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SENATE

MONDAY, November 8, 2021

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend JOHN C. DORR, JR., of Bethlehem Steltz Reformed Church, Glen Rock, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray together.

O Lord, our God, You have blessed us in many ways. You have given us this great Commonwealth as our heritage. As we navigate the cynicism and acrimony of our present age, we pray that You would always make us a people who are mindful of the blessings that we have received and eager to share those blessings with one another. In this month, when we celebrate Thanksgiving, help us to count our many blessings and name them one by one.

We are grateful to You, that through determination and God-given ingenuity, many new treatments have been developed to help end the pandemic that has plagued us for far too long. Continue to comfort those who have lost loved ones, and heal those who still struggle with the effects of that horrible illness. Continue to bless our Commonwealth with productive industry, bountiful land, quality education, and a respect for those who are different from us. Save us from the violence, discord, confusion, pride, and arrogance that seem to flourish like weeds. Heavenly Father, preserve our liberties and mold us into one people who have come from many diverse backgrounds. Help us to look to Your word that we may be a blessing to the nations of the world. In times of trouble, help us to always look to You, and in times of plenty, fill us with thankfulness and an eagerness to help others.

I pray today, Lord, that You would be with the Members of this Senate and all other governmental officers of our Commonwealth. Fill them with the spirit of wisdom so that there may be justice and peace in our land. Protect each citizen of our State, and help us to become beacons of light in the darkness. I ask all these things in the strong name of my Lord and Savior. Amen.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

**RECALL COMMUNICATIONS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Rebecca Dombrowsky (Public Member), 669 Rockwood Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Tina Miller, Pittsburgh, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Moriah Hathaway (Public Member), 1009 Roman Knoll Court, Harrisburg 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Libby White, Penn Valley, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated July

19, 2021, of Betsy Phillips, 3607 North Fourth Street, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Erik Scully, Wexford, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Lynell Scaff, Aliquippa, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated July 19, 2021, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Alfred Whitcomb, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Rebecca Dombrowsky, 669 Rockwood Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Samuel Trychin, Erie, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 14, 2021, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Camilla Greene, Allentown, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN STATES
LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Rebecca Dombrowsky, 669 Rockwood Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Appalachian States Low-level Radioactive Waste Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice C. Alan Walker, Clearfield, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN STATES
LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Moriah Hathaway, 1009 Roman Knoll Court, Harrisburg 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Appalachian States Low-level Radioactive Waste Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Michael Wolf, Enola, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN STATES
LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Victoria S. Madden, Esquire (Alternate), 1056 Brandt Avenue, Lemoyne 17043, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Appalachian

States Low-level Radioactive Waste Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Martin Raniowski, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN STATES
LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Betsy Phillips (Alternate), 3607 North Fourth Street, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Appalachian States Low-level Radioactive Waste Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Ashok Khare, Warren, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN STATES
LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Appalachian States Low-level Radioactive Waste Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Barry Schoch, Camp Hill, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN STATES
LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Appalachian States Low-level Radioactive Waste Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice E. Christopher Abruzzo, Hershey, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTS LICENSURE BOARD

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Architects Licensure Board, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice David Majernik, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Moriah Hathaway, 1009 Roman Knoll Court, Harrisburg 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, to serve until July 1, 2022, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Laura Ellsworth, Sewickley, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, to serve until July 1, 2022, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gayle Isa, Philadelphia, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Rebecca Dombrowsky (Public Member), 669 Rockwood Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Timothy Wiggan, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Moriah Hathaway, 1009 Roman Knoll Court, Harrisburg 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Matthew Rader, Forty Fort, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Mary Louise Doyle, Chester, resigned.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE BANKING AND SECURITIES COMMISSION

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Banking and Securities Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Gerald Pappert, Plymouth Meeting, resigned.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Rebecca Dombrowsky (Public Member), 669

Rockwood Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Margaret Moore, Harrisburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Moriah Hathaway (Public Member), 1009 Roman Knoll Court, Harrisburg 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Sharon Dell, Martinsburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Betsy Phillips, 3607 North Fourth Street, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John Christopher, Hummelstown, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Mark Robertson, Springfield, resigned.

TOM WOLF Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF BARBER EXAMINERS

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Donald Yost, Gaines, deceased.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CANCER
CONTROL, PREVENTION AND RESEARCH
ADVISORY BOARD

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Moriah Hathaway, 1009 Roman Knoll Court, Harrisburg 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joel Noumoff, Wynnewood, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER
SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mitchell Yanyanin, New Brighton, whose term expired and whose last day was April 23, 2021.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER
SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jonathan Peri, Media, whose term expired and whose last day was April 23, 2021.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND BOARD

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Rebecca Dombrowsky, 669 Rockwood Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Children's Trust Fund Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Harry Hamilton, Wilkes-Barre, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND BOARD

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Children's Trust Fund Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Carole Gravagno, Wayne, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Rebecca Dombrowsky, 669 Rockwood Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice George Khoury, Bridgeville, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Christopher Decker, Shohola, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Moriah Hathaway, 1009 Roman Knoll Court, Harrisburg 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Claims, to serve until November 15, 2026, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jeffrey Smith, Camp Hill, whose term expired and whose last day was April 23, 2021.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF CLARKS SUMMIT STATE HOSPITAL

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Moriah Hathaway, 1009 Roman Knoll Court, Harrisburg 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Clarks Summit State Hospital, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice James Corselius, Clarks Summit, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF CLARKS SUMMIT STATE HOSPITAL

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Clarks Summit State

Hospital, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jan Mroz, Peckville, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CONSTABLES'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

November 3, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Constables' Education and Training Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rodney Ruddock, Indiana, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

CLERK OF COURTS, LANCASTER COUNTY

October 28, 2021

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Clerk of Courts, in and for the County of Lancaster, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice Jacquelyn Pfursich, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

CONTROLLER, LAWRENCE COUNTY

October 28, 2021

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Controller, in and for the County of Lawrence, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice David Gettings, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HIGHER
EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AGENCY

October 28, 2021

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, [data missing] until June 30, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robin Wiessmann, Newtown, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

October 28, 2021

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Moriah Hathaway, 1009 Roman Knoll Court, Harrisburg 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Lehigh, Magisterial District 31-2-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Donna Butler, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE FARM
PRODUCTS SHOW COMMISSION

November 8, 2021

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Farm Products Show Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice David Black, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**CORRECTIONS TO NOMINATIONS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HIGHER
EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AGENCY

November 3, 2021

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

Please note that the letter dated October 28, 2021, for the nomination of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, [data missing] until June 30, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robin Wiessmann, Newtown, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, to serve until June 30, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robin Wiessmann, Newtown, resigned.

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING

November 8, 2021

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

Please note that the letter dated November 3, 2021, for the recall of the nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Rebecca Dombrowsky, 669 Rockwood Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Samuel Trychin, Erie, resigned, should be corrected to read:

I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 23, 2021, of Rebecca Dombrowsky, 669 Rockwood Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2021, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Samuel Trychin, Erie, resigned.

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING

November 8, 2021

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

Please note that the letter dated November 3, 2021, for the recall of the nomination dated September 14, 2021, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Camilla Greene, Allentown, resigned, should be corrected to read:

I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 14, 2021, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2021, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Camilla Greene, Allentown, resigned.

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:

November 1, 2021

Senators L. WILLIAMS, COLLETT, MUTH, HUGHES, KANE, FONTANA, CAPPELLETTI, STREET, COSTA, PITTMAN, SANTARSIERO, COMITTA, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 916**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, providing for American Rescue Plan water, sewer and storm water assistance grants; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, November 1, 2021.

Senators BROWNE, A. WILLIAMS, MENSCH, COSTA, SCHWANK, KEARNEY, CAPPELLETTI, FONTANA and COLLETT presented to the Chair **SB 926**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, November 1, 2021.

November 3, 2021

Senators REGAN, MENSCH and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 925**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in speed restrictions, further providing for driving vehicle at safe speed and for charging speed violations.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, November 3, 2021.

November 4, 2021

Senators MARTIN, REGAN, J. WARD, MASTRIANO, GORDNER, MENSCH, STEFANO and PITTMAN presented to the Chair **SB 931**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in educational tax credits, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, November 4, 2021.

Senators MARTIN, REGAN, MASTRIANO, GORDNER, MENSCH and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 932**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in educational tax credits, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, November 4, 2021.

Senators MARTIN, PITTMAN, COSTA, BAKER, GORDNER, MENSCH and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 933**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in the State System of Higher Education, further providing for Board of Governors.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, November 4, 2021.

Senators DUSH, MARTIN, J. WARD, GEBHARD, HUTCHINSON, REGAN and PITTMAN presented to the Chair **SB 934**, entitled:

An Act providing for display of the Preamble of the Constitution of Pennsylvania in each school building.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, November 4, 2021.

Senators MARTIN, DUSH, J. WARD, GEBHARD, MASTRIANO, SCAVELLO, HUTCHINSON, REGAN, STEFANO and PITTMAN presented to the Chair **SB 935**, entitled:

An Act providing for display of the Preamble of the United States Constitution in each school building.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, November 4, 2021.

November 5, 2021

Senators BOSCOLA, GORDNER, YUDICHAK, SCAVELLO, KANE, PHILLIPS-HILL, STEFANO and HUTCHINSON presented to the Chair **SB 930**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 10, 1975 (P.L.383, No.110), known as the Physical Therapy Practice Act, further providing for qualifications for license, examinations, failure of examinations, licensure without examination, issuing of license, foreign applicants for licensure, temporary license and perjury.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, November 5, 2021.

Senators BOSCOLA, FONTANA, SCHWANK, COMITTA, FLYNN and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 936**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for notification to department and development of plan of safe care for children under one year of age.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, November 5, 2021.

Senators BROOKS, REGAN, PHILLIPS-HILL, MARTIN, BARTOLOTTA, J. WARD, PITTMAN, HUTCHINSON, MASTRIANO, STEFANO and AUMENT presented to the Chair **SB 937**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, providing for immunization exception.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, November 5, 2021.

Senator BROOKS presented to the Chair **SB 938**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, November 5, 2021.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

October 28, 2021

Senators DiSANTO, PHILLIPS-HILL, BROWNE, REGAN, MARTIN, LAUGHLIN, ARGALL, MASTRIANO, SCAVELLO, ROBINSON, COSTA, HUTCHINSON, PITTMAN, J. WARD, BARTOLOTTA and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SR 202**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2021 as "Italian-American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, October 28, 2021.

Senators REGAN, FONTANA, BARTOLOTTA, BROWNE, BREWSTER, COLLETT, PHILLIPS-HILL, MARTIN, COMITTA, MASTRIANO, HUGHES, COSTA, GORDNER, PITTMAN, J. WARD and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SR 203**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2021 as "Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, October 28, 2021.

November 5, 2021

Senators MARTIN, BROWNE, MENSCH, ARGALL, PHILLIPS-HILL, HUTCHINSON, PITTMAN, BROOKS, MASTRIANO, COSTA, BREWSTER, STREET, COMITTA, FONTANA, HUGHES, SCHWANK, J. WARD, BARTOLOTTA and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SR 204**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing November 14, 2021, as "World Diabetes Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, November 5, 2021.

Senators BROOKS, COLLETT, BROWNE, MARTIN, BARTOLOTTA, J. WARD, LANGERHOLC, MENSCH, SCAVELLO, ARGALL, VOGEL, PITTMAN, COSTA, YUDICHAK, KANE, YAW and COMITTA presented to the Chair **SR 205**, entitled:

A Resolution designating November 18, 2021, as "Children's Grief Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, November 5, 2021.

November 8, 2021

Senators HUGHES, KEARNEY, FONTANA, KANE, SCHWANK, COMITTA, COLLETT, CAPPELLETTI and COSTA presented to the Chair **SR 201**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the 17 principles of Environmental Justice that were presented to delegates at the First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, November 8, 2021.

Senators L. WILLIAMS, CAPPELLETTI, MUTH, KEARNEY, FONTANA, STREET, KANE, SANTARSIERO, COLLETT, SCHWANK, BREWSTER and COSTA presented to the Chair **SR 206**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of November 13 through 19, 2021, as "Transgender Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania and recognizing November 20, 2021, as "Transgender Day of Remembrance" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, November 8, 2021.

Senators KANE, KEARNEY, HUGHES, FONTANA, COLLETT, BARTOLOTTA, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, SCAVELLO, FLYNN, COMITTA, SCHWANK, MASTRIANO, COSTA, STEFANO and STREET presented to the Chair **SR 207**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of November 2021 as "Good Samaritan Law Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, November 8, 2021.

Senators COMITTA, YAW, KEARNEY, FONTANA, STREET, BROWNE, KANE, MARTIN, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, GORDNER, COSTA and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SR 208**, entitled:

A Resolution designating November 15, 2021, as "Pennsylvania Recycles Day" and joining "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful" to make recycling bigger and better in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, November 8, 2021.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

October 28, 2021

HB 397 and 1451 -- Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

HB 1260 -- Committee on Aging and Youth.

HB 1819 -- Committee on Labor and Industry.

HB 1871 -- Committee on Transportation.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
 Department of Environmental Protection
 Rachel Carson State Office Building
 P.O. Box 2063
 Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

October 18, 2021

The Honorable Megan Martin
 Secretary of the Senate
 Senate Post Office Box 203053
 Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

The Honorable Megan Martin:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I have enclosed the 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority (PEDA). This report is required by section 5 of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority and Emergency Powers Act, Act of December 14, 1982, P.L. 1213, No. 280, as amended, §§ 71 P.S. 720.1 *et seq.*

This annual report covers the operations of the PEDA. The PEDA Board convened twice during this fiscal year to accomplish a number of tasks. First, the Board met virtually on August 4, 2020 to approve the final PEDA Energy Development Plan, approve a proposal by the Department of Treasury to create a Green Bank partnership, and approve a proposed grant solicitation for the COVID-19 Restart Grant.

The Board met again on November 30, 2020 to appoint a new Executive Director, and award financial assistance to 11 COVID-19 Restart Grant applicants. Additionally, the Board received presentations regarding the Green Bank proposal and PEDA projects awarded funds in 2014. Each of these efforts are detailed in the report.

In the upcoming year, PEDA will continue to manage existing grants as well as identify new financial and technical assistance opportunities for projects in accordance with the PEDA Energy Development Plan.

If you have questions, please contact Gregory Kauffman, Director of Legislative Affairs, by e-mail at grekauffma@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.783.8303.

Respectfully,

PATRICK McDONNELL
 Secretary

The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the Library.

**REPORT PURSUANT TO ACT 4A OF 2021
 TEMPLE UNIVERSITY**

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

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
 Office of the Controller
 1805 N. Broad Street (038-17)
 11th Floor Wachman Hall
 Philadelphia, PA 19122

October 28, 2021

The Honorable Megan Martin
 Senate Secretary / Parliamentarian
 Senate Box 203053
 Room 462 Main Capitol Building
 Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

Dear Senator [*sic*] Martin:

In compliance with Act 4A dated June 20, 2021, I submit the audited consolidated financial statements for Temple University - Of The

Commonwealth System of Higher Education as of and for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

Sincerely,

DAVID N. MARINO
 Interim CFO & Treasurer

The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the Library.

**APPOINTMENT BY THE
 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the President pro tempore has made the following appointment:

Senator Tim Kearney as a member of the Special Education Funding Commission.

BILL SIGNED

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

SB 420.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator MARTIN, from the Committee on Education, reported the following bills:

HB 1642 (Pr. No. 2372) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in educational tax credits, further providing for definitions, for qualification and application by organizations, for application by business firms, for tax credits, for limitations and for opportunity scholarships.

HB 1660 (Pr. No. 2371) (Amended)

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

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

SB 471 (Pr. No. 1211) (Amended)

An Act prohibiting the mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of Pennsylvania residents by the Commonwealth, political subdivisions or as a condition of employment.

HB 220 (Pr. No. 187)

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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 Yudichak, and legislative leaves for Senator DiSanto, Senator Tomlinson, and Senator Yaw.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Kim Ward requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Yudichak, and legislative leaves for Senator DiSanto, Senator Tomlinson, and Senator Yaw. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

Senator K. WARD offered the following resolution, which was read as follows:

In the Senate, November 8, 2021

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Monday, December 13, 2021, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Monday, November 15, 2021, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses the week of November 15, 2021, it reconvene the week of Monday, December 13, 2021, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-49

Argall	Dush	Martin	Schwank
Aument	Flynn	Mastriano	Stefano
Baker	Fontana	Mensch	Street
Bartolotta	Gebhard	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
Costa	Laughlin	Scavello	Yudichak
DiSanto			

NAY-0

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

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

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JUDY WARD
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Blair, Senator Judy Ward.

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, today I welcome again, Meghan Sinisi, Miss Pennsylvania. Meghan lives in Altoona, Blair County. Meghan competed this year to be Miss Pennsylvania and won the title. She is a speech language pathologist and the founder and president of From a New Perspective, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that connects autism families in Pennsylvania with resources in their communities. For nearly a decade she has been an advocate for autism acceptance through many social impact initiatives and has coauthored a children's book titled *Building Blocks About Autism*.

She is here today with her parents, Tony and Lori Sinisi, and her brother, Chris. She will be competing in the Miss America pageant, December 12 through 16, at the Mohegan Sun in Connecticut. We are so very proud and wish her well. She will be addressing the Senate momentarily.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. The Chair invites Meghan Sinisi, Miss Pennsylvania, to the rostrum.

Ms. SINISI. Thank you, Lieutenant Governor and Senator Judy Ward. It is my honor to stand before you today as Miss Pennsylvania. Through the Miss America Organization, I have received over \$20,000 in scholarships, which have helped me earn two degrees and become a speech language pathologist. I now serve as a spokesperson for women's education in autism advocacy.

My first interaction with a person on the autism spectrum came during my senior year of high school. It took 18 years for me to be given the opportunity to understand that people with disabilities are so much more than meets the eye. Ever since, I have felt strongly compelled to advocate for the inclusion of disabled people in all spaces within our communities. I truly believe that there is no higher priority than to appreciate how diversity makes our world a better place. At the start of the pandemic, I established a nonprofit organization, From a New Perspective, to combat the misconception surrounding disabilities. I also cofounded a podcast titled *Spectrum Sundays* to celebrate diversity in all of its forms. While I am proud of the difference that I make in the disability community, my advocacy alone can only accomplish so much. I am calling on our Commonwealth to take action in supporting and protecting the rights of disabled Pennsylvanians, a demographic that makes up 25 percent of our population. It is up to you, our elected officials, to implement lasting change that leads the charge in accessible healthcare, education, and employment opportunities for all. We must prioritize funding for evidence-based diagnostic efforts and effective early intervention services. We need to ensure that every single student has access to appropriate services and supports in school and that adults have access to employment opportunities that do not discriminate based on their need for accommodations in the workplace. Finally, we need to make sure that disabled people are involved in every single decision-making process that influences their quality of life. Please join me in accepting, respect-

ing, and empowering the disability community through legislation that creates a better, more inclusive, Pennsylvania. Thank you.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS 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, Reverend John Dorr, Jr., with Bethlehem Steltz Reformed Church located in Glen Rock. We heard from Reverend Dorr via Zoom back in May, and the pandemic did present some challenges, but it did not stop the Senate from its longstanding tradition of opening Session in a word of prayer. So today it is an honor to have Reverend Dorr here in person before all of us. Would my Senate colleagues please join me in giving today's guest Chaplain, Reverend John Dorr, Jr., and his wife, Kathy, a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Phillips-Hill please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I am really delighted today to introduce my guests and, frankly, I would like to say they are kind of a team. They are sort of a squad of people who have known each other--who are friendly--and a couple of them had purchased an item in a charity auction for the Reading Public Library, which is a tour and lunch at the Capitol. So I met them at that auction--and there were other people standing around there--and soon we had about 10 people coming to Harrisburg from Berks County. They are a fine group of individuals; let me tell you who they are.

First of all, Sherry and Alex Cameron. Sherry and Alex are great supporters of everything Berks County and have both had illustrious careers. Sherry is currently the secretary of the Reading Public Library Board of Trustees. Their generous donation, as I mentioned, at the Reading Public Library silent auction awarded them with the tour and lunch here at the Capitol. They are joined by their good friends, Jay and Tell Melvin, who reside in Centre Township, a little bit north of the city of Reading. Sherry and Alex's granddaughter is with them as well, Eloise Cameron. She is a student, a junior at Princeton, studying art history, and she is on a gap year. So right now she is working at the Reading Public Museum doing research on hex signs. Mr. President, you will recognize that that is certainly a Pennsylvania Dutch form of art that we very much celebrate. Also today with us, retired Navy Captain Erve Easton. Erve had 27 years in the U.S. Navy and then worked in government relations. Finally, retired Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy, Dan Cooper. Dan served 33 1/2 years in the Navy and also served as Under Secretary for Benefits and managed the Department of Veterans Affairs operation that provides disability pay and educational assistance. He did this from 2002 to 2008. These are individuals who are well-rec-

ognized in Berks County, I am so proud to have them here today with us at the Capitol, and would ask if my colleagues would join me in welcoming them to our Capitol.

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

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR
CAMERA C. BARTOLOTTA
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington, Senator Bartolotta.

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, today we have a very special guest joining us from the 46th Senatorial District. It is my esteemed honor today to introduce you to Kais Sorour. Kais is a modern day hero. His quick reaction in the aftermath of a car accident that happened on the Parkway East on January 29, 2020, saved the life of another motorist. Ron Demblowski was driving on the parkway when his vehicle was struck from behind by one of two cars racing with its headlights turned off. His car rolled over on its roof where he hung upside down, unable to release himself from his seatbelt. As smoke began to billow from Demblowski's car, Kais broke the window, crawled inside the burning vehicle, unlatched the seatbelt, and pulled the driver from the wreckage to safety. Thanks to Kais' quick response, Mr. Demblowski is alive today. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in offering a very warm welcome to Mr. Kais Sorour and his guests who are seated in the Senate gallery today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

(Applause.)

CALENDAR

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

SB 565 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 565 (Pr. No. 610) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 5 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator K. WARD, as a Special Order of Business.

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED**

SB 565 (Pr. No. 610) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, repealing provisions relating to firearms not to be carried without a license, providing for license not required, further providing for prohibited conduct during emergency, repealing provisions relating to carrying firearms on public streets or public property in Philadelphia, providing for sportsman's firearm permit, further providing for licenses and repealing provisions relating to proof of license and exception.

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 Rules and Executive Nominations.

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 Education followed by a Republican caucus.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the meeting of the Committee on Education, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus as well.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Education, followed by Republican and Democratic caucus to be held in their respective caucus rooms, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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

LEAVE CHANGED

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I request that Senator Corman's leave be changed from a personal leave to a legislative leave.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Kim Ward requests that Senator Corman's leave be changed from a personal leave to a legislative leave. Without objection, the leave will be changed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

RECALL COMMUNICATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

SECRETARY OF HEALTH

November 8, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated June 1, 2021, of Alison Beam, 232 North 25th Street, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Health, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rachel Levine, M.D., Middletown, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES

November 8, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated June 1, 2021, of Margaret Snead, 17 West Athens Avenue, Ardmore 19003, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Human Services, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Teresa Miller, Harrisburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS

November 8, 2021

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, George Burrell, 440 South Broad Street, Unit 1002, Philadelphia 19146, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Claims, to serve until November 15, 2026, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jeffrey Smith, Camp Hill, whose term expired and whose last day was April 23, 2021.

TOM WOLF
Governor

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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 Rules and Executive Nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1, SB 113, SB 137, SB 327 and SB 347 -- 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 416 (Pr. No. 2322) -- 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 seizure recognition and related first aid training.

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

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator KANE. Mr. President, I rise today in support of House Bill No. 416, the DOMinate Epilepsy-Seizure Recognition legislation. This bill will provide training for teachers and school employees on how to recognize and respond to seizures. I am proud to have worked with Representative Chris Quinn in the House to move this bill forward and to support our constituents Beth and Jessica Scolis. The Scolis family has gone through tremendous hardship and has been a tireless advocate for this bill to support students who experience seizures. I am proud to speak in favor of this bill to provide some much-needed positive news. I urge a "yes" 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-49

Argall	DiSanto	Martin	Schwank
Aument	Dush	Mastriano	Stefano
Baker	Flynn	Mensch	Street
Bartolotta	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione

Boscola	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
Brewster	Gordner	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
Costa			

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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 457, SB 696, SB 703, SB 704, SB 745, SB 775 and SB 846 -- 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 849 (Pr. No. 1043) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veterans' preference, further providing for definitions; and, in voluntary veterans' preference in private employment, further providing for definitions.

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, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 849. As we mark Veterans Day this week, it gives me great pleasure to put forth another measure to say thank you to veterans for their service. Currently, under our State Veterans' Preference Law, an individual must have completed their first term of service with anything other than a dishonorable discharge. Unfortunately, the current wording in the law excludes those who, through no fault of their own, due to a disability, could not complete their first term of service. As such, I have worked with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Office of Administration on Senate Bill No. 849, which corrects this issue. It is important to help all of our veterans, and this legislation does just that.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Argall	DiSanto	Martin	Schwank
Aument	Dush	Mastriano	Stefano
Baker	Flynn	Mensch	Street
Bartolotta	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Boscola	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
Brewster	Gordner	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
Costa			

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 862 and **HB 1082** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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 ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 448 (Pr. No. 1164) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for limitation on the regulation of firearms and ammunition; and, in preemptions, providing for regulation of firearms and ammunition.

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 470 (Pr. No. 490) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 19557, on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 36 over the Redbank Creek, Brookville Borough, Jefferson County, as the CPT Harry "Bud" Hetrick Memorial Bridge.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 474 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 482 (Pr. No. 1185) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the 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 504, **SB 507**, **SB 519**, **SB 525**, **SB 562**, **SB 573**, **SB 597**, **SB 617**, **HB 636**, **SB 667** and **SB 676** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 764 (Pr. No. 1634) -- 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 employees having contact with children and adoptive and foster parents.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 851 (Pr. No. 1046) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 57053, located over Dixon Run at the intersection of State Route 1012 to Pennsylvania Route 403 in Green Township, Indiana County, as the PVT William L. Hadden Memorial Bridge.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 881 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 922 (Pr. No. 1173) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 45531, carrying Pennsylvania Route 879 over the West Branch Susquehanna River, Lawrence Township, Clearfield County, as the Gerald "Jerry" Confer Memorial Bridge.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 924, HB 951, HB 1107, HB 1120, HB 1121, HB 1304, HB 1312, HB 1332, HB 1500 and **HB 1588** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 53, ADOPTED

Senator K. WARD, without objection, called up from page 9 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 53**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study and issue a report, by 12 months from the date of the adoption of this resolution, on the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's highway maintenance funding.

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

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, thank you for the opportunity to speak on Senate Resolution No. 53, which would direct the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study on the Department of Transportation's highway maintenance funding formula. For many years across the State and nation, there have been repeated calls for additional investment in repair and expansion of critical infrastructure, but what we hear most frequently about is the condition of local roads and bridges where the maintenance always seemed to have lagged or been insufficient. If you take a short drive on the back roads in my area, you will quickly experience firsthand frustration of travelers, motorists, and residents traveling on roads that have been in disrepair for many years, with little hope of a long-term fix because of the antiquated funding formula we have in Pennsylvania. No matter how much State money is committed or available, if it is not distributed equitably, it is a problem that will multiply over time and ultimately must be addressed for the future. Well, the time is now to address this for the future.

The fundamentals of this existing maintenance formula were agreed to decades ago, and the last update occurred in 1997. Since then, population and commercial densities have shifted around the Commonwealth; driving and shipping patterns have changed; and new development has occurred in unexpected ways, such as sprawling enterprises in business parks off the exits of our interstate highways. As the legislative and executive branches grapple with transportation policy and funding, it is important for us to have accurate and current data. So, what this study will do is update the tally of State lane miles and bridges in each county maintenance office, including the number and percentage that are 3- and 4-digit highways--many of these have yet to see repairs for many years--vehicle miles traveled in each of these county maintenance areas, a tally of emergency funding for acts of nature such as flooding and landslides, and the percentage of State highway maintenance funding that goes toward major fixed expenditures, including personnel salary and benefits in each of these county maintenance areas. I point out that in one of my counties in the 20th Senatorial District, nearly 75 percent of the highway maintenance formula is used to pay fixed costs for PennDOT personnel, leaving little funding left to repair or resurface roads. So no matter how the funding formula is constructed, the degree to which it takes into account population is going to be a distorting factor because in smaller communities and rural areas, those local byways are indispensable lifelines for jobs, healthcare, education, emergency services, and so much more. What we require is a modern assessment of how the factors in the funding formula should be weighted according to the documented needs and outcomes.

I would like to take a moment to thank Senator Langerholc for his leadership in this endeavor and thank him for his effort to advance this resolution forward. I ask for an affirmative vote on this very important measure that will give us the information and the data that we need to act in the future to make sure the formula is equitable across all 67 counties of the Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I would like to applaud and thank my colleague, Senator Baker, for her work on

this resolution and ask for an affirmative vote as well. As we look at an ever-changing landscape in transportation and the constant need to address and find adequate funding sources, this is one key component in the overall transportation sector to take a look at. As my colleague indicated, it has been some time since this funding formula has been looked at. We owe it to the individuals who sent us here to Harrisburg to be true stewards of their tax dollars and ensure that every dollar that is allocated from this General Assembly is done so efficiently. This will ensure that that funding formula is accurate; the money is going towards its intended purpose; and to take a look at where the department was, where it is going, and how we can do that efficiently. As I indicated, this is one component to the overall scheme. I am cognizant that we are not going to find significant dollars to cure all of our woes with respect to the transportation sector, but I am confident that taking a look at this will enable us, as one key piece towards the overall transportation sector, to ensure that we meet the funding that we need to ensure that all Pennsylvanians have adequate roads, bridges, and highways to drive on.

Thank you, Mr. President,

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I, too, rise and stand in support of the resolution that is being offered by Senator Baker and recognized by Senator Langerholc. I think we are due to have that conversation and to have an analysis that tells us exactly how our transportation dollars are being spent, and the fairness associated with that, to ensure that every transportation district gets what they are entitled to and everyone gets a fair and adequate amount of resources. I think it is high time we do this, particularly as it relates to where we are with regard to our transportation funding. We know we have the issue with the Turnpike--no longer having \$400 million coming to us going forward, unless that changes--but also the constant conversation we have with respect to whether or not we should continue to fund our State Police as part of our General Fund budget from the Motor License Fund; that conversation also continues. So, the resources that we have must be managed appropriately, and this assessment--what I call an assessment--will help us to be able to achieve that. I stand in support of the resolution being offered.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 195,
AMENDED AND ADOPTED**

Senator K. WARD, without objection, called up from page 9 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 195**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to oppose the proposal to make an unnecessary and harmful change to Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements that affect financial institutions and their customers in this Commonwealth.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL offered the following amendment No. A2885:

Amend Resolution, page 1, line 9, by striking out "of more than \$600 in a tax year" and inserting:
in common amounts

Amend Resolution, page 1, lines 15 and 16, by striking out "of more than \$600 in a tax year" and inserting:
amount threshold that would commonly impose a significant burden on ordinary citizens and small businesses

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, there are negative votes on this side of the aisle. I ask for a negative vote on this amendment.

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

The yeas and nays were required by Senator PHILLIPS-HILL and were as follows, viz:

YEA-29

Argall	Dush	Mastriano	Stefano
Aument	Gebhard	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
DiSanto			

NAY-20

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

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

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution, as amended?

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senate Resolution No. 195, legislation I am sponsoring with the gentlewoman from Washington County. To say our offices have been inundated with calls about this matter would be an understatement; from emails, to calls, to people requesting meetings. At the beginning of last month, the Biden Administration trotted out a plan that was buried in a U.S. Department of Treasury playbook on how to raise revenue at the Federal level. Earlier this year, the U.S. Treasury released a 114-page document outlining various revenue-generating proposals for the Biden Ad-

ministration. On page 88 of this document, the U.S. Treasury outlines a plan titled, *Comprehensive Financial Account Reporting to Improve Tax Compliance*.

Last month, the Biden Administration touted this initiative as a way to pay for a \$3.5 trillion budget reconciliation plan. We are not here to debate the spending of our Federal counterparts, but when our phone lines and emails into our office show grave concerns, we have to take action. The original measure unveiled last month would allow the Federal government to monitor all financial account withdrawals and deposits exceeding \$600. The Biden Administration has since backtracked and raised the threshold to \$10,000. Whether it is \$600 or \$10,000, this proposal goes against the very nature of our nation's taxation system. Our American taxing system has always been about voluntary compliance.

Even in their strategic plan for 2018 through 2022, the IRS doubled down on this principle. On page 7 of their strategic plan, it states the American taxation system is based on voluntary compliance and supported by appropriate enforcement. Regardless of the dollar amount and where the Biden Administration finally falls on this effort, the IRS and the Federal government have no business snooping in anyone's personal financial bank records. Let us not forget that the IRS has a notorious track record of data breaches, and this proposal under review in D.C. would give them even greater access to private information. In February of 2016, the IRS announced the totality of a data breach from May of the prior year that leaked Social Security numbers, dates of birth, tax filing status, and home addresses and said that it impacted more than 700,000 taxpayers.

This plan by the Biden Administration would grant the IRS all new information on taxpayers. Keep in mind that, as the administration raises the dollar amount threshold to get votes, the average American has inflows and outflows with their bank account exceeding \$60,000. That includes rent or mortgage, utilities, vehicle payments, transfers in and out of savings accounts, and more. Rather than seek new and more information, the IRS should look at how it can best protect Americans and their sensitive data. To give the Treasury and the IRS massive amounts of new personal information to spy on individual financial transactions sets our nation and our taxation system on a very dangerous path moving forward. We can stop that by telling Congress to say "no" to this intrusion into our personal bank accounts by saying "yes" to Senate Resolution No. 195.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Regan.

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senate Resolution No. 195, and I thank the gentlewoman for bringing this forward. I think it is very important. The proposal of President Biden's Administration requiring financial institutions to provide information to the IRS for every single bank account with a balance over \$600 is the epitome of baseless government overreach. For anyone thinking of opposing this resolution and, in turn, supporting the President's proposal, I will remind Members of the consternation that has followed requests for personal information from the Pennsylvania Department of State as part of an election investigation. A driver's license number and the last four digits of a Social Security number, for the pure fact of confirming one's identity on the voter rolls, is nothing compared to having your bank account information forcefully given to a

government entity simply because you have a certain amount of money in your bank account.

We are not talking about the one percenters who some people vehemently want to punish due to their success and hard work. We are talking about middle America. Since when is having \$600 in your bank account a crime worthy of investigation, monitoring, or whatever else the President wants to do with your financial information? This is intrusive, un-American, and a violation of the privacy of hundreds of millions of Americans. The Biden Administration has backtracked on its original proposal, just like the vaccine mandates they issued on businesses. We need to shine the light on this heavy-handed Big Brother style of government.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington, Senator Bartolotta.

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, I am very pleased to be the cosponsor of Senate Resolution No. 195 with my colleague, Senator Phillips-Hill. I have not heard from a single constituent in the 46th Senatorial District who feels that the government is entitled to watch private citizens' bank accounts, which speaks to the importance of this resolution. Pennsylvanians deserve financial independence free from the intrusive, watchful eye of Big Brother government. Our colleague accurately shared what this would mean for consumers. Let me take this a step further and explain the ramifications to our small businesses and financial institutions in the Commonwealth.

Maintaining the privacy and security of customer account information is a primary goal of each financial institution. Financial institutions are already subject to many burdensome regulatory requirements, and the proposed reporting requirement would only exacerbate the burden, particularly for smaller financial institutions. If enacted, this new proposal will raise privacy concerns, increase tax preparation costs for individuals and small businesses, and create significant operational challenges for our community banks and credit unions.

These institutions would also see an increase in costs for software upgrades to accommodate staff training and additional resources and time for implementation to meet the new requirements; all at a time when Pennsylvania workers and small business owners are struggling to recover from the worst economic year in recent history caused by harsh shutdowns. These costs can be expected to be passed along to consumers. It would be yet another increased cost as Pennsylvania residents are already being forced to pay more for food to eat, gasoline to fuel their vehicles, and—as we discussed recently when considering a resolution disapproving Pennsylvania joining RGGI—electricity to heat and power their homes.

Over the past year, elected officials in Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania have continually pushed to address the issue of the unbanked residents who do not have a checking or a savings account. In this effort, our Commonwealth has made significant progress with a 15 percent drop in the number of unbanked Pennsylvanians from 4.7 percent to 4 percent in the past few years. This problem disproportionately impacts low-income and minority members of the community based on mistrust of institutions. This mistrust will only be compounded by the new requirements, which will force financial institutions to serve as an enforcement arm of the IRS. Similarly, the Biden proposal would sacrifice the privacy of law-abiding small business owners, continuing a trou-

bling trend with an increase in intrusive government reporting requirements. These new reporting requirements will result in the IRS targeting small business owners with costly and burdensome audits, which goes a long way to explain the Biden Administration's plan to shove \$80 billion into the IRS to hire nearly 87,000 new agents. Our small businesses are already struggling with labor shortages, rising inflation, supply chain disruptions, and increasing threats from COVID-19 variants. Now is not the time to subject them to new requirements that will violate their privacy and subject them to additional, unwarranted IRS scrutiny. Let us be clear, Americans rightfully prize their privacy. This effort by the Biden Administration is another example of how law-abiding citizens are being penalized for the misdeeds of others. This is a misguided use of the Federal government's authority, and that is why I encourage all of my colleagues in this Chamber to cast an affirmative vote on this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, the audacity of Members on the other side of the aisle who are preaching to us that it is wrong for our President to consider addressing the issue of fraud, waste, and abuse. That is what I am hearing, that we do not want that to occur here in our country.

Nevertheless, what is more troubling to me is the hypocrisy that is being put forth here today in this Chamber; where Members on the other side of the aisle are saying that we should not look at people's information and that we should not allow for opportunities for folks to be able to get access, whether it be the IRS or anyone else, to their information. What happened a few months ago when a Senate committee asked for over 7 million records of voters in this Commonwealth and asked specifically for their Social Security numbers and their driver's license information? What about the risk associated with that? Not only that, turning them over to a couple of people on the Committee on Intergovernmental Operations, not to the whole committee, only a select few staff folks, as well as lawyers, and then, more importantly, a third party contractor who was going to take that information, assess it, and do what was necessary. What a difference 2 months makes. All of a sudden, now, we are no longer worried about this information that you all were looking to find and get. To me, Mr. President, I ask for a negative vote. The previous speakers talked about everything that has been discussed over the course of the past several months; we heard about RGGI, we heard about other things that the President's administration is doing.

But I would like to go back to talk about what has been done, because a lot of the stuff that the administration is doing has been brought up. I was going to save this for my remarks during petitions, but I would rather bring it up now. First of all, I applaud my congressional colleagues, the Democratic Members and one Republican, who stood with the President in a bipartisan way to deliver an infrastructure bill that is going to bring relief and jobs, particularly as it relates to the transportation sector that we talked about. Mr. President, we are going to be making those investments, significant investments, by the same administration that we are critical of right now, through the same legislation and package of bills they are working on to address: \$55 billion in clean water, we believe that is what people want us to do; \$55 billion for households, businesses, our schools, our childcare

centers, all those schools that have been dealing with the issue of lead pipes in their school districts will be able to address that with these resources the Biden Administration, that we all were so critical of, will be doing; \$65 billion to help every American have access to reliable, high-speed internet, through significant investments in broadband infrastructure deployment. In rural Pennsylvania, mostly, where the problem has been for many years, when that side of the aisle has been in charge of this General Assembly, they simply refused to make those investments or partner with the cable companies to be able to do it. They ignored it for all these years. Then we have a pandemic and all of a sudden people are crying because we do not have any internet access in rural communities, and we do not have it in many of our cities as well. This proposal, this administration that you are so critical of, is making a significant investment to the tune of \$65 billion, of which Pennsylvania will be receiving a significant share.

We talked about reauthorizing the transportation legislation to help us make sure that we continue to make some investments, particularly as we face our crisis with our Turnpike funding, but also trying to address the issue that gives us the leeway to work to ensure that we have an opportunity to begin to shift away from our reliance upon the Motor License Fund to pay State Police--to be able to do it in a less offensive way to many folks. Also, \$39 billion investment in modernized transit; \$89 billion guaranteed funding for public transit over the next five years, the largest Federal investment for public transit in our history; \$17 billion into our ports and waterways; \$25 billion to all of our airports around the country and in Pennsylvania to help us reduce backlogs and the like; and \$7.5 billion to build out a national network of EV chargers. These are some of the things that this administration is going to be doing. This administration is making an investment and had the courage to build a coalition of Democrats and Republicans who came together. When they had the opportunity to make these investments, they stood up and did so, totally unlike what we did here in Pennsylvania when we received \$7 billion to be able to make similar types of investments.

What did we do? We squirreled it away into the Rainy Day Fund. We converted it from Federal money to State money, and then we are going to end up with a \$2.6 billion surplus at the end of this year. We still have over \$3 billion that we should be spending. We should be putting these resources back into the community. That is what we should be focusing on, not simply on a resolution that is going to say how horrible the Biden Administration is because they tried to eliminate and address those folks who are not paying their proper IRS taxes, those folks who are part of a process where they are participating in the fraud, waste, and abuse--that we so often hear about what is taking place. Those are not the things we should be talking about. We should be fighting to make sure that we have the resources that we have here in Pennsylvania, that we control, without the administration, without Governor Wolf's support, to be able to make those distributions across Pennsylvania, and make them in things that we collectively believe are appropriate: investments in human infrastructure, many of the things we talked about; additional resources into childcare; additional resources that make their way along the lines of education; all the areas that we have talked about and that the Senate Democrats put together in the PA Works plan last year that has failed to receive the support that it needed from this Chamber.

I am certainly disappointed with the hypocrisy today that we are talking about criticizing the administration that has done all those things I just talked about, but at the same time we are going to complain about a provision in a measure that has not even become law yet. It was a proposal that was put in the bill. This bill is still being considered; it is not in law, yet, to my knowledge, and it may never happen. So let us talk about the things that need to be done and that we should be working on together, just like Congress did under the leadership of President Biden, and just like we should be doing here in this Chamber and with the Chamber across the hall, making these investments that need to be made in this Commonwealth. That is what we should be doing, not criticizing the administration for taking steps that they thought might be reasonable.

Thank you, Mr. President. I ask for a "no" vote.

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I would like to reiterate, again, that we are not here to debate the spending of our Federal counterparts, but to work toward the protection of American's privacy and their bank accounts. Thank you.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, we, too, want to protect our people's information. Withdraw the request for 7 million records. That is how we protect people's information and things that they are dealing with. If you are sincere about that, let that be the first step. Withdraw the subpoenas and we will end the lawsuit, and then we all can move on protecting our people together. Thank you.

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 Baker and Senator Dush.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Kim Ward requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Baker and Senator Dush. Without objection, those leaves will be granted.

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

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

YEA-29

Argall	Dush	Mastriano	Stefano
Aument	Gebhard	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
DiSanto			

NAY-20

Boscola	Costa	Kearney	Schwank
Brewster	Flynn	Muth	Street
Cappelletti	Fontana	Sabatina	Tartaglione

Collett Comitta	Hughes Kane	Santarsiero Saval	Williams, Anthony H. Williams, Lindsey
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A majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

The PRESIDENT. The resolution is adopted.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES
AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

Senator AUMENT, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported communications from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, recalling the following nominations, which were read by the Clerk as follows:

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

September 13, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated June 1, 2021, of Veronica Degraffenreid, 327 North Front Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of the Commonwealth, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Kathy Boockvar, Doylestown, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

SECRETARY OF HEALTH

November 8, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated June 1, 2021, of Alison Beam, 232 North 25th Street, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Health, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rachel Levine, M.D., Middletown, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES

November 8, 2021

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated June 1, 2021, of Margaret Snead, 17 West Athens Avenue, Ardmore 19003, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Human Services, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Teresa Miller, Harrisburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I move that the nominations just read by the Clerk be returned to His Excellency, the Governor.

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

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

YEA-46

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

NAY-3

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

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be returned to the Governor.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Senator AUMENT, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following nominations made by His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read by the Clerk as follows:

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

October 12, 2021

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Joseph Volk, 14 Chestnut Cluster, Doylestown 18901, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

PHYSICIAN GENERAL

June 1, 2021

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Denise Johnson, M.D., 525 Sunset Drive, Meadville 16335, Crawford County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for appointment as Physician General, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Rachel Levine, M.D., Middletown, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE NOTWITHSTANDING SENATE RULE 28(a)(3)

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, notwithstanding Senate Rule 28(a)(3), I request that the nominations just read by the Clerk be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator AUMENT,
That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering nominations made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I call from the table a nomination previously laid on the table, as well as certain other nominations reported from committee today, and ask for their consideration.

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

September 2, 2021

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael McAndrew, 326 Pine Street, Jermyn 18433, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

October 12, 2021

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of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Joseph Volk, 14 Chestnut Cluster, Doylestown 18901, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for reapp-

pointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
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TOM WOLF
Governor

On the question,
Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations?

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

YEA-48

Argall	Costa	Martin	Schwank
Aument	Dush	Mastriano	Stefano
Baker	Flynn	Mensch	Street
Bartolotta	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Boscola	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
Brewster	Gordner	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-1

DiSanto

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator MARTIN, from the Committee on Education, reported the following bills:

SB 931 (Pr. No. 1196)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in educational tax credits, further providing for definitions.

SB 932 (Pr. No. 1197)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in educational tax credits, further providing for definitions.

SB 933 (Pr. No. 1198)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in the State System of Higher Education, further providing for Board of Governors.

SB 934 (Pr. No. 1199)

An Act providing for display of the Preamble of the Constitution of Pennsylvania in each school building.

SB 935 (Pr. No. 1200)

An Act providing for display of the Preamble of the United States Constitution in each school building.

SB 937 (Pr. No. 1203)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, providing for immunization exception.

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

SB 565 (Pr. No. 1212) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, repealing provisions relating to firearms not to be carried without a license, providing for license not required, further providing for prohibited conduct during emergency, repealing provisions relating to carrying firearms on public streets or public property in Philadelphia, providing for sportsman's firearm permit, further providing for licenses and repealing provisions relating to proof of license and exception.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator KANE. 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 471, SB 931, SB 932, SB 933, SB 934, SB 935, SB 937, HB 220, HB 1642 and HB 1660.

And said bills having been considered for the first time,

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021

10:00 A.M.	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (public hearing on improving Pennsylvania's innovation economy - invent Penn State)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. (LIVE STREAMED)
10:00 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 784, 807 and 812)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:45 A.M.	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (to consider Senate Bill No. 938)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
11:00 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Bills No. 861 and 927; and House Bills No. 491, 995 and 1421)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider House Bill No. 1255)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
12:00 P.M.	AGING AND YOUTH (to consider House Bills No. 291, 1260 and 1650)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
12:45 P.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bill No. 337)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 140, 448, 565, 706, 755, 830 and 915; and House Bill No. 1642)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021

9:00 A.M.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (S) and CONSUMER AFFAIRS (H) (joint public hearing on rural broadband)	Room 140 Main Capitol
9:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Bills No. 301 and 776; and House Bill No. 598)	Room 461 Main Capitol
9:00 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing to receive information on congressional maps recommended by members of the public)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
9:30 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider Senate Bill No. 450)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:30 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider House Bills No. 1819, 1829 and 1837)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington, Senator Bartolotta.

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, nurse practitioners serve as trusted frontline providers of healthcare for patients of all ages, in all walks of life, and in all types of communities at a time when our healthcare system is stretched to capacity. Throughout the country, nurse practitioners have risen to the challenge created by this pandemic by providing life-saving, direct primary, and acute care for COVID-19-positive patients. As a result, the public's awareness of the value and integral role nurse practitioners play in the healthcare delivery system is greater than it has ever been. COVID-19 has also increased demand for healthcare access. New models of care, such as telemedicine and pop-up and retail services, required changes in policy to support innovation and increased access to needed health services. As part of this, patients have correctly demonstrated great trust in the high-quality care licensed nurse practitioners provide, resulting in more than 1 billion patient visits annually to the 325,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States. Approximately 16,300 nurse practitioners are currently practicing in Pennsylvania. Better utilization of nurse practitioners through modernized State laws and improved policies creates better health through a more accessible, efficient, cost-effective, and higher quality healthcare system. That is why I stand here today to recognize the week of November 7 through 13, 2021, as Nurse Practitioner Week in Pennsylvania, to acknowledge their invaluable service and courageous work they provide to each of us in times of need.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, I rise today to highlight Senate Resolution No. 204, which would recognize November 14, 2021, as World Diabetes Day in Pennsylvania. First celebrated in 1991, World Diabetes Day recognizes and raises awareness of diabetes as it has become more prevalent worldwide. According to the 2020 National Diabetes Statistics Report, there are 34.2 million people in the United States with diabetes and approximately 1.4 million new cases are diagnosed in the United States each year. Additionally, in 2017, diabetes was the seventh-leading cause of death in the United States and contributed to 3,652 deaths in Pennsylvania alone. As of this year, there is no known cure for diabetes, though the risk of being diagnosed can be reduced through a healthy diet, physical activity, and the use of prescribed medication. Having said that, with these growing numbers in mind, I felt it was important to highlight Senate Resolution No. 204 and for the Pennsylvania Senate to bring attention to this day to raise awareness of the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle to help mitigate this disease.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin, Senator Mastriano.

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, 339 years ago last week, William Penn arrived here in Pennsylvania. The date of arrival was 28 October. As each of us enters the Capitol, we are exposed to his words in the Rotunda that play heavily upon his love of religious freedom, which played a key role in the formation of our Commonwealth, our nation, and our way of life. Many of the images and quotes around the building--I am told about 89--have strong biblical references, including the one right here in the Senate: "Let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon." As we look at the front of the Senate there, it says

that. That is based off of Psalm 127:1: "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain." As we walk beneath William Penn's own words in the center of our Capitol here, which he says and declares, "There may be room there for such a holy experiment. [Right here in Pennsylvania.] For the nations want a precedent. And my God will make it the seed of a nation. That an example may be set up to the nations." And, indeed, we are the seed of the nation.

Our State Constitution has the strongest protections for religious activities in the nation. This, indeed, is the legacy of our founder, William Penn. He himself suffered religious persecution and was imprisoned four times for his own faith, and it was his intent and greatest wish that no person would likewise suffer. This legacy of religious freedom set the standard for the nation and the world, and that is why Pennsylvania has, for centuries, served as a refuge--going back to the 1600s and 1700s--for the Amish, Anabaptists, Lutherans, Reformed Moravians, Mennonites, Dissenters, Quakers, and many others. We face great tests and challenges these days. Our founders knew that preserving the bedrock principle of religious freedom was essential to maintaining all of our freedoms in this great nation. Sadly, we have seen an erosion of those freedoms in modern times. As Ronald Reagan said, "The first amendment [of the Constitution] was written not to protect the people [of this country] from religious values, [it was written] to protect those values from government tyranny."

William Penn petitioned King Charles II for these lands, now known as Pennsylvania, back in 1681, as a repayment of debt that the king owed to his father, Admiral Sir William Penn, the war hero of the English civil wars. In response to that request, on March 4, 1681, the king signed a charter, and the next day, Penn jubilantly wrote: "It is a clear and just thing, and my God, that has given it me through many difficulties, will, I believe, bless and make it the seed of a nation." Penn named the lands *Sylvania*. The king renamed it *Pennsylvania*, or *Penn's Woods*, in honor of William Penn's father. Penn, a man of deep religious convictions and an unwavering Quaker, also known as the Society of Friends, put himself at odds with his father and the crown for his religious views and, as I previously mentioned, he ended up four times in prison. All he had to do was renounce his faith to be set free; but while in prison, William Penn declared, "My prison shall be my grave before I will budge a jot; for I owe my conscience to no mortal man." In 1682, due to deterioration of religious freedom in England, Penn proposed a solution to the crown that all the Dissenters and religious minorities may come to Pennsylvania for freedom, and the king agreed with that. Upon his arrival in Pennsylvania in October 1682, Penn indeed desired to found a place where freedom of worship was an absolute. This colony, founded by him, would guarantee religious freedom of all people as well as freedom from unjust imprisonment, which he suffered, and the freedom for a fair trial, which he did not get in England, as well as free elections. Thus, Pennsylvania indeed became the seed of a nation.

William Penn passed away, sadly, before he could realize the fulfillment of his vision of this great State, but his spirit and remarkable work would be an inspiration for the founders. In 1776, they would pen the Declaration of Independence and our own Constitution, right here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We are, indeed, the seed of the nation, where in 1776, just down

the road in Philadelphia, the light of liberty was lit. In 1863, Gettysburg, where a new birth of freedom was secured at great costs. Even on that dark day in 2001, on 9/11, on Flight 93, Todd Beamer, an adopted son of Pennsylvania, took the first step in our fight against terrorism where he rallied people on an airplane and said, "Let's roll." Thank you, Pennsylvania, thank you, William Penn, and we are going to stand up to the legacy you have given us here and walk as free people.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise today because it marks 5,601 days since this body last passed a raise in the minimum wage. Mr. President, that means for more than 15 years, the lowest earners of this Commonwealth have gone without an increase in their pay, while costs all around them have risen and made each hour they work worth less and less, year after year. There is a myth that goes around about minimum wage earners to ease the consciences of people who oppose raising the minimum wage: these workers are unskilled and therefore not worthy of a livable wage. Mr. President, these so-called unskilled workers who are so unworthy of a livable wage are also the same workers who we have been praising for the last year and a half, calling them essential workers. Mr. President, they cannot be both. You cannot be unskilled and unworthy of a family-sustaining wage while also being the backbone of this country.

So, where is the disconnect, Mr. President? It is because the lowest earners in our Commonwealth are not contributors to political campaigns while their employers who want to keep the minimum wage at a poverty wage dumped thousands into campaign coffers? Or is it because, if we just ignore the problem and toss around names that dehumanize workers, it is then easier to ignore the problem and pretend people are being paid their value to society when they clearly are not? I do not have the answer to the question, Mr. President, but my colleagues on this side of the aisle and I have never, and will never, quit the fight for the lowest earners in this Commonwealth; 5,601 days is too long, and I will not stand by and allow it to go another 5,601 days.

That is why I have introduced Senate Bill No. 12, which will raise the minimum wage to \$15 over 3 years--a livable, family-sustaining wage--and I call on all of my colleagues to support it. Mr. President, we need to bring Senate Bill No. 12 to the floor.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, in the rush of activities over the last several days, and as we return to the work of the Senate, it is absolutely necessary, absolutely appropriate, and totally in order for this body to send a congratulatory note and a thank you to President Biden, Vice President Harris, the Members of the U.S. Senate, and the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives for their passage of the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure plan in Washington, D.C. Sometimes, Mr. President, we go a little bit too fast and do not take the time to recognize what history was made this past Friday when there was a coming together to pass the largest investment in the infrastructure of this nation, in the history of this country.

I am going to run a lot of numbers for you because the story needs to be told, Mr. President. But the first number, the most important number--and thank you very much to President Biden

and Vice President Harris—is the fact that, in this infrastructure bill, 2 million jobs per year will be created, Mr. President, 2 million jobs per year will be created as a result of the passage and the signing of the infrastructure bill. That is significant. That is important. Although this nation has been making a turnaround with respect to the direction of its economy, the fact that there will be an investment that will yield 2 million jobs per year is significant, and we cannot rush past that and, quite frankly, a lot of those folks who will be working in those jobs will be Pennsylvania residents. Thank you, Joe Biden, thank you, Vice President Harris, for staying the course, sticking to the program, not walking away from the people of this nation, but walking towards them and making sure that there is an investment.

Let us look at some of the numbers, Mr. President, where those folks will likely be working. It will come as a result of the investment of \$55 billion to expand access to clean drinking water for households, businesses, schools, and childcare centers across the country. They will be working, Mr. President, those 2 million jobs will be, for example, in the \$3.5 billion that will be invested in the Weatherization Assistance Program, Mr. President. All of us know the history of the Weatherization Assistance Program and all of our constituents in every Senatorial District in Pennsylvania—urban, suburban, rural Senate districts—have all benefitted from the Weatherization Assistance Program; \$65 billion to help ensure that every American has access to reliable, high-speed internet through a historic investment in broadband infrastructure deployment. That is significant, Mr. President. That is an important investment that will help rural communities, but it will help urban communities as well, that have been struggling with access to the internet; \$39 billion of new investment to modernize transit, in addition to continuing the existing transit programs for 5 years as part of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization; \$89.9 billion in guaranteed funding for public transportation for the next 5 years, the largest Federal investment in public transit in the history of this country; \$110 billion, Mr. President, in additional funding to repair our roads, bridges, and support major transformational projects; \$17 billion investment in port infrastructure and waterways; \$25 billion at airports to address repairing maintenance backlogs to reduce congestion and emissions near ports and airports and drive electrification and other low-carbon technologies; \$7.5 billion to build out a national network of electric vehicle charges.

Mr. President, as I said in the beginning, we tend to gloss over some of these major things that occur. But, I am here to rise on the floor of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that we cannot gloss over what was just done in Washington, D.C. An infrastructure investment, the largest infrastructure investment in the history of this nation, which will yield 2 million jobs per year in rural, suburban, and urban communities in every corner of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in every State of the nation. Two million jobs per year, Mr. President. It was a high watermark for this nation. An important point that needs to be made.

It was brought together here with overwhelmingly, largely Democratic votes and a handful of Republicans and, unfortunately, only one Republican in Pennsylvania chose to vote for this dramatic investment that will create 2 million jobs per year in this nation. Mr. President, as I said, sometimes we go a little bit too fast and we do not stop to understand exactly what was just done for this nation and the people of Pennsylvania. Two

million jobs per year will be created by the passage and the signing of the infrastructure bill that was just done in Washington, D.C., this past Friday.

I rise on this floor, Mr. President, to make sure that the records, the annals, the history of this body reflect that there are people appreciative of the work that was done and ready to get part two done, because it must happen. Because all of the people of Pennsylvania and this nation will benefit, as all of these two pieces come together. This is not make-work, Mr. President, these are investments in the people of this nation that have been longstanding. We have been waiting for infrastructure week for a long time. Mr. President, it finally came. It has been finally accomplished and 2 million jobs per year will be created as a result of the largest investment in the infrastructure of this nation in its history. Thank you, President Biden, thank you, Vice President Harris, for getting the job done.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the President pro tempore has made the following appointment:

Senator Bob Mensch as a member of the Special Education Funding Commission.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Venango, Senator Hutchinson.

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:49 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.