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**SENATE**

WEDNESDAY, September 29, 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 LEONARD CARROLL of Ezekiel Church of God in Christ, Chester, offered the following prayer:

Father, we thank You for our last night lying down. We thank You for our morning rising. Father, we ask that God would bless us each and every day. God, we ask You to bless us going out and coming in, from this day forth, and forevermore. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Carroll, who is the guest today of Senator Kane.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

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

September 28, 2021

Senators KEARNEY, HUTCHINSON, J. WARD, DUSH and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 877**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in alteration of territory or corporate entity and dissolution, providing for municipal boundary change; and making related repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, September 28, 2021.

Senators LANGERHOLC, YUDICHAK, PHILLIPS-HILL, VOGEL, MENSCH, COSTA, CAPPELLETTI, MUTH and MASTRIANO presented to the Chair **SB 881**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for Safe Exchange Zone Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, September 28, 2021.

Senators MASTRIANO, STEFANO, J. WARD, HUTCHINSON, MENSCH, PITTMAN, BROOKS and SCAVELLO presented to the Chair **SB 884**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for method of elections and secrecy in voting and for absentee voting and providing for permanent list prohibited.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, September 28, 2021.

Senators MASTRIANO, HUTCHINSON, STEFANO, J. WARD and SCAVELLO presented to the Chair **SB 885**, entitled:

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, providing for COVID-19 vaccine.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, September 28, 2021.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

Senator YUDICHAK, from the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development, reported the following bills:

**SB 635 (Pr. No. 1125)** (Amended)

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in property assessed clean energy program, further providing for purpose, for definitions, for establishment of a program, for notice to lien holder required for participation, for scope of work, for lien and for collection of assessments.

**SB 830 (Pr. No. 1126)** (Amended)

An Act amending Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth Financing Authority, establishing the Veteran-owned Business Loan Guarantee Program.

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

**HB 1849 (Pr. No. 2092)**

An Act amending the act of February 19, 1980 (P.L.15, No.9), known as the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act, in definitions, further providing for definitions; and, in powers and duties of the State Real Estate Commission - general, further providing for continuing education.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Dush, Senator Phillips-Hill, and Senator Brooks.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Haywood, Senator Schwank, and Senator Anthony Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Kim Ward requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Dush, Senator Phillips-Hill, and Senator Brooks.

Senator Costa requests legislative leaves for Senator Haywood, Senator Schwank, and Senator Anthony Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Senator K. WARD asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator BROWNE and Senator MENSCH, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of May 11, 2021, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of May 11, 2021.

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

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

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

**YEA-48**

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

**NAY-0**

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**LEAVE CANCELLED**

The PRESIDENT. Senator Phillips-Hill has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR KIM L. WARD  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I am so honored, but also saddened today, to talk about the retirement of Monica Riddle. Monica has been part of our institution and knows everything about our institution. She is the go-to person, right? She can do anything. You call Monica--it may not be in her job description, but she can get it done. She will be a great loss here, but she has been here awhile. When she began work here, gas was \$1.10 a gallon, *Ghostbusters* was the most popular movie, *When Doves Cry* by Prince was playing on the radio, and Richard Thornburg was the Governor. That is how it all began for Monica 37 years ago in the executive offices of Governor Thornburg. When I say that she knows every aspect of the institution like the back of her hand, it is not an understatement. For many of us, Monica was the first person to greet us when we started, and she helped us navigate our way through a totally strange place that we would look at from afar. When we ran for office, we did not really know how it operated, but Monica was there to help so many of us and make us feel welcome. She made sure we knew the ins-and-outs of everything we needed to know to work here. But most importantly, and it still stands today, she kept us well fed with her delicious food because she has incredible cooking skills. We are really going to miss that. But I am waiting for invitations to her house, maybe every other weekend.

Monica is part of our family here, and she treated us all like we were her family. She was a consummate professional. She was someone we looked to, and she always knew how to handle a difficult constituent. She was calm. She brought calm. I know for a fact, firsthand, that I have called here many times spazzing out about something and Monica took care of it and kept things calm, as well as me calm. She has been our go-to person in the Senate for 37 years. Many may not realize that most of her service was dedicated to one senatorial district, the 10th Senatorial District. That is really unheard of in today's standards. She worked for Senator McIlhinney, Senator Greenwood, Senator Lemmond, Senator Heckler, Senator Conti, and me. Now she works for me, and I am going to miss her the most.

This is a bittersweet moment for all of us. When you spend as much time at work with someone as we do, you really need to like the people you work with. We all love her, and that goes without saying. We love you, Monica, and we are going to miss you terribly. You have brought so much to us here in the Senate. Your hard work and your diligence, coupled with your kindness, compassion, and thoughtfulness is unmatched. While we will miss our day-to-day interactions with you, you will always be part of our family. As you take this next leap into the next chapter of your life, I hope you enjoy it and do it with confidence and vigor as you are always surrounded with love and support from

your family. In the gallery we have Hector and Yoland Lara, her parents; Dee and Bob Eberly, her in-laws; Erica and Kevin, her children; and Darren, her husband. But never forget, you are a foundational part of this family in the Senate. We love and support you in whatever you do, and do not be a stranger. I keep teasing her, but I am not really teasing her when I say to her, whenever someone retires in the legislature in the district in which you reside, we are on board and we expect you back here in a different capacity. I say she would be the best new Representative or Senator ever because she knows everything from the bottom to the top about this institution. We are all so excited to wish you well as you start your new endeavor and start checking off items on your list of things that you would love to do in life. We love you and we will miss you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Kim Ward please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

### **GUESTS OF SENATOR GENE YAW PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Lycoming, Senator Yaw.

Senator YAW. Mr. President, I rise today to comment on the retirement of two key members of my staff. I looked at the calendar and it said Senator Yaw times 2, so I want to comment on both of these retirements. Both of these individuals have really had an impact on my time in the Senate, as well as on the Senate as a whole. Arnie Kriner has worked in the district office of the 23rd Senatorial District for over 36 years. Thinking about it, as the Majority Leader said--about 37 years for one retiree, we have 36 years here, we have another comment coming later--but working that long in one place is probably unheard of in today's world. Arnie worked with me and prior to that, my predecessor in office, Senator Madigan. Arnie's 36 years of experience in government--there is no other way to put it than to say it will be missed, and his leaving will leave a big void in my district office and my ability to serve constituents.

Just a bit of personal history going back with Arnie. I think it was 14 years ago in the fall that we were at an event together and we talked about Senator Madigan's pending retirement, and Arnie made the comment, he just kind of, I do not know, we were talking and he said, why do you not run? I thought, you know, I had never thought about that before, but obviously I did, and as is often said, you know, the rest is history. Arnie is joined here today up in the gallery by his wife, Lianne, and his daughter, Erin. I know that they are big supporters and they have a lot planned for him to do. I am sure that as he deals with his family, his grandchildren, and work for the Tri-County Rural Electric where he chairs the board of directors, he is going to be kept really busy. The only thing I can say to Arnie at this point is congratulations and thank you.

(Applause.)

My second retiree, as I said, the second member of my staff to retire is Linda Fiorilla. I need to be very, very careful as to how I make the next few comments. Linda, right now, happens to be the longest-serving employee in the Senate, and I emphasize the words "longest-serving." I have been told to avoid any reference that might be associated with age. So, Linda came to the Senate in 1982, right after the Civil War.

(Laughter.)

But, anyway, and began in the office of Senator Henry Hager, who, ironically, was one of my predecessors in the 23rd Senatorial District. Then, when I came to the Senate, Linda was working for Senator Madigan, also of the 23rd Senatorial District. As I said, both of these people, I have some personal stories; and I told you about Arnie, the person who encouraged me to run. But then when I was elected and came down here to interview, you know, one of the first things that a new Senator does is looks for a staff. So I was told, well, you should really interview Senator Madigan's staff. So, I came to Harrisburg for interviews, and what I found out was that Senator Madigan's staff was really interviewing me. I was told later, I found out, that I had a 6-month probationary period, or they would--because everybody, if you add up all the time here--if I did not perform during that 6-month probationary period, they were all going to retire and walk out.

So, anyway, the time that I have been here, it took 13 years for Linda to decide to leave, unfortunately, for me because I have really come to rely on her to do all of my scheduling, expenses, travel arrangements, everything else that we do as Senators. Along the way we have had a lot of laughs, and I will certainly miss her and everything that she has done for me. Linda is joined up in the gallery by her husband Frank, and I know from talking to Linda--where what we have described now as the month of Linda--she has several trips planned over the next year. When talking to her, we asked, what does Frank think about all this traveling? She said, well, I have not told him about all of them yet, so, he may have a surprise this afternoon. All who know Linda will remember her description of what she says it has been like working with me, and I will say this in the politically correct way. It is not just a job, it is a fill-in-the-blank adventure.

(Laughter.)

You can use whatever adjective you think is appropriate. In any event, congratulations to Linda on her retirement. All I can say is thank you, it is a heartfelt thank you, and you will be missed. Thank you.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Yaw please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

### **GUEST OF SENATOR WAYNE LANGERHOLC PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, we have heard many remarks made over the past few days from various Members of this legislative body--their well wishes, congratulations, and thanks for many years of faithful service to this General Assembly and the residents of our great Commonwealth. I rise today to echo the sentiments of my colleagues and ensure that the name of my staff member, Donna Stchur, is forever placed into the Journal of this body. This day we recognize her for her years of selfless service.

I first met and interviewed Donna shortly after being elected in 2016. I could tell immediately that she was someone I wanted to help me navigate the tumultuous waters of this Capitol. She is no stranger to this building, as I am sure many of you have

worked with her over her 37 years of service to the Senate. She was with me from the beginning, and this day is definitely sad for me and the members of my staff: "Team 35," as we affectionately call it. You will be missed, Donna, and I know you are not one for fanfare and accolades, so much so that you are watching this remotely rather than being here to draw attention to yourself. You are one of a kind. I am a better person for having you on my team, and the constituents of the 35th Senatorial District and this Commonwealth are as well. Thank you, and best wishes on a well-deserved retirement.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. The Senate will now go at ease for photos. (The Senate was at ease.)

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Brooks and Senator Dush have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

### GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN I. KANE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator KANE. Mr. President, it is my honor to rise today to introduce my constituent and today's guest Chaplain, Reverend Leonard R. Carroll, Sr. Reverend Carroll was born in Chester, PA, and attended Chester public schools. He went on to graduate from the Philadelphia College of Bible, now Cairn University, and the Jameson College of the Bible. Reverend Carroll is the founder and pastor of the Ezekiel Church of God in Christ and has been serving the church since 1986. He is one of the founders of the local Pastors Association of Chester, as well as the director of the city of Chester's police chaplaincy and the Law Enforcement Chaplains of Delaware County.

In 2014, he was appointed to be the president of the Brotherhood Breakfast Association of Chester and Vicinity, and in 2016, he was appointed to be the executive secretary of the Agape Fellowship District of the Church of God in Christ. Reverend Carroll also spent 31 years serving as a security commander for the Crozer-Chester Medical Center. He is now a volunteer with the Crozer Hospital chaplain program, and he also volunteers as a mentor for the Chester High School after school program. Reverend Carroll has done so much to support the community we both love. I am honored to have him here with us. Reverend Carroll is joined here today by his lovely wife, Rosalyn. Please join me in welcoming Reverend Carroll to the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Kane please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

### GUESTS OF SENATOR AMANDA M. CAPPELLETTI PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator CAPPELLETTI. Mr. President, I rise today to share the story of an accomplished 8-year-old boy from the 17th Senatorial District whom I am incredibly proud to represent. It is a story of advocacy, perseverance, and genuine care for the com-

munity. Jax Bari is a constituent who has been a leading voice for celiac disease awareness, and he is only 8 years old. Up until August 2018, Jax was a normal young boy with normal eating habits. Then, he was diagnosed with celiac disease, and his food freedom was taken away. As a result of the diagnosis, Jax made it his mission to ensure that others are aware of this hardship that he and so many others face with every mealtime.

According to the Celiac Disease Foundation, celiac disease is a serious, autoimmune disease that occurs in genetically predisposed people where the ingestion of gluten leads to the damage of the small intestine. It is estimated to impact 1 in 100 people worldwide and about 3 million Americans, including 129,000 Pennsylvanians. Jax has been advocating to attain two primary goals for the celiac community, and if you had the opportunity to meet him today, he told you what they were. They are increasing Federal funding, or funding at all, for celiac disease research and requiring that gluten be labeled on all packaged foods in the United States, just like it is in 62 countries around the world, including Canada and across Europe.

As one of his second grade projects last year at Penn Charter in Philadelphia, Jax worked on writing persuasive letters. In May, Jax wrote a letter about his celiac journey to David Muir, anchor of ABC News *World News Tonight*, and as a result of Jax' letter, David Muir covered Jax' story, leading to even more interest in his work. Since the *World News* story aired, Jax has helped recruit nine members of Congress to the new, bipartisan Congressional Celiac Caucus and they include: Representative Matthew Cartwright, Representative Madeleine Dean, Representative Dwight Evans, Representative Brian Fitzpatrick, Representative Chrissy Houlahan, Representative John Joyce, Representative Mary Gay Scanlon, Representative Glenn G. T. Thompson, and Representative Susan Wild. Jax is working hard to recruit every U.S. Representative from Pennsylvania to join that Caucus. His advocacy efforts also include when he co-hosted a bipartisan congressional briefing on Capitol Hill in January 2020 along with his family. Congressman Dwight Evans, Congresswoman Madeleine Dean, Congressman John Joyce, M.D., and his treating physician at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Dr. Arunjit Singh, participated. On August 4, 2021, Jax' food labeling goal became one step closer to reality, thanks to the introduction of the Food Labeling Modernization Act of 2021 by Senator Richard Blumenthal, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Senator Ed Markey, House Committee on Energy and Commerce Chairman Frank Pallone, and House Committee on Appropriations Chair Rosa DeLauro.

I hope that today we can all learn from Jax' hard work and commitment to doing the right thing. It is my privilege to host Mr. Jax Bari and his family and to take the time to recognize and celebrate his hard work. Thank you so much for what you do. I ask that you all join me in giving the Bari family a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Cappelletti please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

### GUESTS OF SENATOR SCOTT F. MARTIN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the memory of Anthony Cazillo III, who unexpectedly passed away on June 30, 2021, at the young age of 26. Anthony, the son of Frank and Susan Cazillo, graduated from Penn Manor High School in 2013. He went on to attend Harrisburg Area Community College and graduated from my alma mater, Millersville University. Afterwards, Anthony remained an active member of our Lancaster community serving as a Pequea Township committeeman, as a member of the Pequea Township Planning Commission, and as the elected member and chairman of the Pequea Township Board of Supervisors, all before the age of 26. He also volunteered with the Lancaster County Young Republicans, the Lancaster Young Professionals, and served, at one point, as the president of the Millersville University College Republicans.

Of course, Anthony was more than just a resume. He was a loyal friend, a great son and brother, and a loving husband to his new wife, Katie. He enjoyed spending his free time with those close to him, smoking cigars with friends, engaging in civil discussions on politics, watching historical movies, appreciating the many beautiful local parks in Lancaster, and cooking, particularly his famous chili recipe. Throughout his life, Anthony strove to bring joy and happiness to all his friends and family members. He will be fondly remembered as a caring and giving person, and his memory will live on in the minds of all of us whose lives he touched. Members of Anthony's family are here with us today in the gallery: Anthony's wife, Katie Cazillo; his parents, Frank and Susan Cazillo; his sister, Veronica Cazillo; Katie's parents, Steve and Jill Fox; as well as Katie's sister, Heather Fox, and her husband, Jonathan Stutzman. Along with his dear friend Angel Pagan, one of one my wonderful former interns and a current member of Senator Aument's staff.

Mr. President, I ask that the Senate please join the Cazillo family in a moment of silence to honor and remember the life of Anthony Cazillo III.

The PRESIDENT. The Senate will now observe a moment of silence.

(Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of ANTHONY CAZILLO III.)

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, in honor of Anthony's service to his community, if I could ask the members of his family and his friends to please rise and us say thank you for his service.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Martin please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

## CALENDAR

### THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

#### HB 1861 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

**HB 1861 (Pr. No. 2200)** -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 3 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator K. WARD, as a Special Order of Business.

#### BILL REREFERRED

**HB 1861 (Pr. No. 2200)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in temporary regulatory flexibility authority, further providing for definitions and for temporary regulatory flexibility authority.

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

## 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 purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held here in the Chamber.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of off-the-floor meetings to be held here in the Chamber, beginning with the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by the Committee on Appropriations, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

## AFTER RECESS

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

## BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

#### **SB 869 (Pr. No. 1074)** (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers and duties, further providing for definitions and providing for virtual operation.

#### **HB 1182 (Pr. No. 1715)** (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 19, 1931 (P.L.589, No.202), referred to as the Barbers' License Law, further providing for supervision of shops and schools and licenses and renewal.

#### **HB 1183 (Pr. No. 1716)** (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 3, 1933 (P.L.242, No.86), referred to as the Cosmetology Law, further providing for requirements of a school of cosmetology.

#### **HB 1861 (Pr. No. 2200)** (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in temporary regulatory flexibility authority, further providing for definitions and for temporary regulatory flexibility authority.

Senator K. WARD, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following bills:

#### **SB 397 (Pr. No. 1083)** (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act amending the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, further providing for definitions, for State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, for practice of

osteopathic medicine and surgery without license prohibited and for licenses, exemptions, nonresident practitioners, graduate students, biennial registration and continuing medical education; and abrogating regulations.

**SB 398 (Pr. No. 1084) (Rereported) (Concurrence)**

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

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

**SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

**SB 397 (Pr. No. 1083)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

On the question,  
Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 397?

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 397.

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

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator Pittman.

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I appreciate that this legislation is before us today, and I would also like to take a minute to discuss the next bill that we will be considering, Senate Bill No. 398. In both cases, what we are looking to do here is to update the manner in which physician assistants practice in our Commonwealth.

As we saw with the COVID-19 pandemic, much of our medical system has changed. The needs to respond to healthcare have become even greater. Some of what are in both of these bills, actually, are part of the waivers that we have discussed here, significantly, since the emergency declaration came to an end. These bills are back on concurrence, they received unanimous support from our friends in the House of Representatives. There was one minor change as it relates to the staffing ratio for healthcare facilities, I believe that has been agreed to. I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote on both Senate Bill No. 397 and Senate Bill No. 398. These are important bills that will help the delivery of healthcare throughout our Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,  
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	DiSanto	Laughlin	Schwank
Aument	Dush	Martin	Stefano
Baker	Flynn	Mastriano	Street
Bartolotta	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Boscola	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
Brewster	Gordner	Pittman	Vogel
Brooks	Haywood	Regan	Ward, Judy
Cappelletti	Hughes	Robinson	Ward, Kim
Collett	Hutchinson	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H.
Comitta	Kane	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Corman	Kearney	Saval	Yaw
Costa	Langerholc	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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

**SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

**SB 398 (Pr. No. 1084)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

On the question,  
Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 398?

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 398.

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	DiSanto	Laughlin	Schwank
Aument	Dush	Martin	Stefano
Baker	Flynn	Mastriano	Street
Bartolotta	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Boscola	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
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Comitta	Kane	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey

Corman	Kearney	Saval	Yaw
Costa	Langerholc	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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 869 (Pr. No. 1074)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers and duties, further providing for definitions and providing for virtual operation.

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	DiSanto	Laughlin	Schwank
Aument	Dush	Martin	Stefano
Baker	Flynn	Mastriano	Street
Bartolotta	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Boscola	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
Brewster	Gordner	Pittman	Vogel
Brooks	Haywood	Regan	Ward, Judy
Cappelletti	Hughes	Robinson	Ward, Kim
Collett	Hutchinson	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H.
Comitta	Kane	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Corman	Kearney	Saval	Yaw
Costa	Langerholc	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 present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

**HB 1182 (Pr. No. 1715)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 19, 1931 (P.L.589, No.202), referred to as the Barbers' License Law, further providing for supervision of shops and schools and licenses and renewal.

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	DiSanto	Laughlin	Schwank
Aument	Dush	Martin	Stefano
Baker	Flynn	Mastriano	Street
Bartolotta	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Boscola	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
Brewster	Gordner	Pittman	Vogel
Brooks	Haywood	Regan	Ward, Judy
Cappelletti	Hughes	Robinson	Ward, Kim
Collett	Hutchinson	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H.
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Costa	Langerholc	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 1183 (Pr. No. 1716)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 3, 1933 (P.L.242, No.86), referred to as the Cosmetology Law, further providing for requirements of a school of cosmetology.

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	DiSanto	Laughlin	Schwank
Aument	Dush	Martin	Stefano
Baker	Flynn	Mastriano	Street
Bartolotta	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Boscola	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
Brewster	Gordner	Pittman	Vogel
Brooks	Haywood	Regan	Ward, Judy
Cappelletti	Hughes	Robinson	Ward, Kim
Collett	Hutchinson	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H.
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Corman	Kearney	Saval	Yaw
Costa	Langerholc	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 1861 (Pr. No. 2200)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in temporary regulatory flexibility authority, further providing for definitions and for temporary regulatory flexibility authority.

Considered the third time and agreed to,  
And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

Argall	DiSanto	Laughlin	Schwank
Aument	Dush	Martin	Stefano
Baker	Flynn	Mastriano	Street
Bartolotta	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Boscola	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
Brewster	Gordner	Pittman	Vogel
Brooks	Haywood	Regan	Ward, Judy
Cappelletti	Hughes	Robinson	Ward, Kim
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Corman	Kearney	Saval	Yaw
Costa	Langerholc	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 with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 1, SB 113, SB 137, SB 224, SB 457, SB 696, SB 703, SB 704 and HB 1013** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**HB 1774 (Pr. No. 2149)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 27, 2014 (P.L.2911, No.191), known as the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act, further providing for access to prescription information and for expiration; and making an editorial change.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

Argall	DiSanto	Laughlin	Schwank
Aument	Dush	Martin	Stefano
Baker	Flynn	Mastriano	Street
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Corman	Kearney	Saval	Yaw
Costa	Langerholc	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

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

**SB 25 (Pr. No. 219)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 140, SB 222, SB 225, SB 284 and SB 320** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

**SB 435 (Pr. No. 474)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in restructuring of electric utility industry, providing for transportation fueling infrastructure development.



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

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

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 507, SB 519, SB 525, SB 551, SB 562, SB 565, SB 573** 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 603 (Pr. No. 1107)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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 AND LAID ON THE TABLE

**SB 607 (Pr. No. 669)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, repealing provisions relating to hunting on Sunday prohibited and providing for hunting on Sunday.

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

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

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 617, SB 667** and **SB 689** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

#### BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**SB 705 (Pr. No. 949)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act relating to telemedicine; authorizing the regulation of telemedicine by professional licensing boards; and providing for insurance coverage of telemedicine.

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 706 (Pr. No. 1090)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for advanced manufacturing facilities and infrastructures through business partnerships with State-related institutions; establishing the Max Manufacturing Initiative Fund and Max Manufacturing Endeavor Loan Fund; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Community and Economic Development.

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 717, SB 718, HB 723, SB 737** and **SB 745** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

#### BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**SB 775 (Pr. No. 913)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in interpretation and definitions, further providing for definitions; and, in liability and compensation, further providing for compensation for post-traumatic stress injury.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

**SB 780 (Pr. No. 920)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 39537, on that portion of State Route 1005 over a tributary of Crooked Creek, Rayne Township, Indiana County, as the Sergeant Charles R. Learn Memorial Bridge.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

#### BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 782** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**SB 786 (Pr. No. 1108)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in open campus initiatives, further providing for legislative intent, for definitions, for open campus initiatives, for cooperative agreements, for reimbursements by the Commonwealth and for parental and public information.

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 806, SB 815 and SB 832** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**SB 846 (Pr. No. 1109)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, providing for face covering or mask mandate opt-out.

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

**SB 847 (Pr. No. 1039)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the portion of State Route 2004, also known as North Broad Street, within the Borough of Lansdale, in Montgomery County, as the Dr. Frank Erdman Boston Memorial Highway.

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

**SB 862 (Pr. No. 1062)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, further providing for residual funds.

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

**SB 865 (Pr. No. 1056)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 36020, on that portion on Pennsylvania Route 66, known as Main Street, over the Norfolk Southern Railway, City of Greensburg, Westmoreland County, as the Sergeant Richard Ivory Cullen Memorial Bridge.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**SB 871 (Pr. No. 1079)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for definitions, for mandatory reporting and postmortem investigation of deaths, for establishment of Statewide database, for access to information in Statewide database, for information in Statewide database, for disposition and expunction of unfounded reports and general protective services reports, for disposition of founded and indicated reports, for expunction of information of perpetrator who was under 18 years of age when child abuse was committed and for release of information in confidential reports, providing for exchange of information for placement, further providing for amendment or expunction of information, for investigating performance of county agency, for employees having contact with children and adoptive and foster parents, for audits by Attorney General, for reports to Governor and General Assembly, for penalties, for services for prevention, investigation and treatment of child abuse, for reports to department and coroner, for investigation of reports, for voluntary or court-ordered services and findings of child abuse and for evidence in court proceedings; and making editorial changes.

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

**HB 941 and HB 951** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**HB 1452 (Pr. No. 1573)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 44 (Law and Justice) and 45 (Legal Notices) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for flexibility in emergency publication of the Pennsylvania Bulletin: in Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act, further providing for definitions; and, in codification and publication of documents, further providing for preliminary publication in Pennsylvania Bulletin.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 1500 and HB 1598** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION**

Senator SCAVELLO. 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 635, SB 830 and HB 1849.**

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021

1:00 P.M. JUDICIARY and STATE Hrg. Rm. 1  
GOVERNMENT (joint public hearing on North Off.  
the Department of State's failure to (LIVE  
advertise a constitutional amendment STREAMED)  
giving child sexual abuse victims a two-  
year window to file claims)  
**C A N C E L L E D**

2:00 P.M. COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND Room 8E-A  
RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT and East Wing  
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND (LIVE  
ENERGY (joint public hearing on STREAMED)  
consumer and economic impacts of failing  
to invest in Pennsylvania's Natural Gas  
Infrastructure)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021

11:00 A.M. STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing Hrg. Rm. 1  
to receive comments from the North Off.  
Pennsylvania Department of State on (LIVE  
Senate Bill No. 878 and legislation to STREAMED)  
implement recommendations of the Special  
Committee on Election Integrity and  
Reform)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021

1:00 P.M. VETERANS AFFAIRS AND Connellsville  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (public Twp. Vol. F.D.  
hearing to consider Senate Bill No. 698, 905 Fireman's  
Countywide Public Safety Authorities) Lane  
Connellsville

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021

12:30 P.M. EDUCATION (to consider House Bills No. Room 8E-A  
1332 and 1660) East Wing  
(LIVE  
STREAMED)

Off the Floor APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Senate  
Bills No. 157, 236, 327, 603, 731, 777, Chamber  
786, 827 and 849) (LIVE  
STREAMED)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021

11:30 A.M. JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. Room 8E-B  
814, 904, 905 and 913) East Wing  
(LIVE  
STREAMED)

12:30 P.M. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Room 8E-A  
Senate Bills No. 275, 448 and 755; and East Wing  
House Bill No. 430) (LIVE  
STREAMED)

12:45 P.M. GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Rules Cmte.  
House Bill No. 1122) Conf. Rm.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021

10:30 A.M. STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing Room 8E-A  
on Senate Bills No. 801, 802, 803 and 804, East Wing  
lobbying disclosure) (LIVE  
STREAMED)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021

11:00 A.M. APPROPRIATIONS and EDUCATION Hrg. Rm. 1  
(joint public hearing on the Pennsylvania North Off.  
State System of Higher Education update (LIVE  
regarding the latest report pursuant to Act STREAMED)  
50 of 2020)

**PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES**

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

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, I rise today to offer remarks in support of Senate Resolution No. 187, designating the month of September as Blood Cancer Awareness Month. As many of you may know, more than 1.4 million adults and 50,000 children in the United States are either living with or are in remission from leukemia, lymphoma, or myeloma, which are the three major types of blood cancer. Roughly 10 percent of all new cases of cancer diagnosed this year will come from blood-borne cancers.

In 2014, my family still reeling from the sudden death of my mother, my husband began feeling sick, experiencing high fevers and body aches that could not be resolved with over-the-counter medications or rest. He went to see his doctor and was immediately admitted to the hospital for testing. Our family received the worst news we could imagine 2 days later. My husband was diagnosed with chronic myelocytic leukemia. I was not even with him when they broke the news; I was at home caring for our 2-year-old son and my father, who had just lost his wife of 40 years. I brought drawings our son had made in preschool to adorn the walls of my husband's hospital room. Through tears, he asked me to take them home saying, I cannot look at those right now. I responded, you have to. Look at them every day and remember what you are fighting for. I am thrilled to say that my husband's treatments have been successful, and though he is not cured, the medications he takes, and will take every day for the rest of his life, keep his immune system working and his cancer at bay.

But not everyone diagnosed with blood cancers is as fortunate. Five years after diagnosis, an individual has between a 70 to 85 percent rate of survival, depending on the type of cancer they are tackling. Sadly, about every 9 minutes someone in the U.S. dies from a blood cancer. This statistic represents approxi-

mately 158 people each day, or more than six people every hour. Leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma are expected to cause the deaths of an estimated 57,700 people in the U.S. in 2021, and these diseases are expected to account for 9.5 percent of the deaths from cancer in 2021. While we have seen major advancements in treatment and care--which account for the fact that a diagnosis of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 1960 meant a 30 percent chance of survival and today reaches more than 75 percent of all people diagnosed--we know that like all medicine, access to care, the quality of that care, and the ability to afford your medication and treatment too often depends on the zip code you live in, the education you have obtained, and the color of your skin.

While we take time today to reflect upon the impact that blood cancers have on our friends and family across the Commonwealth and the nation, my commitment to improving our healthcare system for all Pennsylvanians is stronger than ever before. I hope my colleagues will join me in focusing our legislative efforts on bills that work to improve the health and livelihood of all of our constituents, not just those with deep pockets. As someone who lives each day knowing that my family is whole because of the dedication and work of those who study and treat blood-based cancers, I could not be more proud to stand in support of Senate Resolution No. 187 because through awareness and education, conversations with your doctors and nurses, and supporting organizations like the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, we will get closer to the day we have eliminated these forms of cancer once and for all.

Before I close, Mr. President, I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to thank the prime sponsor of this resolution, Senator Browne, for his dedication to raising awareness in this space and to wish him a speedy recovery from his own current health challenge.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Brooks has submitted remarks for the record. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

*(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Mercer, Senator BROOKS:)*

Mr. President, I rise today with much appreciation to the numerous Members and staff who have worked to get House Bill No. 1861 over the finish line today and back to the House for its concurrence.

We have been working for years to ensure access to the healthcare and services that Pennsylvanians need, and the COVID-19 pandemic, for better or worse, has given us the opportunity to make some positive strides in our healthcare delivery system. For months, my committee, our Caucus, the House, and the Governor's Office have been working together on a comprehensive review of all of the waiver flexibilities put in place at the beginning of the pandemic--some 500 waivers and nearly double the number of impacted regulations. Together, we have agreed to ensuring that these flexibilities continue for Pennsylvanians in an effort to help with access to healthcare, behavioral health services, drug and alcohol treatment, mental health services, telehealth, vaccines, healthcare professionals, and more. The ongoing impact of the pandemic will not be permanent, but we can ensure flexibilities are in place to address temporary needs in our economy, workforce, and healthcare systems.

We made a promise to Pennsylvanians that we could eliminate red tape and reduce bureaucracy in this Commonwealth by proposing better outcomes to addressing health emergencies. Mr. President, I am proud to say that we have fulfilled that promise today by working together to

respond to the needs of our communities, constituents, doctors, nurses, healthcare professionals, employers and employees, and even our executive branch and fellow Chamber. Together, we are responding to this ever-changing public health pandemic, and together we have expanded flexibilities in these waiver authorities that will allow all of us to be nimbler and more accessible in our healthcare system as a whole. Whether our constituents live in rural Pennsylvania, suburban counties, or our urban cities--we are together in our COVID-19 response.

Thank you to my colleagues for supporting this legislation and ensuring the continuation of crucial waiver flexibilities through cold and flu season, the winter, and into next spring of 2022, when we hope and pray that more of this pandemic will be behind us.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, today marks 5,561 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last raised the minimum wage. That is more than 15 years, and it is far too long.

Mr. President, there is clearly a growing consensus among my colleagues in the Senate, from both sides of the aisle, that Pennsylvania workers need and deserve a raise in the minimum wage. Yet, if we are to move beyond our recognition of this need, and if we are to satisfy that need, we first must distinguish between facts and rhetoric, and we all must be honest with each other.

I can honestly report, Mr. President, that whenever I speak to a Pennsylvania worker who earns at or near minimum wage, they say they cannot make ends meet at their current pay rate. They are not exaggerating, they are being candid and honest. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for many of the counterpoints raised by the shrinking minority of corporations and organizations who oppose raising the minimum wage. On one hand, groups like the National Restaurant Association tell the public--and they lobby elected officials on the same premise--that raising the minimum wage will destroy their industries. Yet, when speaking on the record with investors, many of the companies who lead those industry organizations sing a very different tune. Perhaps a recent article published by *Newsweek* explains it best, "Big restaurant chains are telling investors that a national minimum wage hike wouldn't be a big deal--even as their corporate lobbying groups in Washington fight plans for a \$15 minimum wage."

To be specific, the Restaurant Association wrote to members of Congress that their industry and their workforce would suffer from a minimum wage increase. Yet, the very next day, a top executive for Denny's, one of the association's members, told its investors that minimum wage increases in many States have not been a problem for the company at all. In California, for example, with its progressive minimum wage law, sales and guest traffic has increased for Denny's compared to locations in other cities. McDonald's also told its investors pretty much the same thing when its CEO said the company will do just fine were States and the Federal government to raise the minimum wage. Around the same time, the Restaurant Association warned publicly that additional increases in the minimum wage would force restaurants to lay off more workers and cause many of them to close for good. Similarly, Domino's Pizza told investors in an earnings call that the company has been able to manage its way through a lot of minimum wage increases across the country. The Cheesecake Factory, whose managing director serves on the Restaurant Association's board, told investors that raising the minimum wage would not cause problems for the company. Yet,

the private equity firm that owns the Cheesecake Factory has told investors that its portfolio companies could be adversely affected by changes in governmental policies, including minimum wage increases.

Mr. President, these examples, and likely many more, magnify the reality that special interest groups and the businesses they represent are saying different things to different people about minimum wage. It calls into serious question any of the information they disseminate to the public and to the Members of the General Assembly related to the minimum wage. On the other hand, there is a strong, consistent message that we get from the honest, hardworking people of Pennsylvania. It is a message supported by anecdotes and by hard data. Nobody can live on \$7.25 an hour, and nobody can live on \$10 an hour, Mr. President. The real cost of living is near or above \$12 an hour in every single one of Pennsylvania's 67 counties; in many places it is \$13, \$14, or even \$15 an hour. There is a lot of misinformation circulating about this issue, so it is vitally important for Members of the General Assembly to be honest with our constituents and with each other.

It is time that we raise Pennsylvania's minimum wage to a true, living wage. I encourage my colleagues to adopt Senate Bill No. 12.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, as the Senate co-chair of the manufacturing caucus alongside Senator Brewster, I rise to recognize October 1 as Manufacturing Day in Pennsylvania. Since being asked to spearhead this caucus by the Majority Leader, I have met several manufacturing leaders from York County and all across the Commonwealth. We have called on our manufacturers to do more now than ever before, and while we continue to hear about offshoring, this pandemic has caused us to rethink and have an even greater appreciation for made in America or, better yet, made in Pennsylvania. Manufacturing in Pennsylvania accounts for more than \$70 billion each year in gross State product. More than half a million Pennsylvanians work in this vital industry. Our hardworking manufacturers also account for millions of additional jobs in retail, as well as supply chain and distribution networks. However, we continue to hear about the challenge of finding employees to fill these good-paying, family-sustaining jobs. They pay great wages, include paid time off, healthcare, retirement packages, and even sign-on bonuses. On average, these jobs pay \$69,000 a year. I see it on the billboards as I commute up and down Interstate 83. We have over 8,000 opportunities in Pennsylvania for our next generation of manufacturers.

With a disrupted global supply chain, we have seen how much these challenges can impact our day-to-day lives. I am very proud of our manufacturers, not only in York County, but all across our Commonwealth, for stepping up in a big way over the last 18 months. We know that this is just the beginning of the resurgence in manufacturing here in Pennsylvania, and that is why I am proud to celebrate October 1, 2021, as Manufacturing Day in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator CAPPELLETTI. Mr President, I rise today in recognition of Senate Resolution No. 181 to designate September 13, 2021, as National Celiac Awareness Day. Earlier this afternoon, I rose to introduce to you Jax Bari, an 8-year-old advocate in my district, who works to educate people on celiac disease. Through his advocacy work, Jax has a very important goal of requiring that gluten be labeled on all food packages, just as it is in Europe, Canada, and 62 other countries around the world. In honor of Jax and his hard work, I have offered this resolution in an effort to raise awareness in Pennsylvania of the obstacles that those who suffer from celiac disease suffer.

Gluten is a protein found naturally in wheat, barley, and rye and is common in foods such as bread, pasta, cookies, and cakes. In fact, many products contain gluten, such as prepackaged foods, lip balms, lipsticks, toothpastes, vitamins, nutrient supplements, and rarely, but on occasion, even in medicines prescribed by doctors. Properly labeling goods can be a life-changing event for those with celiac disease. We all know that knowledge is power and when it comes to food labels, there is nothing more important than knowing what one is putting in their body. The disease can cause long-lasting digestive problems and keep your body from getting all of the nutrients it needs. Celiac disease can also affect the body outside the small intestine. It is different from gluten sensitivity or even wheat intolerance. If you have gluten sensitivity you may have symptoms like those of celiac disease, such as abdominal pain and tiredness. But researchers are finding that celiac disease's prevalence is doubling approximately every 15 years and making it a public health epidemic. I am asking that you sign onto Senate Resolution No. 181 and join me in recognizing Jax, the important work of recognizing celiac disease, and the investments we need to make in better understanding it. Thank you.

### BILLS SIGNED

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

**SB 397** and **SB 398**.

### SENATE AT EASE

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, may we be at ease for a moment?

The PRESIDENT. The Senate will be at ease.  
(The Senate was at ease.)

### HOUSE MESSAGES

#### HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 1591** and **HB 1861**.

### BILLS SIGNED

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

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**HB 1182, HB 1183, HB 1591, HB 1774 and HB 1861.**

**RECESS**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lycoming, Senator Yaw.

Senator YAW. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, October 18, 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 2:33 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.