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**SENATE**

WEDNESDAY, November 10, 2021

The Senate met at 11 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplains, Rabbi Hazzan DR. JEFFREY MYERS, of Tree of Life, and Reverend JOHNATHON JENSEN, of Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, offered the following prayer:

Rabbi Hazzan MYERS. I am going to offer a piece of introduction and then offer the chance for Rector Jensen to offer the prayer. I am Rabbi Jeffrey Myers of Tree of Life in Pittsburgh. What would bring together a Rabbi and an Episcopal Priest? A quick introduction about that, if I may. Spring of 2019, we suddenly realized, where are we going to pray for our high holy days? We needed space that could hold 700 or 800 people. We looked all around Pittsburgh and were dismayed to discover, little by little, there was no place that could meet our needs. I suddenly got an email from Rector Jensen, whom I had never met, saying, I hear you need a place to pray, consider our home yours. Thus began this beautiful relationship where we held services there in 2019; virtual in 2020; but hybrid in 2021. But that is not the end of this story. When I asked him: why would an Episcopal church offer a place for Jews to pray; after all, the history of the Jews and Christians is not the best history in the world. He said: how could we not; it is the right thing to do. But those are not only Rector Jensen's words, his entire congregation says the same thing. They came as ushers, greeters, and to run the technology for our services. And when my congregants asked, why do you do this? They say the same thing: because it is the right thing to do. It has moved beyond that. We attend their Christmas pageant, and after that concludes we have a Hanukkah party with latkes. For the holiday of Purim, which comes in the late winter when we read the biblical Book of Esther, I write a parody every year. Sitting in their church, it reminded me of Hogwarts, of Harry Potter. It inspired me to write Hershel Potter and the whole Megillah. So I wrote a Purim play. Of course Rector Jensen, as associate priest, was in it. We put it on twice, once in the church, once in our temporary home at Rodef Shalom, including the Chinese dance troupe as a dragon to do that. I rewrote a new one this year because they are going to be in it again. It is to show you that in Pittsburgh the Jews and the Episcopalians get along and can work together. My prayer for all of you is: if that magic can occur in Pittsburgh, so, too, may the

magic of Republicans and Democrats work well together in Harrisburg.

(Applause.)

Reverend JENSEN. Let us pray.

O Lord, our Governor, bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the Earth. To the President, members of the Cabinet, governors of the States, especially our Governor, mayors of cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties. To Senators, Representatives, and those who make our laws, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of our people and fulfill our obligations in the community of nations. To the judges and officers of our courts, give understanding and integrity that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served. Finally, teach our people to rely on Your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the common good of our Commonwealth, that we may serve You faithfully in our generation and honor Your holy name.

Rabbi Hazzan MYERS. Permit me to conclude with the priestly benediction found in the Book of Leviticus. If you bow your heads.

(Translation from Hebrew:) May God bless you and guard you.

(Translation from Hebrew:) May God cause God's face to shine upon you and be gracious upon you.

(Translation from Hebrew:) May God turn God's face towards you and grant you a lifetime of peace.

Let us all say. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Rabbi Myers and Reverend Jensen, who are the guests today, respectively, of Senator Bartolotta and Senator Costa.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

Senator VOGEL, from the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, reported the following bill:

**SB 450 (Pr. No. 1227) (Amended)**

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1987 (P.L.163, No.16), known as the Rural Pennsylvania Revitalization Act, in Center for Rural Pennsylvania, further providing for board of directors.

Senator YAW, from the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, reported the following bills:

**SB 301 (Pr. No. 312)**

An Act amending the act of January 8, 1960 (1959 P.L.2119, No.787), known as the Air Pollution Control Act, further providing for advice to department.

**SB 776 (Pr. No. 918)**

An Act amending the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L.1535, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, providing for garage drains.

**HB 598 (Pr. No. 567)**

An Act amending the act of February 2, 1966 (1965 P.L.1860, No.586), entitled "An act encouraging landowners to make land and water areas available to the public for recreational purposes by limiting liability in connection therewith, and repealing certain acts," further providing for definitions; and providing for recreational user's claim for property rights and for the substitution of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a party in litigation.

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

**HB 1819 (Pr. No. 2315)**

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

**HB 1829 (Pr. No. 2072)**

An Act amending the act of October 24, 2012 (P.L.1209, No.151), known as the Child Labor Act, further providing for work permit.

**HB 1837 (Pr. No. 2394) (Amended)**

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in procedure, further providing for modifications, reinstatements, suspensions and terminations and for compromise and release.

**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 Pittman, and a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson.

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Collett, and legislative leaves for Senator Brewster, Senator Cappelletti, Senator Comitta, Senator Costa, Senator Haywood, Senator Sabatina, Senator Tartaglione, and Senator Anthony Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Kim Ward requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Pittman, and a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson.

Senator Schwank requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Collett, and legislative leaves for Senator Brewster, Senator Cappelletti, Senator Comitta, Senator Costa, Senator Haywood, Senator Sabatina, Senator Tartaglione, and Senator Anthony Williams.

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.

**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of June 8, 2021, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of June 8, 2021.

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

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

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

**YEA-48**

Argall	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	Langerhole	Saval	Yaw
Costa	Laughlin	Scavello	Yudichak

**NAY-1**

DiSanto

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**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, before I introduce our very special guests today, I do have to give a shout out and a big thank you to a dear friend of mine, Mike Solomonov, who is a chef and restaurateur. He owns eight eateries in Philadelphia, including Zahav and Goldie. With his help, and the help of his wonderful Emma, who works with him, we were able to bring to the Capitol this morning from Goldie, from Philly, with the help of Senator Street and his wonderful staffer, Jim Harry, a de-

lightful lunch straight from Goldie to accommodate the rabbi and the necessity for a kosher meal. It is wonderful, and we have lots of extra, so if anybody wants to stop by my office; phenomenal food. Thank you to Mike Solomonov, Senator Street, and to Jim Harrity for driving that in this morning.

But to get to our remarkable guests, it is a very special day for us, and I rise today to welcome to the halls of the Senate two individuals who represent the spirit of community that embodies Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, in order to convey that spirit, we must think back to a dark day in the world's history, the tragic events on October 27, 2018. On that ominous day, 11 worshipers were killed in a hateful and senseless act of violence at the Tree of Life Synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh. We are blessed to be joined today by Hazzan Jeffrey Myers, Rabbi and Cantor for the Tree of Life. On behalf of my colleagues, Rabbi Myers, I extend our deepest condolences for this incredible loss within your community. (Translation from Hebrew:) May the memory of the righteous be a blessing.

But even through the darkness, we witnessed light. When Rabbi Myers and his congregation found themselves without a place to worship, their neighbors did just what we Pennsylvanians do best. The Reverend Johnathon Jensen and the members of Calvary Episcopal Church opened their hearts, arms, and doors to their neighbors and invited Tree of Life to worship freely in their beautiful church. Out of this terrible tragedy, bonds were strengthened and a community that had been rocked to its core became one family. Along with my colleague from Allegheny County, Senator Costa, it is an esteemed privilege to host, for the first time in Senate history, a special Senate joint prayer presented by both a rabbi and a reverend. It is with great veneration that I introduce both Reverend Jensen and, standing next to him, his friend, neighbor, and brother in God's family, Rabbi Myers. May we all draw a cooperative inspiration from our guests today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

(Applause.)

#### **GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHELE BROOKS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a very special guest from Saegertown, located in the 50th Senatorial District, 8-year-old Mayland Learn. Mayland is joining us today along with her mother, Laurel Wrigley. It is my absolute pleasure to host them in Harrisburg today, especially since they had a 5-hour drive this morning to be here. Earlier, Mayland presented me with this serenity stone that she had made and told me that she makes and sells them as a fundraiser for Camp Erin, a getaway for grieving children and teens. These stones symbolize peace and serenity and are meant to be held during meditation and prayer.

A few months ago, I received a lovely and heartwarming letter. It was written in pencil on looseleaf paper, in a childlike scrawl that every parent can instantly recognize as the determined effort of a young child. It was a note from Mayland, and she had just been crowned 2022 Miss Pennsylvania Senior Elementary. However, in Mayland's letter, she was not writing about

her accomplishment, but instead she was writing about her dad, who passed away suddenly in 2017 at the age of 29. While her dad was an avid hockey player, who was part of the 2013 State championship team, his greatest joy was being a father to Mayland and her brother, Shepard. Mayland asked me if I would work to have November 18, 2021, once again declared as Children's Grief Awareness Day in Pennsylvania.

I am pleased to say that due to Mayland's passionate efforts, I introduced Senate Resolution No. 205. National Children's Grief Awareness Day is November 18, just before the holiday season, when the empty chair at the Thanksgiving family table is painfully evident, the missing stocking over the fireplace at Christmas leaves a painful hole, and the start of a new year without a loved one screaming "happy new year" can leave a deafening silence. This specially-designated day originated here in our Commonwealth in 2008 thanks to Highmark and The Caring Place that created a center dedicated to bereaved children. Children who are grieving need strong support systems, as too often they withdraw, feel different, feel alone, and do not always have the words to explain how they feel. Their grief may be invisible, but it is a stabbing pain beneath the surface, and that anguish can last a lifetime.

Before they graduate from high school, 1 out of every 20 children will lose a parent, and that number does not include those who will lose a close grandparent, brother, sister, friend, aunt, or uncle. This commemoration is to let grieving children know that support is available to them and that Pennsylvania recognizes their grief. I know of one child who lost a brother when she was only 2. She would always ask when her brother was coming home from the hospital to play with his toys. She thought he was just playing hide and seek, and she had not found him yet, but she just kept looking.

We need to help children understand loss in their own terms and at their own level. On behalf of Mayland, and all the children who are grieving a loved one over the holidays and every day, I ask that you all please join me in declaring November 18 as Children's Grief Awareness Day. I look forward to sharing this resolution with Mayland on behalf of the Senate of Pennsylvania. This is a testament to her impact that can be felt across the entire State of Pennsylvania. At this time, I ask my Senate colleagues to please join me in wishing Mayland, and her mother, Laurel, a very warm Senate welcome.

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

(Applause.)

#### **GUESTS OF SENATOR TIMOTHY P. KEARNEY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator KEARNEY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize members of the Sikh community from my district who have joined me today in Harrisburg. They join me here in recognition of the 552nd anniversary of the birth of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, which will occur later this month on November 19. Mr. President, I am proud to have large communities of Sikhs in my district; in fact, I have two Sikh societies. Upper Darby is the home to the Guru Nanak Sikh Society, and Millbourne is the home to the Philadelphia Sikh Society.

The Sikh community, originally from the Punjab region in South Asia, has been immigrating to the United States for more than 100 years and play an important role in developing this country and this Commonwealth. The Commonwealth is enriched by the diversity of its residents, who have cultivated a climate of social tolerance and intellectual pluralism. Guru Nanak, who lived from 1469 until 1539, was a great religious innovator who preached to his followers to meditate and remember God, earn their living by honest means, and share with the less fortunate. He denounced the caste system and taught that everyone is equal, regardless of caste, creed, or gender, and recognized the entire human race as one.

Guru Nanak's teachings are ideas that we can all adhere to and learn from. This is a time of festivities for members of the community, and I have had the pleasure of joining Sikhs from my district in this celebration in the past. The Sikh communities are part of a rich tradition of religious tolerance, freedom, and our tradition of welcoming new neighbors from around the globe with brotherly love, that are the foundations of our Commonwealth. So with that, I ask the Senate to please give my guests the usual Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Kearney please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.  
(Applause.)

**CALENDAR**

**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 1 and SB 113** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

**BILL LAID ON THE TABLE**

**SB 137 (Pr. No. 110)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in budget and finance, establishing the Drug Recognition Expert Training Fund.

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

**SB 137 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 137, Printer's No. 110, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

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

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**SB 140 (Pr. No. 117)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, further providing for reporting by candidate and political committees and other persons, for late contributions and independent expenditures, for oath of compliance, perjury, disqualification from office and commercial use, for residual funds and for place of filing, providing for manner of filing and for inability to file reports or statements electronically by deadline and further providing for late filing fee and certificate of filing, for additional powers and duties of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and for reports by business entities and publication by Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

**YEA-49**

Argall	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	Langerhole	Saval	Yaw
Costa	Laughlin	Scavello	Yudichak
DiSanto			

**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 327 and SB 457** -- 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 470 (Pr. No. 1226)** -- 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 Raymond Harry "Bud" Hetrick Memorial Bridge.

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 Jefferson, Senator Dush.

Senator DUSH. Mr. President, thank you for allowing me to speak on Senate Bill No. 470. This bill will designate the bridge carrying Route 36 over Redbank Creek in Jefferson County as the Captain Raymond Harry "Bud" Hetrick Memorial Bridge. Captain Hetrick was born on September 11, 1936, in Brookville, Pennsylvania. Captain Hetrick was a Skyraider pilot in the United States Air Force and was attached to the 1st Air Commando Squadron. He was shot down while on a mission over the Savannakhet Province in Laos while serving our country valiantly. During his service, Captain Hetrick's aircraft was struck by enemy fire, which resulted in the loss of his life on February 24, 1966. He was listed as Killed in Action, but his remains were not repatriated to the United States until 2001. Captain Hetrick was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. Please join me in recognizing and remembering Captain Hetrick, "Bud" as he is called back home, and the sacrifice he made for our country.

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**

**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED**

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 562, SB 696, SB 703, SB 704, SB 706 and SB 745 --** 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 755 (Pr. No. 943)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, in general provisions, providing for certain transmittals and submissions to governmental bodies.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator KEARNEY. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 755 is a Local Government Commission bill making a clarification in the Municipalities Planning Code that land use plans, amendments, and ordinances can be emailed or electronically transmitted to other local agencies for review or comment, as required by code. This is already a widespread current practice, and making this change will clear up some confusion about how electronic documents fit in with the rest of the codes requirements for document submissions. As a Member of the Local Government Commission, we would appreciate an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 755.

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	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.
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Comitta	Langerholc	Saval	Yaw
Costa	Laughlin	Scavello	Yudichak
DiSanto			

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.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE**

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Kim Ward requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Brooks. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

**CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**

**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED**

**BILL LAID ON THE TABLE**

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

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

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

**SB 775 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 775, Printer's No. 913, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**SB 830 (Pr. No. 1221)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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 Luzerne, Senator Yudichak.

Senator YUDICHAK. Mr. President, I rise today in support of Senate Bill No. 830, legislation that will establish, within the Commonwealth Financing Authority, a loan program for veteran-owned businesses in Pennsylvania. The Veteran-owned Business Loan Guarantee Program will be funded with an initial investment of \$5 million. Funding will come from repurposed assets of DCED's Second State Loan Program. The Veteran-owned Business Loan Guarantee Program will leverage millions of dollars in private equity from commercial lending institutions across Pennsylvania that invest in businesses that provide entrepreneurial and economic opportunities for the nearly 800,000

veterans living in Pennsylvania today. As we approach Veterans Day, passage of Senate Bill No. 830 represents a very modest note of thanks to the brave men and women who have rendered honorable and heroic service to our country and our Commonwealth.

Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 830 is more than just gratitude. It represents an act of fairness for those members of the United States military and the Pennsylvania National Guard who suspended their civilian lives and abruptly halted their careers and business ventures to protect our freedom. Pennsylvania veterans have earned the right to every opportunity available to them to rebuild their civilian lives and their families' economic futures. Mr. President, Pennsylvania veterans have demonstrated that they have the drive, discipline, and leadership skills to be successful on the battlefield and in the business world. It is not a matter of talent, it is a matter of access to capital. Senate Bill No. 830 ensures Pennsylvania veterans will have access to the necessary capital to restart their careers and build a stronger, more prosperous business that improves their lives and the lives of all Pennsylvanians.

I want to make a special note of thanks to the Minority chair of the Committee on Appropriations and his exceptional staff. They have helped us draft this legislation over the years. I know he is a proud father of a veteran and a graduate of the West Point Military Academy. I appreciate his assistance on this bill. Mr. President, I respectfully ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 830.

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	Dush	Martin	Schwank
Aument	Flynn	Mastriano	Stefano
Baker	Fontana	Mensch	Street
Bartolotta	Gebhard	Muth	Tartaglione
Boscola	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
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Collett	Kearney	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Langerhole	Saval	Yaw
Costa	Laughlin	Scavello	Yudichak
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**NAY-0**

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

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

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 846** and **SB 862** -- 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 915 (Pr. No. 1225) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the capital budget for fiscal year 2021-2022; itemizing public improvement projects, furniture and equipment projects, transportation assistance, redevelopment assistance projects, flood control projects and Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission projects leased or assisted by the Department of General Services and other State agencies, together with their estimated financial costs; authorizing the incurring of debt without the approval of the electors for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services and other State agencies; authorizing the use of current revenue for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services and other State agencies stating the estimated useful life of the projects; and making appropriations.

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 Philadelphia, Senator Saval.

Senator SAVAL. Mr. President, I rise to offer a comment on Senate Bill No. 915 which I, of course, will be supporting. The Redevelopment Assistance Capitol Program--RCAP or RACP, there is some discrepancy on how people treat that acronym--with its stated goals of generating substantial increases in levels of employment and economic activity, is a powerful tool for investment in our Commonwealth. I support the goals of the program and know the benefits of these projects throughout my district. I had planned to offer an amendment that would have facilitated agreements between workers and employers to prevent labor disputes from arising that could negatively impact the success of these projects. The purpose of this amendment was to ensure that we acted as responsible stewards when awarding these grants and that we remain focused on the most important aspect of these State investments: economically uplifting our districts and their residents. I appreciate the chance to speak on this. I plan to negotiate and discuss the substance of this amendment under other circumstances as we go forward and consider this program in the future and what it would mean for my district and our city. I look forward to additional productive conversations with my colleagues and to voting "yes" on Senate Bill No. 915. Thank you.

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

Table with 4 columns: Argall, Dush, Martin, Schwank; Aument, Flynn, Mastriano, Stefano; Baker, Fontana, Mensch, Street

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NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 922, SB 937 and HB 1082 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1107 (Pr. No. 1146) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the Faxon Interchange of Interstate 180 at Northway Road in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County, as the Sgts. Thomas Woodruff, Sr., and Hamilton Woodruff Memorial Interchange.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Table with 4 columns: 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, Langerhole, Saval, Yaw; Costa, Laughlin, Scavello, Yudichak; DiSanto

NAY-0

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

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

**HB 1120 (Pr. No. 1168)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 3937, carrying Pennsylvania Route 26 over Bloody Run in Everett Borough, Bedford County, as the PFC James E. Williams Memorial Bridge.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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Baker	Fontana	Mensch	Street
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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 constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**HB 1642** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**HB 220 (Pr. No. 187)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 225, SB 284, HB 291 and SB 320** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**SB 337 (Pr. No. 683)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for jurisdiction and penalties; and, in game or wildlife protection, further providing for the offense of unlawful taking and possession of protected birds and for endangered or threatened species.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 471, SB 474, HB 491, SB 504, SB 507 and SB 519** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**SB 525 (Pr. No. 919)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in environmental stewardship and watershed protection, further providing for legislative findings, for fund and for agencies.

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 573 (Pr. No. 612)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in district election officers, further providing for appointment of watchers; and, in penalties, further providing for refusal to permit overseers, watchers, attorneys or candidates to act and for hindering or delaying performance of duty.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 597, SB 617, HB 636, SB 676, SB 807, SB 812 and SB 815** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION  
AND REREFERRED

**SB 832 (Pr. No. 1106)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 3 (Agriculture) and 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Conservation Excellence Grant Program, further providing for criteria for evaluation of applications; providing for nonpoint source pollution reduction and establishing the Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program, the Pennsylvania Clean Water Procurement Program and the Municipal Storm Water Assistance Program.

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 861** and **SB 881** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION  
AND REREFERRED

**SB 924 (Pr. No. 1177)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 20, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.96, No.6), known as the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in responsibilities of the State, providing for State center closure moratorium.

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

Upon motion of Senator GORDNER, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 927** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION  
AND REREFERRED

**SB 931 (Pr. No. 1196)** -- 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 educational tax credits, further providing for definitions.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

Upon motion of Senator GORDNER, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**SB 932 (Pr. No. 1197)** -- 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 educational tax credits, further providing for definitions.

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

Upon motion of Senator GORDNER, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**SB 933 (Pr. No. 1198)** -- 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 the State System of Higher Education, further providing for Board of Governors.

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

Upon motion of Senator GORDNER, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**SB 938 (Pr. No. 1205)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 951, HB 995** and **HB 1121** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**HB 1255 (Pr. No. 2382)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time, providing for real estate appraisals.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 1260, HB 1304 and HB 1312** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**HB 1332 (Pr. No. 2272)** -- 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 terms and courses of study, providing for online curriculum availability.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 1421, HB 1500 and HB 1650** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**HB 1660 (Pr. No. 2371)** -- 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 duties and powers of boards of school directors, further providing for temporary emergency provisions.

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

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator SAVAL. 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 301, SB 450, SB 776, HB 598, HB 1819, HB 1829 and HB 1837.**

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 16, 2021

10:00 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing to receive testimony on Senate Bill No. 940, legislation to ensure constitutional amendments are properly advertised)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. (LIVE STREAMED)
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

10:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing on Philadelphia Energy Solutions (PES) refinery site and clean-up effort)	Univ. of Sciences Philadelphia Rosenberger Hall, Rm. 102 600 S. 43rd St. Philadelphia
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator ROBINSON. Mr. President, I am honored to introduce Senate Resolution No. 209 recognizing today, November 10, 2021, as the 246th birthday of the United States Marine Corps. On this very day, 246 years ago, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to pass a resolution that two battalions of Marines be raised for service as an amphibious landing force within the fleet. Here in our very Commonwealth, a proud Pennsylvanian, Captain Samuel Nicholas, the first Commandant, took that resolution and held the first recruiting drive down on Water Street at Tun Tavern. Since that day, Continental Marines performed valiantly in the Revolutionary War, in their first amphibious raid, taking a British fort in New Providence, Bahamas. Those Marines established a precedent for all Marines to follow for the next 246 years, performing valiantly with 300 landings on foreign shores.

United States Marines have performed exceptionally throughout the world, from the shores of Tripoli to the mountains of Afghanistan. As Marines, we trained with honor, courage, commitment, the branch's core values. Honor guides Marines to demonstrate the ultimate in ethical and moral behavior: never lie, cheat, or steal; abide by an uncompromising code of integrity; respect human dignity; and respect others. Honor compels Marines to act responsibly, to fulfill our obligations, and to hold ourselves and others accountable for every action.

Courage is the mental, moral, and physical strength ingrained in Marines. It carries us through the challenges of combat, and it aids in overcoming fear. It is the inner strength that enables us to do what is right. It adheres us to higher standards of personal conduct. It allows us to make tough decisions under extreme stress.

Finally, commitment: this is the spirit of determination and dedication found in Marines. It leads to the highest order of discipline for individuals and units and is the ingredient that establishes constant dedication to the corps and the country. It inspires the relentless determination to achieve victory in every endeavor. The Marine Corps prayer states: *(Reading)*

Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my

family. Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm.

A motto that I take to the Senate.

I am honored that today in this Chamber we can recognize what Major General Commandant John A. Lejeune established in his order in 1921, the mandatory celebration of the Marine Corps wherever we may be. We remember those who have served in this great capacity over the past 246 years. We remember the Marines who performed masterfully at Chapultepec, Belleau Wood, Wake, Guadalcanal, Okinawa, Pusan, Chosin, Khe Sanh, Da Nang, Hue, and Sangin. We remember the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima, and I remember my friends in Kunar, Nasiriyah, and Fallujah. As we honor those brave 200,000 Marines and 40,000 Reservists currently serving our great nation, ready to respond at a moment's notice on the ground, in the air, or by the sea, we are reminded of the triumph and glory of the United States Marine Corps. Ronald Reagan said it best, "Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. The Marines don't have that problem." While we are the greatest fighting force, we are the force in readiness--readiness to answer the nation's call, whether it be to fight or to provide humanitarian aid. That is why there is no greater friend, and no worse enemy. That is why we are the few, and the proud, the greatest fraternal and sororal organization in the world.

Thank you, Mr. President, and Semper Fi to all the Marines, and happy birthday.

(Applause.)

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

Senator KANE. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about overdoses. Specifically, overdose deaths that are preventable and Senate Resolution No. 207, which will designate November as Good Samaritan Law Awareness Month. Over the past year, I have met with constituents to talk about the opioid crisis. I have spoken to parents who have lost children, parents who have an empty seat at the table for the rest of their lives. These deaths do not discriminate. I met with parents from the city of Chester, the poorest city in my district, and families from Kennett Square, in the wealthiest county in the Commonwealth, who lost children to preventable deaths and overdoses.

A few minutes can make the difference between saving a life and losing a loved one. The Good Samaritan Law gives those few minutes. The Good Samaritan Law exists to ensure folks get the help they need by guaranteeing immunity in cases of opioid and alcohol usage. The Good Samaritan Law ensures that Pennsylvanians facing medical emergencies can get medical attention, but the Good Samaritan Law only works if everyone knows about its existence. If individuals are concerned that they will face criminal charges, they are unlikely to seek the urgent attention that is likely to be necessary in the emergency situation.

That is why I am introducing this resolution. Together, we can raise awareness about the Good Samaritan Law and save lives in the process. I have been working with officials from the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs and the Department of Health. We all agree that the best way to save lives is to increase awareness, to make sure individuals know they will be protected. I hope you will join me in supporting this effort.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator YAW. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to speak on Senate Resolution No. 208, designating November 15, 2021, as Pennsylvania Recycles Day. In 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency released significant findings on the economic benefits of recycling and an update to the national Recycling Economic Information Study. The study found that in a single year, recycling and reuse activities in the United States account for 681,000 jobs, \$37.8 billion in wages, and \$5.5 billion in tax revenues. This equates to 1.17 jobs for every 1,000 tons of material recycled. The potential environmental benefits of recycling include: reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators; conserving natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals; preventing pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials; and saving money from further manufacturing production. Mr. President, I would also like to thank Senator Comitta for cosponsoring this resolution with me, and I ask my colleagues to join me in designating November 15, 2021, as National Recycles Day in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, I rise to offer a note of congratulations to a valued Senate employee, Cheryl Schriener. Cheryl is my chief of staff, and she will be retiring November 17 with nearly 29 years of service. Cheryl graduated from Penn State and began her service to our Commonwealth in the House of Representatives as a staffer on the Committee on Consumer Affairs. She then went to work for the Ridge Administration in the Department of Revenue. Cheryl then moved over to the Senate and began to work for Senator Jane Earll as the executive director of the Committee on Finance. Then, she worked for Senator John Pippy and eventually became the executive director of the Committee on Law and Justice. Then, she worked for Senator Vogel.

Cheryl and I knew each other when I was a House Member. She began working in my office when I arrived here in the Senate in January of 2019. Cheryl is well liked and respected by fellow staffers, Senators, and people outside of this building. Many opportunities I have had inside and outside of this building have been because of the great relationships formed by Cheryl with folks all over. She is a smart person and a person who gets things done. She has the ability to think on her feet as well as the ability to bring people together to form consensus to get favorable outcomes. Cheryl has been my eyes and ears, as well as my rock. Her experience has guided me, and she is an incredible resource and friend. I have described losing Cheryl as my chief of staff as #gutpunch. Her plans in retirement are to spend more time with her loves: Mark, her cat Patches, her family, her friends, her plants, and her travel. It is my hope that she will enjoy her richly deserved retirement and that all the friends who love her will get to see her more often, including me. May God continue to bless you, Cheryl Schriener. Thank you, Cheryl.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Mr. President, Saturday, November 20 is Transgender Day of Remembrance. This day is an opportunity for communities to come to join in remembering transgender people; gender non-conforming, variant, and fluid individuals; and those who are perceived to be transgender who have been murdered because of their gender-identity, fear, and hate.

What does it mean to be transgender? It means that in one of any number of ways, a person's gender identity is different from the sex they were assigned at birth. For those of us whose gender identity aligns with the sex that we were assigned at birth—we are cisgender. Like their cisgender counterparts, transgender people in the United States, and across the Commonwealth, are extraordinarily diverse. They come from every community—rural, suburban, and urban. They are from every race, ethnicity, and community. Trans people pursue a wide range of professions, participate in a variety of religious traditions, and play important roles in families—including being parents.

Sadly, prejudice and discrimination against our trans friends and family are all too common. It leaves them far more likely than cisgender people to live in poverty. Our trans friends and family are significantly more likely to experience homelessness at some point in their lives. All of this leaves them especially vulnerable to both violence and contact with law enforcement—with or without cause.

In honor of Transgender Day of Remembrance, I would like to share the story of two who were lost to violence in 2021. Chyna Carillo, a transgender woman who also went by Chyna Cardenas, was killed in the morning hours of February 18, 2021, in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, at age 25. She was a nursing home worker who moved to Pennsylvania from Arkansas to start a new life. Those who knew Carillo said she was confident, outspoken, and unapologetic about who she was. A former coworker of Carillo's said that is precisely why the two of them had bonded. Chyna died in the hospital after being attacked in the backyard of a residential building.

Whispering Wind Bear Spirit was a 41-year-old, Indigenous, non-binary individual who was shot in York, Pennsylvania, on May 3. They died early on May 4. Social media was a meaningful way for them to connect with their friends and family, often sharing meaningful quotes. Whispering Wind Bear Spirit's friends and family continue to remember them on social media, share that they are missed, and remember them as a beautiful and kind soul.

These are only two of many stories. Transgender people are human beings. They are loved and missed. They are deserving of respect; they have value and agency. They deserve to be treated with the same basic rights as cisgender people. To help us ensure that they indeed receive these same basic rights, several of my colleagues and I are introducing legislation that will make things easier for our trans friends and family.

I am proud to join Senator Lindsey Williams, Senator Kearney, and Senator Muth in introducing a package of bills which will make the name change process easier and, more importantly, safer. Transgender Pennsylvanians deserve to know that they are loved and respected here, that they are safe here. I encourage my colleagues to sign on when the legislation is introduced.

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

*(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator L. WILLIAMS:)*

Mr. President, I rise today in support of Senate Resolution No. 206, 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. I am honored to be a sponsor of this Senate resolution along with my fellow Members, Senator Cappelletti, Senator Muth, and Senator Kearney.

Transgender Day of Remembrance, which happens every year in November, is a day when members of the transgender and non-binary community and their allies pause to remember the lives and stories of individuals who have been lost to violence over the past year. In 2021, we lost at least 44 members of this community here in the United States, and of those 44, 4 are from Pennsylvania. It is very likely that number is a low estimate—for many reasons, trans and non-binary people are at a higher risk for domestic violence, intimate partner violence, and other types of attacks. Additionally, their deaths are often underreported, as families and law enforcement may either intentionally or mistakenly misgender and misidentify victims. Transgender Day of Remembrance is the opportunity for the community to claim their dead, to honor their memories, and to celebrate their lives.

In that spirit, today I want to lift up and speak the names of two of our fellow Pennsylvanians who were lost this year to violence: Jeffrey "JJ" Bright and Jasmine "Jazzy" Cannady, siblings who were killed in February 2021 in their home in Ambridge, Pennsylvania, just about a half-hour outside of Pittsburgh.

Jeffrey was a 16-year-old transgender young man who was a student at Ambridge High School and who was active in PRISM, a local non-profit outreach organization for LGBTQ+ youth in Beaver County. Jeffrey was described as a beautiful person with the biggest and brightest smile and as someone who was always there when they needed him by friends.

Jeffrey's older sibling, Jasmine Cannady, was a 22-year-old non-binary individual who worked at the local FedEx and loved to dance. Jasmine was described as a sweet, shy, and artistic soul who cared deeply for their friends. Jasmine wrote on social media, "Don't let anyone bring you down. Don't let people tell you you can't do anything in life. You mean something." These siblings were young, loving, individuals with their lives ahead of them.

Tragically, both Jeffrey and Jasmine were shot and killed by their mother in their home in February. Their mother, a veteran, had been seeking treatment for PTSD and other mental health issues at the time of their murder. While we will likely never understand what happened that day, what is clear is that we are failing to keep our LGBTQ+ youth safe. Sadly, this story also underscores another point—we are also failing to keep our veterans safe. As we lift up the lives of those transgender and non-binary people who have been lost to violence during this time, it is also imperative that we take concrete actions to improve the lives and safety of the entire community.

Recently, the Senate Democratic Policy Committee held a hearing on the name change process in Pennsylvania for transgender and non-binary individuals and what they have to go through to obtain identity-confirming documentation. I am endlessly grateful for the individuals who came forward to tell their stories about the challenges and expense of obtaining these documents. From needing court orders in multiple States to having to advertise the change in legal journals and risk exposure to harassment, this process is unnecessarily complicated and cumbersome. Additionally, the process is lengthy, causing individuals to spend long periods of time with mismatched documentation as they wind through bureaucracy, which can be dangerous during law enforcement encounters and open them to discrimination when that documentation does not match their gender presentation.

As a result of this hearing, my colleagues and I will be introducing a package of bills that are aimed at streamlining and updating the process of obtaining identity-affirming documentation. We have already simplified this process for the hundreds of thousands of individuals who change their names every year for marriage; there is no reason to require transgender people to go through an arduous and antiquated process. The world around us no longer relies on newspaper publication or complicated legal transactions to find name changes because the vast majority of name changes do not include these procedures; it is nothing more than a discriminatory waste of time, money, and effort to require only a small subset of individuals go through this process for no real reason.

As we celebrate Transgender Awareness Week and Transgender Day of Remembrance here in Pennsylvania, I want to again thank the individuals who testified or gave input at our policy hearing and all of the individuals who have lent their experience and expertise to this legislative package. Thank you for sharing your stories and yourselves with us. We see you, and we are working for and with you. My office is open to you if you need help navigating the current process of name

changing, as are the offices of my fellow cosponsors, no matter where you live in Pennsylvania.

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

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

Mr. President, I rise today because it has been 5,603 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last passed an increase in the minimum wage. Mr. President, this is in stark contrast to the needs of our lowest earners and what all of our neighboring States, and the majority of States across the nation, have done by raising their minimum wages. Mr. President, raising the Federal minimum wage nationally to \$15 by 2024 would boost hourly pay for more than 20 million workers in the 21 States, including Pennsylvania, where the minimum wage is \$7.25, and for nearly 13 million more in the 13 other States where the minimum wage is less than \$9, according to the Economic Policy Institute.

State lawmakers are making Congress' inaction worse. Mr. President, by refusing to raise the minimum wage at the State level and simultaneously preventing cities from doing so. Seventeen of the 21 States stuck at the Federal \$7.25 minimum wage, including Pennsylvania, have passed "preemption" laws that strip cities of the power to raise wages. Mr. President, even cities around the country are seeing a need to pass an increase in their minimum wage, including Tucson, Arizona, which voted last week to not only raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025, but also create a city office for enforcement to offer protections against wage theft, shaving off time from workers' shifts, and other tricks used to exploit the poorest working people. Tipped workers' wages will increase from \$9.15 to \$12 an hour.

The Commonwealth and this legislature can and must do more to support workers. That is why I introduced Senate Bill No. 12. I truly do not believe that there is a Member in this Chamber who does not believe that \$7.25 is an unlivable wage. So why not bring it to the floor? Let us pass Senate Bill No. 12 and raise the wage for our lowest earners, Mr. President. Thank you.

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

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, I rise in honor and celebration of veterans. Veterans Day is tomorrow, and it is a great occasion to remember those who sacrificed so much for their country. Veterans Day came about in 1919, the year after the end of the First World War. It was originally called Armistice Day when the First World War ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. It was later changed by General Eisenhower in 1954 to celebrate all veterans of all wars.

Less than 2 percent of all Americans have ever served in uniform, and with the ongoing wars, deployments, and turmoil around the world, it is a good day to remember those who have done so much for their country. I think it should not be one day, but every day across the year. The missed birthdays and anniversaries, stress and pressure on families, upheaval, moving, quitting jobs, leaving friends and family behind are just a small part of the sacrifice that goes with military service. Then, of course, sending loved ones off to deployments or war zones, not knowing if or when they are coming back--just incredible sacrifice.

To all the vets across Pennsylvania and our great country, I say thank you. As a retired Army Colonel, I know the sacrifice. I know the stench of war, the fear that goes with it, and the sacrifice. We appreciate all that you do. You are the best and brightest of this country. I also thank the family members who sacrifice so

much as well. What you have done for your country is more than a job, it is a calling, one that has held back the forces of darkness, saved generations of people from war, and safeguarded all that we hold dear. There is no higher calling, I believe. As Jesus said in the Gospel of John chapter 15, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." Your service echoes across the generations and into eternity.

I think about the veterans who we have living with us today, going back to the Second World War: a turbulent time in world history that touched nearly every continent on the face of the Earth. For us, it began on December 7, 1941, when nearly 3,000 were killed in a Japanese surprise attack. Then, the sacrifices in the Pacific Theater: the battle of Midway, the turning point of the war in the Pacific; Guadalcanal; Iwo Jima; Wake Island; and on and on. To the World War II veterans, thank you for holding the line in the Pacific as well as in Europe. I think about the Eighth Army Air Force on its combined bombing campaign with the British Bomber Command across Europe, the landings at Normandy, the sacrifices in Italy, fighting across France, and liberating an entire continent. The Americans, in our true tradition, did not take any land in Europe. All we asked for was land to bury our dead.

I think about the Cold Warriors, born out of the ashes of the Second World War beginning in 1946, of which I spoke of yesterday. Those who served from 1946 to 1989, your vigilance, perseverance, dedication, selfless service, and integrity held the line and prevented a third world war. Whether you were with the United States Navy chasing Soviet subs, the Marines during operations in the Mediterranean, the United States Army serving along the Iron Curtain of Czechoslovakia and East Germany, or the Air Force flying 24/7 missions with their B-52s and manning missile silos, and the Coast Guardsmen as well, you made the difference.

I think about the Korean War, which began in June of 1950. It was an attack that surprised the West. The United States cobbled a force together called Task Force Smith, which was pushed down to the Pusan perimeter, and then the tide turned with the Inchon Landings underneath McArthur--what great sacrifice. Thank you for making a difference in holding the line in Korea. You are not forgotten. Then, the Vietnam-era veterans, serving from 1959 to 1975--whether you served in Southeast Asia or not--this nation, in many ways, turned its back on you. So I say thank you for your service--and welcome home--for all that you have done to hold back the forces of darkness, and many small deployments in Latin America: El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, and on and on, holding the line.

We think also to the Marine barracks in Lebanon on 23 October 1983, where a bomber crashed through the gate and killed 241 of our Marines, as well as 58 French at the French Embassy on a peacekeeping mission. I think about Grenada in 1985; Panama, 1989; Desert Storm, 1991; Somalia, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq part two--so much sacrifice. For those of you who have served over the past 30 years, a lot has changed, but the cause remains the same. General Wickham, then Chief of Staff of the Army in 1983, spoke of the United States Army saying, "Our soldiers stand, as they have stood for over two centuries, as guardians against those who would deny us the freedoms we enjoy. They guard against those who would take our lives, either by chains of oppression or with weapons." Your sacrifice

and commitment to our nation changed the course of history. You think about holding the line in Europe, Europe has experienced the longest time of peace thanks to the commitment of the United States military. They have not experienced such a long period of peace since the fall of the Roman Empire over 1,500 years ago. You have made a difference; stand in the gap, hold the line. Thank you for all that you have done. I ask the veterans out there to please share your story with the next generation, with your family and friends. Pass on the legacy and let them see and know that freedom is not free. Thank you, veterans, for your service.

Thank you, Mr. President.

### GUEST OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me today to give a big thank you to Fred Sembach on his upcoming retirement at the end of this month. His involvement in State government began with the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce, he then joined the Senate as a member of Senator Jeff Piccola's staff, what Fred calls his career path as reverse career development. Fred later became the chief of staff for Senator Folmer, and then became the executive director of the Committee on State Government under Senator DiSanto. He currently serves in that capacity for me. I can say without a doubt that few people have the institutional knowledge that Fred does. He has shared that knowledge with many young members of the Senate staff, taught many of the old guys, like me, something as well. With that vast institutional knowledge comes many entertaining stories of the Senate and the House, along with many movie references which we will not quote here today. His outstanding class, dignity, and statesmanship is something that many here in the Capitol have come to know and appreciate about him. He is absolutely a true gentleman.

So, Fred, thank you for your nearly 20 years of service to the Senate. Please do not change your cellphone number because I have every expectation that there are a few redistricting and election reform issues that we may need to call upon you. Again, Fred, congratulations and enjoy the next phase of your life very much.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Argall please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

### PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES (Continued)

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

*[Remarks were never submitted.]*

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Jefferson, Senator Dush.

Senator DUSH. Mr. President, being a retired Master Sergeant from the 193rd Special Operations Wing, I get a lot of Veterans Day requests to appear, and this year, unfortunately, because I

have some family commitments, I am not able to do that. I do want to pass on my sincere thanks to all my fellow veterans. We have two days to remember our military members, those who have served. One is for us, those who have returned, and the other is Memorial Day for those who have not been so fortunate.

Mr. President, for those of us who returned, we have a responsibility to make sure that we pass on, not just to the members who come and serve behind us, but also to the people who are in this country, what it is that we are willing to put our lives on the line for. As the saying goes in the community, we are writing that blank check that could include, ultimately, the final price, our lives. America is unique; we are a constitutional republic. Our States under the Constitution are guaranteed to be a constitutional republic. The sacrifices that we make are because when we operate, we are operating under the rule of law. The willingness to sacrifice one's life and put one's life on the line for our neighbors has to do with the fact that we operate under that covenant. Pennsylvania's Constitution starts out, "WE, the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of civil and religious liberty, and humbly invoking His guidance, do ordain and establish this Constitution." That Constitution goes back to Mount Sinai. That establishment of an understanding that God has endowed us with the ability to govern ourselves and to do so under a set of rules that the people agree on. America was unique at the time. That whole concept was foreign to most people. It was not to the Israelites, they understood it. It was not to our Founders; the Book of Deuteronomy was the most often quoted book during the discussions. Montesquieu and John Locke were far behind. But those of us who have gone into foreign countries into the field of battle--and I can even say having done this also--if you have gone in the mission field and seen in other countries other forms of government, especially tyrannical forms of government, we need to keep that from our shores. We need to have people aware of what happens in places that are not as blessed as we are. I am glad for the 24 years; I am grateful for the 24 years of being able to serve. I believe most of my comrades in arms are, likewise, grateful for that honor. As a nation, we have a responsibility to ensure that the next generation is equally aware of how blessed we are and the foundation and the understanding of how we got here.

So, the war is on several fronts. Education of our children and understanding, again, who we are, where we came from. We are not perfect. It was said many times by people much more learned than I that we have our failures, and we have to recognize the failures along the way, but America is worth fighting for, both on the home front and on the war front.

My fellow vets, I want to say thank you, God bless each one of you and your families, and I want you to--I say this all the time when I do get to speak--talk to your fellow vets, talk it out, because many of you are struggling. I hate the fact that we have so many suicides among the community. Your sacrifices were worth it, but you need to talk about it and you need to get help if you need it. If you are a family member of a veteran who served and you see some issues, talk to some fellow vets and encourage them to talk to your family member. We need to be here for one another, my brothers and sisters, and I pray that we are.

With that, Mr. President, I ask that we take a moment of silence and remember those who have served, remember and have

prayer for those who have some unseen scars that a lot of people do not recognize. Thank you.

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

(Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of those who have served.)

## HOUSE MESSAGE

### SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 248**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

## RECESS

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held here on the floor.

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

## AFTER RECESS

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

### BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

#### **SB 248 (Pr. No. 1222)** (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

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

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

#### SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

**SB 248 (Pr. No. 1222)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

On the question,  
Will the Senate concur in the amendment made by the House to Senate Bill No. 248?

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendment made by the House to Senate Bill No. 248.

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

The yeas and nays were required by Senator GORDNER 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 constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

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

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS HOUSE MESSAGE

#### HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 550**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

### BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

November 10, 2021

Senators STEFANO, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, MENSCH, BREWSTER, MASTRIANO, J. WARD, AUMENT and PITTMAN presented to the Chair **SB 943**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general principals of justification, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, November 10, 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:

November 10, 2021

**HB 668** -- Environmental Resources and Energy.  
**HB 1561** and **1563** -- Health and Human Services.

**BILLS SIGNED**

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

**SB 248, SB 550, HB 1107** and **HB 1120**.

**RECESS**

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, December 13, 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 1:59 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.