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**SENATE**

TUESDAY, April 12, 2022

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

**PRAYER**

Mr. KARJ SINGH, of the Philadelphia Sikh Society, Millbourne, offered the following prayer:

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. I am so thrilled to see so many blessed and radiant faces of Pennsylvania Senators. I ask almighty God to bless the Pennsylvania Senate in today's Session and future Sessions to come. It is a great honor for the Sikhs of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia Sikh Society to be invited to this Session by the Honorable Senators to celebrate Vaisakhi Day in this Pennsylvania Senate Session. I would like to address the audience with the Sikh greeting: Wah-guru Ji Ka Khalsa, Wah-guru Ji Ki Fateh. Wah-guru means: the Great Guru, the teacher, who teaches wisdom, virtues, and divine knowledge. Khalsa means: immaculate and free from impurities such as prejudice and hatred. Fateh means: victory over worldly influences and vices of life. Khalsa belongs to the Great Guru, and the victory also belongs to the Great Guru.

I would like to share a brief history of Vaisakhi Day and its importance. Three hundred and twenty years ago, Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth Guru of the Sikhs, on Vaisakhi Day of March 29, 1699, started a new tradition by creating Khalsa at Anandpur Sahib, Punjab. That was the occasion of the 230th birthday of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism and the first Guru of the Sikhs. On that day, Guru Gobind Singh invited a congregation from all over the geographical region that is now called India. From the throne, he sang a prayer for the well-being of entire mankind while preparing Khandey Di Pahul, also called Amrit. He then made people from all castes and backgrounds drink this Amrit from the same bowl. By doing so, Guru Gobind Singh further affirmed Guru Nanak's principles of human equality and created Khalsa, a formidable force to promote human equality and to eradicate the centuries-old discriminatory tradition of the caste system and the segregation of untouchables. Guru Gobind Singh thus promoted human equality for everyone and called it a universal brotherhood. Today, 320 years later, Sikhs are still pushing for equal rights, human equality, and religious freedom. In the meanwhile, we have been facing centuries of repression and persecution. Now, I would like to sing a small prayer hymn from the Sikh's Holy scripture, Sri Guru Granth Sahib.

*(Singing:)*

*(Translated from Punjabi)*

Only one God, Can be relished by the grace of True Guru. Oh my dear Guru gave me one understanding that there is only One Giver of all beings. May I never forget that understanding. No one is my enemy, I am a friend to all; God, who expanded His expanse, is within all; I learned this from the True Guru. When the sense of separation was removed from my mind, then I was united with the all mighty God. In Your Mercy, Please care for all beings and creatures. Oh God, Please produce grains and water in abundance; and eliminate our pain and poverty, and carry all beings across. The Great Giver listened to my prayer, and the world has been peaceful and comforted. Oh God, Please take me into Your Embrace, and take away my pains. Oh, Nanak remember the Name of the Lord; the House of God is generous and fruitful.

The Sikhs, in the daily prayer, say "Nanak Naam Chardikala, teraa bhanaa Sarbaht dah Phahla." An earnest request is made to the almighty God to provide strength and wisdom to do good deeds and wish for the wellness of the entire human race. On behalf of the Sikh community, I would like to thank the Pennsylvania Senate and the Philadelphia Sikh Society for making this event enjoyable and successful. Thank you all, and have a wonderful day.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Mr. Singh, who is the guest today of Senator Kearney.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**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:

April 12, 2022

Senators HAYWOOD, HUGHES, STREET, BOSCOLA, KEARNEY, SANTARSIERO, FONTANA, MARTIN, COSTA, ROBINSON and KANE presented to the Chair **SR 267**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing April 12, 2022, as the 158th anniversary of the Fort Pillow Massacre, in honor of the fallen soldiers who lost their lives during this battle.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 12, 2022.

Senators GORDNER, BROWNE, BREWSTER, VOGEL, DUSH, LANGERHOLC, FONTANA, SCAVELLO, BARTOLOTTA, HUTCHINSON, MARTIN, ARGALL, PHILLIPS-HILL, ROBINSON, SCHWANK, J. WARD, MENSCH, AUMENT, BAKER, PITTMAN and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SR 272**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 5, 2022, as "National Day of Prayer" in Pennsylvania and encouraging the celebration of religious freedom.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 12, 2022.

Senators HUGHES, SAVAL, BARTOLOTTA, BROWNE, KANE, KEARNEY, MENSCH, MARTIN, DiSANTO, STREET, FONTANA, SANTARSIERO, COSTA and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SR 273**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2022 as "Jazz Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 12, 2022.

Senators BROOKS, J. WARD, BARTOLOTTA, FONTANA, CAPPELLETTI, COLLETT, MARTIN, COMITTA, KANE, MENSCH, SANTARSIERO, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, COSTA, ROBINSON, BAKER, PHILLIPS-HILL and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SR 274**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2022 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 12, 2022.

**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:

April 12, 2022

**HB 604, 2450, 2451 and 2461** -- Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy.

**HB 1281 and 2447** -- Committee on State Government.

**HB 1790** -- Committee on Labor and Industry.

**HB 1957** -- Committee on Transportation.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

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

**SB 1163 (Pr. No. 1509)**

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, in State lottery, further providing for definitions and providing for disclosure of certain prizewinner identities.

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

**SB 749 (Pr. No. 1584) (Amended)**

An Act amending the act of April 17, 2016 (P.L.84, No.16), known as the Medical Marijuana Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in patients, further providing for prohibitions; and, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for protections for patients and caregivers.

**SB 1121 (Pr. No. 1456)**

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for uniformity in administration of assistance and regulations as to assistance.

**SB 1124 (Pr. No. 1464)**

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for uniformity in administration of assistance and regulations as to assistance.

**SB 1188 (Pr. No. 1585) (Amended)**

An Act providing for patient access to diagnostics and treatments for Lyme disease and related tick-borne illnesses; and requiring health care policies to provide certain coverage.

**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of December 13, 2021, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of December 13, 2021.

Senator GORDNER. 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 GORDNER and were as follows, viz:

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ELDER A. VOGEL, JR,  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, today, seated in the gallery, are some students and their chaperones from my district from the Beaver County Christian School. Visiting the Capitol today are Solomon, Emmanuel, Annika, Elias, and Abby Kail, children and wife of my State Representative, Josh Kail. The children are from the fourth-grade class of teacher Rachel Witterman and the fifth-grade class of teacher Molly Polka. It was also great meeting the other parents and the students who came with them as well today, so, will the Senate please give them our usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Vogel 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 introduce our guest, Karj Singh, who offered today's blessing. What a beautiful voice. Was that not amazing? I thought the acoustics in this room--I have never heard them better.

The PRESIDENT. Agreed.

Senator KEARNEY. Mr. Singh is a member of the Philadelphia Sikh Society located in my district in Millbourne. I also have a Sikh temple in Upper Darby on 69th Street, and we have representatives from both temples here in the Chamber with us today.

I always use the month of April as a standing invitation for Sikhs in my district to come to Harrisburg, as later this month will be the celebration of Vaisakhi. In recognition of this holiday, I offer a resolution every year in the Senate to raise awareness and appreciation for Sikhs. Sikhs represent the fifth-largest religion in the world, with 30 million adherents worldwide and roughly 1 million here in the United States. Sikhism was founded by Guru Nanak, who teaches adherence to practice the universal principles of truthful living, service to humanity, and devotion to God. They play an important role in our Commonwealth and contribute to our diversity and character. I ask that my Senate colleagues please give our guest, Karj Singh, and all the Sikhs from Upper Darby and Millbourne our warm Senate welcome.

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

(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 with the good gentleman, my friend from Lebanon County, to introduce the 2022 PIAA State championship bowling team, the Central York High School Panthers. It is an honor to have them here with us today, celebrating their great achievement. In their first year as a team, the Central York Panthers proved that they are a force to be reckoned with. After splitting the first two games, the Panthers came back strong to defeat the Spring Grove Rockets. With the support from their coaches, the Panthers opened their final game with a spare, followed by an impressive 7 consecutive strikes, giving them a comfortable lead over the Rockets, ending with a final score of 237-167.

Mr. President, I want to congratulate the team: Madison Brenneman; Kamryn Brenneman; Bryce Kline; Daegan Gotwalt; Max Minnich; Tyler Smith; and Brady Knox. I also want to give great credit to their coaches, Julie Carson and Charlie Earnst, for their time and dedication. Last, but certainly not least, I also thank the parents of this team who have supported them every step of the way. To the Central York Panthers Bowling Team, you have made your school district, York County, and your parents proud; but most importantly, you made yourselves proud. Mr. President, would my colleagues please join me in giving a warm Senate welcome to the 2022 PIAA State bowling champs, the Central York Panthers.

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

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT B. MENSCH  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Mensch.

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, today it is my pleasure to introduce guests from my district. They are the Upper Pottsgrove Township Commissioners. Please join me in welcoming the president of the board, who is a retired United States Army Colonel, Trace Slinkerd. Also welcome vice president Cathy Paretto, Commissioner Dave Waldt, United States Army Vietnam veteran Hank Llewelly, and Commissioner Don Read. Amongst these board members we have veterans, community leaders, and individuals with extensive knowledge in various areas of expertise.

Because of their experience and backgrounds, the township was able to achieve some noteworthy accomplishments. Together they improved their budgeting process with the implementation of a 4-year plan, and they reduced the risk exposure of their sewer system, implemented solutions that will eliminate debt and rescue pension plans, and laid plans for infrastructure solutions for the next 30 years, which all have been done without increasing their taxpayers' burdens. I commend all of them for their hard work to the community, and I thank them all for being here today. So please, Mr. President, join me in welcoming the Upper Pottsgrove Township Commissioners to the Senate floor. Thank you.

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

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN R. GORDNER  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, it is my honor today to recognize the Northumberland Christian School Girls' Basketball Team on winning their PIAA State Class A girls' basketball championship. The headlines in the paper the day after talked about small school, big championship, and truly that is descriptive of this school. They earned the State title by defeating Kennedy Catholic High School with a score of 66-54. They further distinguished themselves by capturing their third consecutive PIAA District 4 title.

They are under the guidance of head coach Jeff Ulmer, and in the newspaper, Jeff, the coach, said, "These girls give 100 percent all the time. On the floor, in practice, everything they do--it's 100 percent. They deserve this." They finished the season winning 13 consecutive games, and in reading the highlights of that particular game, they had tremendous defense--some things that they were not expecting, the other team, to have to deal with--and they created some problems through the defense and then had the offense to go with it as well. So it is my honor to recognize Northumberland Christian School Girls' Basketball Team on their Class A girls' basketball State championship and ask that we give them our warm welcome.

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

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR MARIO M. SCAVELLO  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monroe, Senator Scavello.

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, I rise to introduce a young man and his dad who visited me here today. James Weiss, and his dad is James Weiss as well, sitting in the gallery. I have never met a fifth grader who knows so much about State government as this young man, and he plans one day to be here in this room. I hope I am alive to see it, because he is a special young man. His dad has served in the military for many years, and still has a few more years, I guess, before he retires from the military. But, a great family, and I am just happy to have them here. I would ask if they could rise and our Senators will give them a warm welcome.

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

(Applause.)

**RECESS**

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of taking our official portrait, followed by a Republican caucus in the Majority Caucus Room.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of taking our official portrait, followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

**AFTER RECESS**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Jacob D. Corman III) in the Chair.

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

**CALENDAR**

**SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**BILLS OUT OF ORDER**

Without objection, the following bills on today's Calendar were called out of order by Senator K. WARD, as Special Orders of Business.

**BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION  
AND REREFERRED**

**SB 982 (Pr. No. 1264)** -- 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 preliminary provisions, providing for public funding of elections.

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

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

**SB 1200 (Pr. No. 1576)** -- 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 county boards of elections, further providing for expenses of county boards and of primaries and elections to be paid by county, expenses of special elections and boards to be provided with offices; in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for date of application for absentee ballot and for voting by absentee electors; and, in voting by qualified mail-in electors, further providing for voting by mail-in electors.

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.

**RECESS**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. 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 Appropriations to be held here on the floor.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held here on the floor, 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**

**BILL OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 1** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**SB 118 (Pr. No. 89)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for sexual offenses and tier system.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

**YEA-47**

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

**NAY-2**

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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 137, SB 322, SB 358, SB 457, SB 573 and SB 597** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

**BILL LAID ON THE TABLE**

**SB 676 (Pr. No. 1182)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in financial responsibility, further providing for definitions, for availability, scope and amount of coverage, for request for lower limits of coverage, for coverages in excess of required amounts, for stacking of uninsured and underinsured benefits and option to waive, for notice of available benefits and limits and for availability of uninsured, underinsured, bodily injury liability and property damage coverages and mandatory deductibles.

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

**SB 676 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 676, Printer's No. 1182, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

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

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**HB 723, SB 745, SB 775, SB 848, SB 862, SB 871 and HB 889** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE**

**SB 934 (Pr. No. 1199)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

**SB 935 (Pr. No. 1200)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 962 (Pr. No. 1350) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing the Rural Coworking and Innovation Center Grant Program; and providing for requirements and imposing duties on the Department of Community and Economic Development.

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

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Table with 4 columns: Argall, DiSanto, Laughlin, Schwank, Aument, Dush, Martin, Stefano, Baker, Flynn, Mastriano, Street, Bartolotta, Fontana, Mensch, Tartaglione, Boscola, Gebhard, Muth, Tomlinson, Brewster, Gordner, Phillips-Hill, Vogel, Brooks, Haywood, Pittman, Ward, Judy, Browne, Hughes, Regan, Ward, Kim, Cappelletti, Hutchinson, Robinson, Williams, Anthony H., Collett, Kane, Santarsiero, Williams, Lindsey, Comitta, Kearney, Saval, Yaw, Corman, Langerholc, 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 967, SB 991, HB 995 and HB 996 -- 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 1040 (Pr. No. 1356) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in crime victims, further providing for responsibilities of State and local law enforcement agencies.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1043 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1047 (Pr. No. 1375) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in State Armory Board, repealing provisions relating to composition and general functions, providing for definitions and for composition and general functions, further providing for erection of armories and for management of armories, providing for management of buildings and structures at Fort Indiantown Gap, further providing for purchase or lease of ground for armories, for donation of land by political subdivisions, for donation of property and services by political subdivisions, for sale of unusable armories and land and sale or lease of timber and mineral rights, for payment of armory rentals by Commonwealth and for rental of armories, providing for rental and lease at Fort Indiantown Gap and further providing for property in armories of units in Federal service, for State Treasury Armory Fund and for maintenance, construction and repairs.

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

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Table with 4 columns: Argall, DiSanto, Laughlin, Schwank, Aument, Dush, Martin, Stefano

Baker	Flynn	Mastriano	Street
Bartolotta	Fontana	Mensch	Tartaglione
Boscola	Gebhard	Muth	Tomlinson
Brewster	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Vogel
Brooks	Haywood	Pittman	Ward, Judy
Browne	Hughes	Regan	Ward, Kim
Cappelletti	Hutchinson	Robinson	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Kane	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kearney	Saval	Yaw
Corman	Langerholc	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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 1167** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 1172 (Pr. No. 1549)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for access to treatment for sexual assault survivors and for duties of the Department of Health.

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 Beaver, Senator Vogel.

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, or SANEs, conduct critical forensic evidence collection when a sexual assault survivor seeks medical attention after being attacked. SANEs complete specialized training and meet strict standards and qualifications to ensure they are properly trained to provide comprehensive, trauma-informed, quality care to survivors of sexual assault. Unfortunately, there is a shortage of these nurses not only in Pennsylvania, but across the nation. Senate Bill No. 1172 puts a plan in motion that will begin to remedy this shortage of SANEs and access to these services. While many may assume this type of care is readily available, it is not the reality. With only 49 certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners and over 270 hospitals across the Commonwealth, only one-third of Pennsylvania's counties have a SANE available. At facilities where a SANE is not available, survivors may be seen by untrained staff or turned away entirely without an exam or the necessary resources. In many cases, survivors must take it upon themselves to travel from one emergency room to the next until they are able to find a qualified examiner. Some travel hours to other cities or even other States and may end up facing extensive wait times, while others may decide to forgo

treatment entirely. This can lead to secondary trauma, delays, errors in care, or improper collection of evidence, which may be detrimental to any further legal action a survivor may wish to take. It is unacceptable that this care is lacking or, worse, entirely unavailable. With Senate Bill No. 1172, we begin the necessary work in addressing a critical foundation for the development and augmentation of sexual assault care here in the Commonwealth, while simultaneously ensuring information about these programs is readily available to Pennsylvanians.

Thank you, Mr. President, and I ask for an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 1172.

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

**SB 1179 (Pr. No. 1580)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in domestic and sexual violence victim address confidentiality, further providing for definitions, for persons eligible to apply and for application and certification process.

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 gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I rise today in support of Senate Bill No. 1179, legislation that I sponsored with my friend and colleague, Senator Aument. The need for this bill was brought to our attention by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and what it does is amend Title 23 of the Domestic and Sexual Violence Victim Address Confidentiality

Act. It extends that confidentiality provisions to include victims of child abduction and victims of human trafficking, and our bill updates the Act to allow applications to be submitted electronically. Currently, in order to participate, they must be in writing. This requirement has made the program unnecessarily difficult to access for some victims, and it has slowed down the process for many. This bill was passed out of the Committee on Judiciary unanimously and has the support of the Pennsylvania Office of Victim Advocate, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, District Attorneys Association, and National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. So, I am pleased to stand here today and ask for an affirmative vote on the bill.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I rise to speak in support of Senate Bill No. 1179. I was pleased to work with the gentlewoman from Luzerne County to modernize the Domestic and Sexual Violence Victim Address Confidentiality Act. I thank the prime sponsor for her leadership on this important issue. The program is an important one for the women, men, and children in this Commonwealth who live in abusive relationships. Senate Bill No. 1179 appropriately recognizes the difficulty in leaving an abusive relationship, in no small part because those being abused are fearful of the ramifications that may come from their abuser if they leave. This Act provides confidentiality to those making the courageous decision to leave by providing them with a legal substitute mailing address. They can use this secondary address in place of their residential work or school address, then all first class, certified, and registered mail received at this location is forwarded to the survivor's address free of charge. Senate Bill No. 1179 would make it easier for people who need the program to benefit from it.

Currently, there is no option to allow applications and supporting documents to be filed electronically. People who are abused commonly have a hard time doing anything without their abuser's knowledge, as controlling behavior is a hallmark of domestic abuse. Needing to leave the home is a tremendous barrier to being able to access this critical program. Senate Bill No. 1179 would allow applications to be filed electronically, solving this serious problem. It would also expand the eligibility list to include victims of child abduction and human trafficking. It is already so difficult for victims of sexual and domestic violence to get to a place of safety and freedom. This legislation makes that process simpler so victims can focus on rebuilding their lives and healing from their trauma. I ask for the support of my colleagues in the Senate in passing this important piece of legislation to give abused Pennsylvanians the best chance at breaking the cycle of abuse in their lives.

Thank you, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

And the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

**HB 1614** and **HB 1660** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

**HB 1849 (Pr. No. 2092)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

**HB 1849 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 1849, Printer's No. 2092, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 2051** and **HB 2058** -- 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 24, HB 118 and SB 145** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

**BILL LAID ON THE TABLE**

**SB 152 (Pr. No. 132)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

**SB 152 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 152, Printer's No. 132, 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.

**REMAINING CALENDAR OVER IN ORDER**

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 225 and all of the remaining bills and resolutions on today's Calendar go over in their order.

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

**REQUEST TO DIVIDE QUESTION**

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, may I be recognized, please, to speak on the motion put forth by the Majority Leader.

The PRESIDENT. The Senate will be at ease.

(The Senate was at ease.)

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, the Majority Leader asked that we go over the remaining bills on today's Calendar. One of those bills is House Bill No. 951, Mr. President, that deals with the statute of limitation on sexual abuse cases. This is a measure that came to us from the House of Representatives back in April of last year. Originally, it was scheduled for a tabling motion today, and then coming off of the table. This will be the fifth time this measure has been delayed with respect to having the opportunity to conduct a vote on that particular matter. Now, Mr. President, I recognize that they may want to go over all of the remaining bills, I recognize that. So, in light of that, I would ask and move that we go over all of those bills, but for House Bill No. 951, and divide the question on House Bill No. 951 as to

whether or not we should go over it or whether or not we are going to continue to pursue a tabling motion. In both instances, Mr. President, we would like a roll-call vote on whether it is going to go over or whether it is going to be tabled.

Senator K. WARD. My motion is not eligible for debate.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Kim Ward requests that the remaining bills on the Calendar go over in their order. On the motion, all those--

Senator COSTA. Wait, Mr. President, one second, Mr. President. I am sorry.

The PRESIDENT. We have a roll-call vote.

Senator COSTA. On what question?

The PRESIDENT. On the motion to have the remaining bills on the Calendar go over in their order.

Senator COSTA. No, Mr. President, I asked that the body be able to divide the vote with respect to exempting out House Bill No. 951 for the moment, and then voting on the other bills; we would agree to go over the remaining bills. For House Bill No. 951, we are asking that, for this measure, there will be a roll-call vote on going over House Bill No. 951. That is our request.

The PRESIDENT. The Senate will be at ease.

(The Senate was at ease.)

The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa has asked for a division of the question on Senator Kim Ward's motion to take the remaining bills over. For a question to be divisible, it must include "points so distinct and separate that, one of them being taken away, the other will stand as a complete proposition." Senate Rule 32.

The Chair finds the question is divisible.

**RULING OF THE CHAIR APPEALED**

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I appeal the ruling of the Chair.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Kim Ward has appealed the ruling of the Chair that this question is divisible and will be submitted to the Senate for the decision. Those voting, "aye" will vote to sustain the appeal, and thereby overturn the ruling of the Chair. Those voting "no" will vote to uphold the ruling of the Chair and declare the appeal not well taken.

On the question,  
Shall the Senate sustain the appeal of the ruling of the Chair?

The yeas and nays were 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	Langerhole	Regan	Ward, Kim
Browne	Laughlin	Robinson	Yaw
Corman	Martin	Scavello	Yudichak
DiSanto			

**NAY-20**

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

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

The PRESIDENT. The decision of the Chair is overruled. The question is not divisible.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, we now revert back to the Majority Leader's original motion to put the remaining bills over. I ask for a negative vote on that motion. Thank you, sir.

Senator K. WARD. I ask for a positive vote, please. Thank you.

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

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

#### YEA-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	Kane	Schwank
Brewster	Flynn	Kearney	Street
Cappelletti	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Collett	Haywood	Santarsiero	Williams, Anthony H.
Comitta	Hughes	Saval	Williams, Lindsey

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

All remaining bills and resolutions on today's Calendar not considered were passed over in their order upon motion of Senator K. WARD.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9, **HB 951** and **SB 956** were laid on the table.

### BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

#### SB 284 (Pr. No. 1578) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in environmental protection, providing for decommissioning of solar energy facilities.

#### SB 982 (Pr. No. 1264) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in preliminary provisions, providing for public funding of elections.

#### SB 1016 (Pr. No. 1320) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in decorations, medals, badges and awards, further providing for authorized decorations, medals, badges and awards.

#### SB 1100 (Pr. No. 1436)

An Act to provide appropriations from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022; to provide appropriations from special funds and accounts to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

#### SB 1101 (Pr. No. 1437)

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

#### SB 1102 (Pr. No. 1438)

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

#### SB 1103 (Pr. No. 1439)

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

**SB 1104 (Pr. No. 1440)**

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

**SB 1105 (Pr. No. 1441)**

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

**SB 1106 (Pr. No. 1442)**

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

**SB 1107 (Pr. No. 1443)**

An Act making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide for the expenses of administering the Workers' Compensation Act, The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act and the Office of Small Business Advocate for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

**SB 1108 (Pr. No. 1444)**

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

**SB 1109 (Pr. No. 1445)**

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

**SB 1110 (Pr. No. 1452)**

An Act making appropriations from the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund and from the PSERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide for expenses of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

**SB 1111 (Pr. No. 1446)**

An Act making appropriations from the State Employees' Retirement Fund and from the SERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide

for expenses of the State Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

**SB 1112 (Pr. No. 1447)**

An Act making appropriations from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund and the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.

**SB 1113 (Pr. No. 1448)**

An Act making appropriations from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.

**SB 1114 (Pr. No. 1449)**

An Act making appropriations from the restricted revenue accounts within the State Gaming Fund and from the restricted revenue accounts within the Fantasy Contest Fund and Video Gaming Fund to the Attorney General, the Department of Revenue, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

**SB 1200 (Pr. No. 1576) (Rereported)**

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in county boards of elections, further providing for expenses of county boards and of primaries and elections to be paid by county, expenses of special elections and boards to be provided with offices; in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for date of application for absentee ballot and for voting by absentee electors; and, in voting by qualified mail-in electors, further providing for voting by mail-in electors.

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

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**SB 284 (Pr. No. 1578)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in environmental protection, providing for decommissioning of solar energy facilities.

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 Lycoming, Senator Yaw.

Senator YAW. Mr. President, I ask for an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 284. As I indicated on the floor yesterday, timing of this bill has been very important because of the interest in

solar arrays in Pennsylvania and landowners coming to us, the Farm Bureau, indicating that this is an issue of Statewide importance and something that needs to be addressed at this point. As I explained yesterday, this is a bill that establishes a decommissioning procedure and financial assurances to surface owners in the event their property is leased for solar generation. It is a phased-in process, which has been agreed to by the industry that it is involved in, and the Farm Bureau in particular. So, because of the importance of this bill, I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Chester, Senator Comitta.

Senator COMMITTA. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 284. As I mentioned when we were discussing the amendment, I had initially expressed concerns regarding the original bill and its potential impact on renewables. However, as amended, this bill now resolves my concerns and those of many environmental groups and clean energy supporters. This legislation is the result of a collaborative process with input from many stakeholders. It is important to note that this is a bill requested by the solar industry. I also want to note that, moving forward, it is of great importance that we consider proper bonding for all energy sources, including the conventional and unconventional drilling industry, as we already have a major problem with orphaned and abandoned wells. I ask for a "yes" vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Santarsiero.

Senator SANTARSIERO. Mr. President, I rise in opposition to this legislation. Taken in a vacuum, the requirement to have the solar industry post financial assurance for the decommissioning of its facilities would not seem unreasonable. Again, that requirement, taken in a vacuum, looking at it is, in fact, not unreasonable. But we do not consider legislation in this Chamber in a vacuum on any subject, and we should not consider this one in a vacuum, either. Because if this were to pass and become law, Mr. President, it would be singling out the solar industry to have this financial assurance requirement on decommissioning when other forms of energy generation in the State do not have that requirement. So, for example, a natural gas well, for closing out that well and dealing with whatever environmental issues may exist when that happens, there is no requirement for financial assurance. I do not think it is really arguable that, in that case, the environmental and potentially human health impacts would be far greater than any impact posed by a solar array, for example, in a field.

Now, as a practical matter, I would say that in most cases where, say, for example, a farmer were to enter into an agreement with a company to install solar panels or arrays on their property, the likelihood is that, in that transaction, the landowner would likely require, as part of that deal, financial assurance. Requiring, however, that the solar industry do this and no other industry has to is, I think, singling out the solar industry, and under the circumstances, not the right policy for Pennsylvania. It would be far wiser for us to consider this as a whole; to look at all energy generation in Pennsylvania; to do an analysis of the risk that the process entails for the generation of electricity; and then decide on a case-by-case basis in an omnibus piece of legislation what the financial assurance requirements ought to be. Instead, we are focusing solely on solar, and we are focusing on

solar as a--which is interesting because both the human health and environmental risks of an aging solar array are far less than anything posed by so many other forms of fossil fuel energy generation that we have in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I would note, moreover, that those in the solar industry are not uniformly supportive of this legislation. I have been in contact with some who are not, precisely because they see it as having their industry singled out, making solar energy more expensive in Pennsylvania, and at the expense of being able to do more solar. So, at the end of the day, while I think coming up with a plan for decommissioning all of our energy resources in Pennsylvania would make sense, singling out solar energy, at this point, does not; and I think, frankly, it is just not an equitable way for this General Assembly to deal with the issue.

I note, by the way, that the provisions in the bill requiring compliance with Federal law with respect to unfair labor--I believe it is the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act or similar Federal laws--is an interesting one. I am not aware whether that has been applied to any other energy sector in Pennsylvania on any of the materials that are used to either acquire natural resources used in energy reproduction or the actual production of the energy. It is an interesting question, and perhaps something that our General Assembly should look at given the very serious nature of those issues.

Lastly, Mr. President, I would call upon Governor Wolf, if this legislation is, in fact, passed, to veto it for the reasons that I stated. I would hope that the Governor would agree and understand that the better approach would be to look at all the energy sectors across the board, and, in fact, treat them fairly and not single out one particular sector such as solar. So, for those reasons, Mr. President, I rise in opposition to Senate Bill No. 284 and ask that the Members join me in voting "no." 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-35

Argall	Corman	Martin	Stefano
Aument	Costa	Mastriano	Tomlinson
Baker	DiSanto	Mensch	Vogel
Bartolotta	Dush	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Boscola	Flynn	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Brewster	Gebhard	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Brooks	Gordner	Robinson	Yaw
Browne	Hutchinson	Scavello	Yudichak
Comitta	Langerholc	Schwank	

NAY-14

Cappelletti	Hughes	Muth	Street
Collett	Kane	Santarsiero	Tartaglione
Fontana	Kearney	Saval	Williams, Lindsey
Haywood	Laughlin		

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.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION**

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

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

**SB 749, SB 1100, SB 1101, SB 1102, SB 1103, SB 1104, SB 1105, SB 1106, SB 1107, SB 1108, SB 1109, SB 1110, SB 1111, SB 1112, SB 1113, SB 1114, SB 1121, SB 1124, SB 1163 and SB 1188.**

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022

9:00 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS and GAME AND FISHERIES (joint public hearing on Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD))	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. (LIVE STREAMED)
10:00 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bill No. 771; and House Bills No. 199, 324 and 333)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 895, 1173, 1196 and 1197; and House Bills No. 1103 and 1594)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:45 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider House Bill No. 1615)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 1020; and certain Executive Nominations)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022

10:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public hearing on housing issues)	Living Water Church 629 Woodward Avenue Kittanning
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WEDNESDAY APRIL 20, 2022

10:00 A.M.	FINANCE (public hearing on Pennsylvania Film Tax Credit Program)	Omni Wm. Penn Hotel 530 William Penn Pl. Pittsburgh
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**PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES**

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

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize this week as Conservation District Week in Pennsylvania. In particular, I would like to note the hard work and efforts of the members of the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, or PACD. PACD is comprised of the Commonwealth's 66 conservation districts. The staff of these conservation districts works diligently and effectively to ensure that our natural resources are protected, whether on public or private land. They are responsible for the implementation of programs such as dirt, gravel, and low-volume roads; nutrient management; abandoned mines; mosquito-borne disease control; and providing environmental education. They are vital to preserving the Commonwealth's rich farming industry by approving land for the Commonwealth's successful agricultural land preservation program. This is just a sampling of what these organizations are tasked with as they work in conjunction with local governments, State and Federal agencies, and private citizens. Senator Yaw and I have, again this year, sponsored a resolution, Senate Resolution No. 269, to honor and celebrate April 10 through April 16 as Conservation District Week in Pennsylvania, in recognition of the important work of conservation districts across this Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator YAW. Mr. President, it is my pleasure this afternoon to speak on Senate Resolution No. 269 that recognizes the week of April 10 through April 16, 2022, as Conservation District Week in Pennsylvania. Our county conservation districts exist in every county of Pennsylvania, except Philadelphia, and are the boots on the ground when it comes to developing local plans that protect our natural resources. Conservation districts' history is rooted in solving the soil erosion crisis of the Dust Bowl days.

Pennsylvania first authorized the establishment of conservation districts in 1945 under Act 217. Today, conservation districts continue the cooperative approach in dealing with natural resource problems. Districts are experts at channeling resources from government agencies, conservation groups, and civic organizations and putting those resources into action at the local level. Programs vary widely throughout conservation districts in Pennsylvania, since each district develops its own programs to best suit the environmental needs of the county. Common concerns and activities that our districts are involved in are erosion, sedimentation control, environmental wetland protection, forest resource management, rural and residential development, mine land reclamation, and other environmental concerns. Each conservation district is governed by a board of volunteer directors which, by State law, consists of both farmer and non-farmer or public members. The guiding philosophy of all conservation districts is that decisions about conservation issues should be made at the local level by citizens who understand the local environment.

Mr. President, I would ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the hardworking staff and many accomplishments of our county conservation districts and, therefore, designating the week of April 10 through April 16 as Conservation District Week in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Jefferson, Senator Dush.

Senator DUSH. Mr. President, today I rise in support of Senate Resolution No. 260, prime sponsored by me and my colleague from Delaware County. Senate Resolution No. 260 recognizes April 10 through April 16, 2022, as Local Government Week in Pennsylvania. It also recognizes Local Government Day, which will be celebrated tomorrow, Wednesday, April 13.

Mr. President, Pennsylvania has a rich tradition of local governments dating back to our founding. Local government has always been an integral part of the American experience. The French diplomat Alexis de Tocqueville studied American society and its system of government on his travels during the early part of the 19th century. He was taken by the local governments from the counties in the Northeast, to the parishes of Louisiana, the townships, boroughs, and cities, and the way that they worked with the state government. Said Tocqueville, "A nation may establish a system of free government, but without the spirit of municipal institutions it cannot have the spirit of liberty." In this great Commonwealth, local government is the level of government closest to the people. Every day, municipal government impacts our lives and provides necessary infrastructure and services to keep our communities going. It is where individuals can have the greatest impact, where government is closest and most accessible to its citizens. Our State is home to over 4,500 local government units, including 2,560 municipalities. From our vibrant metropolitan areas to our beautiful rural communities, in cities and counties, townships and boroughs, our municipal elected officials have answered the call to service and dedicated themselves to the people of their communities. Our municipal employees work tirelessly to keep our roads clear and our water and sewer systems up and running. As chair of the Committee on Local Government, I am honored to recognize the good work of Pennsylvania's local governments. Much has changed since Tocqueville penned *Democracy in America*--and, by the way, I think that it still should be in a civics textbook--but the importance of local government to our spirit of liberty has not.

Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you to my co-chair for cosponsoring.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Kearney.

Senator KEARNEY. Mr. President, I rise today to join my colleague from Jefferson County in recognizing tomorrow as Local Government Day and this week as Local Government Week in Pennsylvania. From our municipal officials to our county departments, there are tens of thousands of Pennsylvanians who wear multiple hats, go above and beyond to serve the public to make local democracy work, and to make the Commonwealth such a unique place to live. Pennsylvania is engaged with its local governments for many reasons, and engagement is the bedrock of self-determination. From working with neighbors to make neighborhoods safer, to running environmental sustainability initiatives, from serving on boards or commissions, to attending Independence Day parades, our local governments give all Pennsylvanians a chance to be part of something bigger

than themselves and to take part in democratic governance. Our local governments are the foundation of democratic resiliency, and we are blessed to have them.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes, for the second time, the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Kearney.

Senator KEARNEY. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about a resolution I am introducing that recognizes the month of April as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month. I rose earlier and asked my Senate colleagues to welcome Karj Singh, who delivered our opening prayer today. Karj is a member of the Philadelphia Sikh Society, which serves as a place of worship for Sikhs in my district and throughout Philadelphia in the greater southeast. Every year I welcome the opportunity to join the Sikh community in recognition of the valuable contributions that they have made to our Commonwealth and to the nation. As I said earlier, Sikhs represent the fifth-largest religion in the world and have roughly one million adherents throughout the United States.

Sikhism was founded by Guru Nanak in the 15th century on the principles of truthful living, service to humanity, and devotion to God. They have long held an emphasis on the belief that every human being, regardless of background, is equal in the eyes of God, and they have been a pioneer force in social justice. In addition, Sikhs hold altruism and charity at the heart of their beliefs, often serving free food to the less fortunate. Yet, despite these progressive Sikh beliefs, Sikhs often face discrimination. Over 50 percent of Sikh children and roughly 60 percent of turbaned Sikh children endure physical or verbal abuse while at school, and nearly 60 percent of Americans admit to knowing nothing about the religion. That is why it is crucial that the Commonwealth and this body recognize and spread awareness of the contributions that Sikhs have made to our community, our Commonwealth, and the nation.

I ask that my colleagues take the time to recognize the individuals who joined me today in the Capitol and strike up a conversation to learn more. While introducing a resolution recognizing April as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month is a step in the right direction, we all can do more personally to understand and welcome the Sikh community.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, today I stand to give remarks on the importance of protecting and caring for our children. April is Child Abuse Month. This month, we recognize and raise awareness of the importance of protecting and caring for some of the most vulnerable among us: our children. According to the Department of Human Services *2020 Child Protective Services Report*, there were a total of 32,919 reports of suspected child abuse in Pennsylvania in 2020, with a heartbreaking 4,593 of those being substantiated. These numbers are far too high, and even one case is one too many. These children and victims suffer severe and often life-altering consequences as a result of their abuse. The abuse they suffer can negatively impact them physically, psychologically, cognitively, and behaviorally, and can stay with them forever. We must do what we can to prevent it.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made the role of every one of us even more important. With children and adults both home more, there are more opportunities for those who would harm children to do so. Not only that, but because children are at school less, they are less frequently in contact with mandated reporters and school counselors. We must increase our vigilance in order to identify these potentially harmful situations. It is vital that we increase the public's awareness of child abuse. We all must be committed to breaking the vicious cycle of abuse and create a safe, nurturing, and loving home for every child in Pennsylvania. We must come together as a community to protect our children and be a loud voice against abuse. I urge all of my colleagues to join with me in recognizing this tremendously important issue.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, I rise today to offer remarks in support of Senate Resolution No. 264, which recognizes the first week in May as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week. Tardive dyskinesia, or TD, is associated with taking certain kinds of important medications, such as antipsychotics, that help control dopamine, a chemical in the brain. These antipsychotics are prescribed to treat conditions like depression, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia. Research done by the Citizens Commission on Human Rights shows that more than 12 million Americans take antipsychotics, and that more than 600,000 of those patients may have TD. However, it is estimated that upwards of 50 percent of TD cases in the U.S. are undiagnosed. The condition is often misunderstood due to a lack of public awareness, and symptoms can be mistaken for other conditions such as Parkinson's disease or tic disorders. TD may continue indefinitely, even after stopping or changing medication. However, the earlier it is diagnosed, the better the chances that treatment will be effective.

TD is often seen through involuntary movements in the lips, jaw, tongue, and eyes, though it can also affect other parts of the body, including the upper body, arms, hands, legs, and feet. Movements may appear to be rapid or jerky, or slow and writhing, in a repetitive, continuous, or random pattern. The uncontrollable movements of TD may be disruptive to people's lives both because of the symptoms themselves and due to the social and emotional impact of living with the disorder. It is important for patients and their friends and family alike to be educated on the symptoms of TD and how they can be treated and managed. Recent pharmaceutical breakthroughs are capable of supporting individuals with TD so that their underlying condition requiring the antipsychotic can still be treated. Now, more than ever before, people living with TD can feel the hope and confidence of treatment. I am proud to stand before you, Mr. President, and my colleagues to speak on these issues and offer my support to our constituents in the Commonwealth who experience TD. TD Awareness Week aims to educate the public about this condition and promote assistance for those who may be affected. By increasing education, awareness, and recognition of TD, we can give those who may be suffering the knowledge necessary to start a conversation with their doctor and work toward diagnosis and treatment. I hope that we will all take the time to learn about TD and have conversations with our families and loved ones who may be silently tackling these challenges.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a talented group of athletes from my district and new PIAA AAA State champions, the Hatboro-Horsham High School Lady Hatters Swim Team. Capping off a successful season, the Hatboro-Horsham swim team earned an impressive 227 points during their championship meet at Bucknell University, accruing 63 points more than their runners-up. The team earned five gold and two silver medals and established a new State record in the 100-yard butterfly, swum by Annie Jia.

I want to congratulate each and every athlete who contributed to this win by reading their names into the record. Congratulations to Sara Bozzomo, Emmy Erikson, Annie Jia, Katherine Jia, Hannah Parker, Sarah Parker, and Viviana Vergara-Anglim. I would also like to recognize the coaches who dedicated themselves to mentoring and encouraging this winning team: head coach, George "Kip" Emig; and assistant coaches, Amanda Dynan, Andrew Walton, Edward Quarry, and Carolyn Lyons.

The strength of our community is rooted in the young people who understand the value of persistence, teamwork, and the drive to achieve common goals. Athletics can be the incubator of these principles in our future generations, especially when guided by a distinguished coaching staff and a supportive school administration, as the Hatters clearly have been. These athletes represent the best of Pennsylvania's young women, and I have no doubt they will inspire more girls to pursue their own goals and work to achieve them. Thank you all for making our district proud.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Chester, Senator Comitta.

Senator COMITTA. Mr. President, I rise today in support of my resolution designating the week of April 22 through April 30, 2022, as International Dark Sky Week in Pennsylvania. There is growing understanding of how over-lighting and excessive light pollution can negatively impact sleep patterns and circadian rhythms; mental and physical health; habitats for wildlife species, especially nocturnal creatures, insect life, and pollinators; visibility for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians; and our efforts to promote energy efficiency. The U.S. Department of Energy reports that more than \$3 billion in energy is lost to skyglow, which occurs when lighting is not properly directed toward the ground. Studies show that skyglow may also negatively impact agriculture and crop yields. The International Dark-Sky Association reports that 83 percent of the global population lives under a light-polluted sky.

Fortunately, there are solutions, and communities across the Commonwealth are beginning to work to protect dark skies and reduce light pollution. Here are two great examples: Pittsburgh recently passed a first-of-its-kind ordinance to replace the city's 35,000 streetlights with shielded, low-temperature LEDs; and Harrisburg is joining the National Lights Out initiative, asking residents and businesses, including the Capitol complex, to block or turn off external lights from midnight to 6 a.m. to help birds migrating through the area for two months in the spring and two months in the fall. Residents should know that there are environmentally-responsible techniques that they can use to protect the night sky. Outdoor lighting should have a clear purpose,

be shielded and directed only to where needed, be no brighter than necessary, used only when needed, and consist of warmer color lights with lower Kelvin ratings.

In closing, we all know there is no experience quite like venturing outdoors and gazing up at the stars on a clear, crisp evening. It can truly put things in perspective and remind us of our place in the universe and our connection to the environment and each other. Thank you, and I thank the International Dark-Sky Association for all of its important work. I welcome your support for my Senate resolution designating April 22 through April 30, 2022, as International Dark Sky Week in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise because today marks 5,756 days since our Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in Pennsylvania's minimum wage, and that failure is through no fault of the Democrats. Every single Member of the Senate Democrats has cosponsored legislation to raise the minimum wage. Every Session since the minimum wage was last raised in Pennsylvania, I have introduced legislation to raise the minimum wage, and this year is no different.

My bill, Senate Bill No. 12, is currently just sitting in the Committee on Labor and Industry. Mr. President, legislation that would boost hundreds of thousands of workers across the Commonwealth is just stalled in committee, being buried by special interests that have no desire to see our middle class grow. Something else Senate Bill No. 12 would do, other than put Pennsylvania finally on a path to \$15 an hour, is it would once and for all tie minimum wage increases to the Consumer Price Index, or the CPI. Mr. President, according to a study released just this morning by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the CPI hit an all-new 40-year high in March. The Consumer Price Index rose 8.5 percent for the year ending in March. That outpaced February's elevated reading of 7.9 percent and marked a level not seen since December 1981 when the CPI stood at 8.9 percent. That means workers whose wages have remained stagnant for well over a decade and a half are losing near record-level buying power month after month. So let us finally protect our Commonwealth's lowest earners and ensure that their ability to make a living is not tied to the political will of our legislative bodies. Instead, they will be able to make ends meet regardless of what happens to the economy. Mr. President, let us bring Senate Bill No. 12 out of committee and to the floor, so we can finally provide some relief to our Commonwealth's lowest earners.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Mensch.

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak on a Senate resolution which will recognize March 2022 as Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. Breast cancer is among the most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second-leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States. Nearly 14,000 Pennsylvania women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and approximately 2,000 will die this year from the disease. Triple-negative breast cancer is one of the more common forms of breast cancer and accounts for about 15 to 30 percent of all diagnosed invasive breast cancer cases in the United States.

The term triple-negative breast cancer refers to the fact that the cancer cells do not have estrogen or progesterone receptors, and also do not make any, or perhaps they make too much, of the protein called HER2. The cells test negative on all three tests. More than 53,700 new breast cancer cases in 2019 in the United States were triple-negative breast cancer, with higher prevalence among younger women, Black and Hispanic women, and women with BRCA1 mutations, type 2 diabetes, or carrying excess weight in the abdomen area. Sadly, people diagnosed with metastatic triple-negative breast cancer have less than a 30 percent chance of surviving past 5 years. Patients with an early diagnosis can often be treated with chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery; however, the limited therapies available specifically addressing the management of triple-negative breast cancer has made treating this disease a challenge for clinicians. Recent innovation and targeted therapies have fueled advances in the fight against triple-negative breast cancer. Therefore, it is necessary for us to promote triple-negative breast cancer education, raise awareness among the disease-related disparities, and tackle inequities within the healthcare delivery, such as inadequate access to screening, diagnostic treating and care, and to improve early detection and survival. I thank my colleagues for allowing me to speak on this resolution, Mr. President. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes, for the second time, the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Mensch.

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, I also rise today to speak on a Senate resolution which will designate April 2022 as Financial Literacy Month in the Commonwealth. Every year, Financial Literacy Month is celebrated in April. Financial Literacy Month was first recognized in the United States in April of 2004 to highlight the importance of being financially literate and to encourage individuals to learn more about the ways and techniques that can help them become financially smart and independent.

Financial Literacy Month originated from Youth Literacy Day, which came into existence through the National Endowment for Financial Education. In 2003, Congress showed great support for this designation after both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives passed resolutions requesting President George W. Bush to declare April as Financial Literacy Month. Later, the House passed a bill that supported the goals of Financial Literacy Month and also asked the President to order the implementation of this month, April, to the Federal government, schools, localities, and nonprofit organizations. It is said that the foundation of a bright future is to develop a budget and increase your financial knowledge. We hope that we can expand upon that, Mr. President, and encourage everyone greater financial literacy. I thank my colleagues for allowing me to speak on this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator CAPPELLETTI. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of Senate Resolution No. 271, recognizing April 24 as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day. On April 24, 1915, the Ottoman Empire began the systematic extermination of Armenian people, a minority group that had long been treated as second-class citizens. The Armenian genocide began with the forced deportation and murder of hundreds of Armenian intellectuals and community leaders and resulted in the deaths of 1.5



million men, women, and children. It is largely considered to be the first genocide of the 20th century.

The Commonwealth declared in 1965 that April 24 of each year will serve as a day of remembrance of the Armenian genocide. By remembering and openly condemning the atrocities committed against the Armenian people, the Commonwealth has annually reaffirmed the need for constant vigilance to prevent similar atrocities in the near future. In today's context, with the ongoing violence being perpetrated by Russian forces in Ukraine, it is even more important to remember past atrocities and spread awareness, so to prevent more violence. The loss of innocent life is not something to be overlooked or forgotten. On April 24, the Armenian community in Pennsylvania and across the world will come together to remember the 1.5 million Armenians who were deported and killed during World War I, constituting the Armenian genocide. I am honored to introduce the resolution recognizing April 24 as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day here in Pennsylvania, and to stand here with you as we, together, take on the burden of remembering tragedies like this in order to stop them from ever happening again.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Haywood.

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize April 12, 2022, as Fort Pillow Day. This is the 158th anniversary of the Fort Pillow Massacre. Now, the Battle of Fort Pillow occurred on April 12, 1864, in Fort Pillow, Tennessee, during the American Civil War. At that time, the fort was held by a garrison of about 600 Union troops, approximately half of whom were Black troops. Now, roughly 1,500 to 2,000 Confederate soldiers, led by the disgraced General Nathan Bedford Forrest, attacked Union troops stationed at the fort. After a furious Confederate assault, the majority of the Union troops finally surrendered. Instead of being taken as prisoners of war, however, some 300 Union soldiers were simply gunned down after attempting to surrender and were killed, including 200 to 250 Black American servicemen. Survivors' accounts stated that many were shot point-blank in the head. After the massacre, the Union refused to participate in future prisoner exchanges with the Confederacy. However, the massacre increased the resolve of other Black Union soldiers, many of whom proceeded to use "Remember Fort Pillow" as their battle cry. Please join me in recognizing the Fort Pillow Massacre and remember the servicemen who had fallen in order to create a more perfect Union.

Thank you, Mr. President.

## HOUSE MESSAGES

### SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 1020**, 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.

## HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 245** and **HB 1184**.

## BILLS SIGNED

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

**HB 221, HB 245 and HB 1184.**

## RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Mensch.

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:36 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.