the stability of our agricultural history. Often, when we talk to constituents and businesses, we find that Pennsylvania's regulations and mandates have unintended consequences that hinder economic growth, our agricultural community, and the livelihood of Pennsylvania's working families. To assess and mitigate these impacts, my Senate Bill No. 126 provides for a one-time, automatic review of economically significant regulations that incur costs exceeding \$1 million annually. This legislation is an important first step in ensuring that outdated, inefficient, and ineffective regulations are repealed or amended in a timely manner in order to avoid incurring unnecessary costs to the Commonwealth and its citizens.

Under Senate Bill No. 126, after an economically significant regulation has been in effect for 3 years, the agency that promulgated it shall report the following to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission: the nature of complaints or comments received from the public concerning the regulation; whether the regulation has had the effect it was intended to have; the estimated direct and indirect costs to the regulated community and the economy of the regulation, and whether the estimated anticipated fiscal impact was underestimated or overestimated; what the agency has done to implement the regulation in the most efficient manner to reduce paperwork and decrease costs to government and the private sector; whether there is a continued need for the regulation; and whether the agency is considering changing the regulation. This report will then be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, and IRRC will collect comments from the public on the regulations for no more than 30 days. Within 30 days of the close of public comments, IRRC will report to the agency and committees whether the regulation continues to meet the criteria for remaining in the public interest or whether statutory changes should be considered.

Again, Mr. President, this legislation is simply a review of regulations exceeding \$1 million and their impact on the people of Pennsylvania, our businesses, and the economy.

Thank you, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Vogel.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Kim Ward requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Vogel. 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-27

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

NAY-21

Boscola	Fontana	Muth	Street
Brewster	Haywood	Sabatina	Tartaglione
Cappelletti	Hughes	Santarsiero	Tomlinson
Collett	Kane	Saval	Williams, Anthony H.
Comitta	Kearney	Schwank	Williams, Lindsey
Costa			

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

**SB 457 (Pr. No. 488)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for qualifications of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General and for disqualification for offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General.

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

**SB 457 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 457, Printer's No. 488, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.  
The PRESIDENT. The bill will be placed on the Calendar.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 461, SB 477, SB 479 and SB 484** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 520 (Pr. No. 526)** -- 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.

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-27

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

NAY-21

Boscola	Fontana	Muth	Street
Brewster	Haywood	Sabatina	Tartaglione
Cappelletti	Hughes	Santarsiero	Tomlinson
Collett	Kane	Saval	Williams, Anthony H.
Comitta	Kearney	Schwank	Williams, Lindsey
Costa			

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.

**HB 832 (Pr. No. 814)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 37135, located on Pennsylvania Route 92 over the Susquehanna River, Falls Township, Wyoming County, as the Falls Veterans 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-48

Argall	Costa	Martin	Schwank
Aument	DiSanto	Mastriano	Stefano
Baker	Dush	Mensch	Street
Bartolotta	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Boscola	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
Brewster	Haywood	Pittman	Vogel
Brooks	Hughes	Regan	Ward, Judy
Browne	Hutchinson	Robinson	Ward, Kim
Cappelletti	Kane	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Kearney	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Langerholc	Saval	Yaw
Corman	Laughlin	Scavello	Yudichak

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 1101 (Pr. No. 1132)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 981 from the intersection with Pennsylvania Route 819 to the intersection with State Route 2021 in Mount Pleasant Township, Westmoreland County, as the Honorable Mike Reese Memorial Highway.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Stefano.

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, today I rise in support of House Bill No. 1101, created by my colleague in the House, Representative Ryan Warner. His legislation designates a portion of Route 981 in Mount Pleasant Township as the Honorable Mike Reese Memorial Highway. Mike Reese was not only my House colleague, as he shared a portion of my district, but he was also a close friend and ally. Mike tragically lost his battle with a brain aneurysm in early December, leaving behind a wonderful family and a great legacy in the legislature. I see his influence in the community when I drive through his district; all along the roadways you can see "We miss you Mike Reese" signs in almost every yard.

Having this highway named in his honor will remind us all of his legacy and dedication to his community, a model we should all follow.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, it is a wonderful thing today to be able to name this intersection after Representative Reese. Representative Mike Reese was our good friend. He was a great family man, a phenomenal legislator, and this will ensure

that he is never forgotten. Thank you. We do not want to forget him.

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-48

Argall	Costa	Martin	Schwank
Aument	DiSanto	Mastriano	Stefano
Baker	Dush	Mensch	Street
Bartolotta	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Boscola	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
Brewster	Haywood	Pittman	Vogel
Brooks	Hughes	Regan	Ward, Judy
Browne	Hutchinson	Robinson	Ward, Kim
Cappelletti	Kane	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Kearney	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Langerholc	Saval	Yaw
Corman	Laughlin	Scavello	Yudichak

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.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 104, HB 108, HB 125, SB 168 and SB 236** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**SB 241 (Pr. No. 200)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the second time and 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 just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 283** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION  
AND REREFERRED

**SB 288 (Pr. No. 800)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in corporate net income tax, further providing for manufacturing innovation and reinvestment deduction.

Considered the second time and 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 just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 305, SB 312 and HB 416** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION  
AND REREFERRED

**SB 419 (Pr. No. 418)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices.

Considered the second time and 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 just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 431, SB 435 and SB 455** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

**SB 463 (Pr. No. 618)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in computer data center equipment incentive program, further providing for definitions and for review of application, providing for applicability and for sales and use tax exemption program; imposing duties on the Department of Revenue; and making editorial changes.

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

**SB 463 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 463, Printer's No. 618, 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 OVER IN ORDER

**SB 480** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION  
AND REREFERRED

**SB 516 (Pr. No. 802)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for payment of court costs, restitution and fines.

Considered the second time and 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 just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 519** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**SB 532 (Pr. No. 544)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the bridges, identified as Bridge Key 31419 and Bridge Key 31420, on that portion of U.S. Route 219 over State Route 601 in Conemaugh Township, Somerset County, as the Corporal Anthony G. Orlandi Memorial Bridge.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 561** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

**SB 562 (Pr. No. 594)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

#### **SB 562 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 562, Printer's No. 594, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

#### **BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 588** and **SB 597** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

#### **BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED**

**SB 615 (Pr. No. 803)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for specific powers of department and local authorities.

Considered the second time and 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 just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### **BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

**SB 618 (Pr. No. 712)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for vaccinations.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

#### **BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 620** and **SB 671** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

#### **BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED**

**SB 681 (Pr. No. 765)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in tax credit eligibility, providing for temporary carry-forward allowance.

Considered the second time and 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 just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**SB 682 (Pr. No. 766)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in keystone innovation zones, 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 K. WARD, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### **BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 703, SB 704, HB 854** and **HB 951** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

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

#### **SB 194 (Pr. No. 814) (Amended)**

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for authority to issue liquor licenses to hotels, restaurants and clubs, for sales by liquor licensees and restrictions, for sale of malt or brewed beverages by liquor licensees, for 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.

#### **HB 1154 (Pr. No. 1421)**

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 sales by liquor licensees and restrictions and repealing provisions related to prepared beverages and mixed drinks for off-premises consumption during disaster emergency.

#### **BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION**

Senator MUTH. 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 194, SB 567, SB 617, SB 689, HB 664 and HB 1154.**

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

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021

10:30 A.M. COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (public hearing on government barriers to manufacturing growth in Pennsylvania) 650 Ridge Rd. Pittsburgh

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2021

9:00 A.M. TRANSPORTATION (public hearing on reforms and investments to advance transportation innovations in Pennsylvania) 112 Wash. Pl. Suite 400 Pittsburgh (LIVE STREAMED)

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021

12:00 P.M. COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (public hearing on skill game regulation with the Gaming Control Board) Room 8E-A East Wing

12:00 P.M. EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 1, 324 and 733) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. (LIVE STREAMED)

12:45 P.M. AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider Senate Bill No. 465) Room 461 Main Capitol

Off the Floor APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 319, 351, 423, 486, 516, 524, 554 and 563; and House Bill No. 464) Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)

Off the Floor RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Resolution No. 128; and certain Executive Nominations) Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021

10:00 A.M. VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Bills No. 578, 739 and 740) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Office

11:00 A.M. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 673 and 675) Room 8E-A East Wing

11:30 A.M. AGING AND YOUTH (to consider Senate Bills No. 385 and 668; and House Bill No. 649) Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)

12:00 P.M. FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 368 and 734) Room 8E-A East Wing

12:15 P.M. CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 397, 398 and 416) Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021

11:00 A.M. LABOR AND INDUSTRY (public hearing to discuss Senate Bill No. 320) Hrg. Rm 1 North Office (LIVE STREAMED)

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021

9:30 A.M. VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (S) and VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (H) (joint public hearing on Pennsylvania's veterans home care and COVID-19 mitigation protocols) Room 515 Irvis Office

**GUEST OF SENATOR KRISTIN PHILLIPS-HILL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I rise to introduce today's guest Chaplain, Pastor Paul Frank, Jr., of the St. James Lutheran Church in Hallam. Whether it is the church joining in the Bells Across Pennsylvania program, honoring the work of frontline workers during the pandemic, or holding their weekly church services, St. James Lutheran Church has been a pillar in Hallam for over 275 years.

We are thankful that Pastor Frank could join us today, virtually, to pray for this Chamber at the end of a very busy Session week. His prayer speaks to all of us. Thank you, again, to Pastor Frank for providing the Senate with an opening prayer.

Thank you, Mr. President.

**PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES**

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

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge Senate Resolution No. 74, which designates today as Fourth Trimester Care Day, the critical period of transformation and adaptation that mothers go through after the birth of a child.

According to the Harvard Maternal Task Force, the United States fares worse in preventing pregnancy-related deaths than most other developed countries. Despite spending more than any other country on hospital-based maternity care, the U.S. remains at about 17 deaths per 100,000 live births. Like so many other social issues, maternal death disproportionately impacts women of color. Black women average 41 deaths per 100,000 live births versus 13 deaths per 100,000 live births for White women. This difference in risk has not changed in the past six decades. American Indian and Alaskan Native women also fair far worse than White women with approximately twice as many pregnancy-related deaths per 100,000 live births. These statistics for maternal mortality rates tell us we are failing in support of our new moms.

Significantly, the timing of maternal deaths has shifted over the past 10 years with the majority of maternal deaths now occurring from day 1 to 1 year after delivery. During pregnancy, a

woman may have a dozen or more OB-GYN visits right up until a few days before giving birth. Once a baby is born, the baby's first pediatric visit usually occurs within a few days and their wellness checks continue through several months of their life. Whereas, typically, a mother will not have a check up until 4 to 6 weeks after delivery. In the meantime, she has likely suffered through many physical and mental health issues and changes. To make matters worse, insurance often does not cover more than one single visit post-birth. During the fourth trimester, mothers deserve quality, comprehensive care in their own right as they experience a range of physical, mental, emotional, and social changes, any of which can affect the overall health of the mother, and in turn, their baby. Many maternal health issues go undiagnosed and, therefore, untreated, creating barriers to the mother's ability to care for and nurture their babies.

Science shows us that the experiences a baby has during the first 3 months of life affect their long-term outcomes. Well-supported, healthy mothers make for healthy babies. Our policies around pregnancy and childbirth should be centered on creating the conditions that will contribute to the best possible outcome for the mother, which in turn benefits their children, which in turn benefits all of us. Healthy humans make a healthy society. Mothers deserve healthcare that will address their particular needs following childbirth, both physical and mental, and that is covered by all insurance or no cost barriers existing.

Too many mothers have no choice but to return to work within 10 days after giving birth, making those critical early days even more stressful and dangerous to their health and well-being. Mothers deserve meaningful, paid family leave that will allow them the ability to stay home with their newborn for the period of time that the mother and baby needs to be their healthiest, without the additional stress and anxiety of financial burdens. Mothers who do re-enter the workforce deserve the necessary support to make their return successful, which includes helping mothers achieve a healthy work-life balance, helping them meet their needs for childcare, or guaranteeing workplace accommodations for breastfeeding. Mothers everywhere deserve recognition for all of their incredibly important, unpaid, and severely under-appreciated contributions to society in raising children.

For the sake of the health and well-being of both mother and infant, we need to recognize the fourth trimester as the all-important, consequential period of time that it is and recognize that mothers deserve to have the support they need to thrive during this time and beyond. Might I add that a simple resolution of recognition really does not change a single thing. We need policy and legislative action to actually fulfill these needs.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, today marks 5,436 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last raised the minimum wage. That is almost 15 years, and it is far too long.

Mr. President, I regretfully report that in the last few days Pennsylvania has fallen even further behind the national curve on the minimum wage issue and in protecting the most vulnerable members of its workforce against collective wage suppression by employers. On May 20, Rhode Island Governor Daniel McKee signed legislation into law that will raise the State's minimum wage incrementally from its current \$11.50 an hour to \$15 by 2025. It becomes the ninth State, along with the District of Co-

lumbia and some 40 cities and counties across the country, now on the path to \$15. These States run the gamut of the political spectrum, from strongly progressive States like California, New Jersey, and Massachusetts, to strongly conservative ones like Florida. Hearing the news from Rhode Island, I could not help but feel impressed and slightly jealous over the responsiveness of the Governor and State lawmakers to the wishes and needs of their constituents. After all, it was just last October that they raised the minimum wage from \$10.50 to \$11.50 in the midst of a worldwide pandemic. These bold decisions will surely help the State's working families recover from the financial hardships of the last 14 months sooner and inject much-needed money into their economy. For that, consumers and merchants will surely benefit.

Similar things are happening on the issue much closer to home for Pennsylvanians. Delaware is yet another State where raising the minimum wage to \$15 is high on the agenda. Last month, the State Senate adopted a \$15 legislation by a two-thirds majority. The bill is now making its way through the State's House of Representatives. When it becomes law, this legislation will be impactful for employers in southeast Pennsylvania counties like Delaware and Chester, where low-wage workers would be more than willing to drive a few extra miles to capitalize on more favorable economic opportunities. If current trends continue, the same can be said for many other border counties and the Commonwealth as a whole. Twenty other States have pending legislation to raise their minimum wage to \$15. Now is the time for Pennsylvanians to follow the trend of border States and increase the wages of our lowest-paid workers. My legislation, Senate Bill No. 12, would raise our minimum wage to \$12 an hour and \$15 an hour by 2027. I urge my colleagues to advance and adopt the bill. Pennsylvania, its businesses, and workers cannot afford to fall further behind the rest of the country.

Thank you, Mr. President.

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Vogel has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

### PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES (Continued)

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

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, since 1949, the United States has observed the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month. Today, I would like to reflect on the meaning of this designation and on Senate Resolution No. 121 honoring this tradition in designating May 2021 as Mental Health Awareness Month here in the Commonwealth. Millions of Americans face mental illness each day. Some encounter it themselves, others through their friends and family. One in 5 adults and 7.7 million U.S. youth have experienced mental illness. Suicide is the second-leading cause of death among individuals age 10 to 34 in the United States. Yet, mental health and mental illness are not always something we are eager to broach with anyone, even our loved ones.

One of the goals of Mental Health Awareness Month is to not only raise awareness, but to also make these conversations commonplace within our community. I would like to specifically

recognize the difficulties the agricultural community faces in regard to their unique and perhaps inconspicuous circumstances that contribute to mental health struggles. More than 1,500 dairy farms in Pennsylvania had to dump their milk when schools and restaurants closed last year. An NCBI study notes that 1 in 4 people worldwide experience issues with their mental health annually. If farmers experience problems with their mental health at the same rates as the general population, that would mean approximately 25 percent of farmers worldwide are struggling with their mental health. In light of evidence that farmers experience mental illness at a higher rate than the general population, this is likely a conservative estimate in and of itself as to how many farmers of the 550 million family-run farms worldwide are actually experiencing mental health issues.

Friends, family, and community members, I encourage you to keep watch for signs of declining mental health, including - a decline in care of crops, animals, and farm; deterioration of personal appearance; withdrawing from social events; increase in farm accidents; change in routine; increase in physical complaints; increase in alcohol use; and giving away prized possessions. I urge all individuals, not only in the agricultural community but throughout the Commonwealth as a whole that may be experiencing negative feelings, to talk about them and explore available resources or seek treatment. While Senate Resolution No. 121 designates May 2021 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Pennsylvania, our awareness, advocacy, and conversation surrounding mental health needs to take place year-round.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator BREWSTER. Mr. President, I rise on behalf of Senator Laughlin, my co-chair on the Committee on Game and Fisheries, and offer Senate Resolution No. 117 declaring May 22 through 28, 2021, as National Safe Boating Week. With the summer boating season upon us, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources have joined with the National Safe Boating Council and other boating safety advocates across the country to recognize May 22 through 28, 2021, as National Safe Boating Week.

Boaters and anglers are reminded that great memories on the water begin by following a checklist of basic safety guidelines, including wearing a life jacket. Boating on any of Pennsylvania's beautiful rivers, lakes, and streams can be a great escape from your daily routine. Whether you are paddling, water skiing, fishing your favorite spot, or relaxing on a pontoon boat, you can have fun and stay safe by following a few basic steps before and during every boating adventure. Both new and experienced boaters sharing the water can remain safe by reviewing these basic safety measures: always wear a life jacket; take a boating safety course; never boat under the influence; have proper registration and launch permits; and have a float plan to let someone know where you are boating and when you plan to return. Mr. President, I want to commend Director Schaeffer and his staff at the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission for their work throughout the year and their diligence to this very important time of boating season.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator KANE. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about suicide. As we heard from my fellow Member from western Pennsylvania, May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and we are coming off a year that has been challenging for all of us, between a global pandemic, changes in school and work, and massive economic uncertainty. There are new sources of stress on all of us, meaning new mental health challenges for many. I know the toll that economic recession can have on mental health. I saw it firsthand with the members of my union. I had members die by suicide. That feeling does not ever leave you. Last year, 44,834 Americans died by suicide. The suicide rate in communities of color, the communities most likely to be affected by COVID-19, rose by 6 percent among Hispanic Americans and by a heartbreaking 27 percent among Black Americans. Suicide is currently the tenth-leading cause of death in the United States, and, as you heard earlier, for youth ages 10 to 24, it is second. Sixty-five of Pennsylvania's 67 counties have been unable to meet statewide suicide reductions. This is on all of us. I met with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention a few weeks ago and they challenged me to ask the question to my loved ones who are struggling: Are you considering suicide? It is an uncomfortable question for me to ask, and I know a lot of you might not be able to ask that question also. But we have to be willing to be uncomfortable. We have to start having these conversations and making sure folks get the help they need before it is too late. We have to do more. It is on us as legislators to take action to prevent deaths by suicide.

In the next few weeks, I will be introducing legislation to create a voluntary do-not-sell firearm registry to reduce self-harm and suicides here in Pennsylvania. Half of all completed suicides involve a firearm. The do-not-sell registry will allow Pennsylvanians to voluntarily and confidentially add their name into the Federal and State background check systems to prevent them from purchasing firearms. This means that in a moment of crisis, folks struggling with mental health will not be able to access the most common means of completing suicide. It will give mental health professionals more time to ensure everyone gets the care they need. Numerous studies have shown that delaying firearm purchases reduces suicides without increasing suicide by other means. This registry gives Pennsylvanians an additional tool to support their mental health and keep themselves and their loved ones safe. I would ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this legislation. This is simply about suicide prevention. This is about saving the lives of Pennsylvanians. Finally, I want to make sure everyone knows help is out there. If you or a loved one is struggling, please call the Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255. Thank you.

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

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I rise today to thank my legislative director, Ardie Griffin. Ardie has been with me since the beginning of my term, and today is her last day with the Pennsylvania Senate. I am not sure how I would have made it through my first 2 1/2 years without her. Ardie and I knew each other previously from working together years ago when I was just out of law school and she had not yet gone to law school. We stayed in touch, and I will always be grateful that when I called her out of the blue to see if she wanted to work with me, she said yes. I am grateful that she was willing to leave her job and move with her then-fiance from Nashville to Harrisburg. I

just knew she would make an incredible legislative director, and I was right. Ardie's work ethic is unmatched and her work product is impeccable. She is always well prepared, does her homework, and she made sure that I was well prepared for any meeting, hearing, or floor activity. Ardie served the constituents of the 38th Senatorial District and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extremely well. Many people have expressed to me how much they enjoyed working with Ardie. She will be sorely missed. Our loss is Ohio's gain. Ardie has accepted a great position in her hometown of Columbus. What many people do not know is that when Ardie took the job with me, her mom made her promise that she would not become a Steelers fan. So while I can promise the people of Ohio that Ardie is coming back to you with her sports loyalties intact, I do know that Ardie has a newfound appreciation for Pennsylvania, especially our beautiful outdoor activities. In closing, I want to say, Ardie, it has been an absolute pleasure getting to work with you again, and I wish you the very best of luck in your new job.

Thank you, Mr. President.

### **BILLS SIGNED**

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

**HB 832 and HB 1101.**

### **RECESS**

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

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, June 7, 2021, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 12:41 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.