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SENATE

TUESDAY, September 20, 2022

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend SCOTT CARVER, of Pleasant Valley Assembly of God, Brodheadsville, offered the following prayer:

Shall we pray.

Heavenly Father, we need You today. We thank You for the privilege of knowing that You have promised to listen to humble hearts. So, today we humble our hearts, and we ask that You would help us. We take the honor of serving the needs of others seriously, and we are asking for Your wisdom and Your direction. So, Lord, we know that You see all things and know all things, and we confess that Your ways and Your thoughts are higher than ours. So, guide our thoughts today. In the complexities of government affairs, help us, together, to find answers that will be right for this great Commonwealth. Help us to be innovative while crafting legislation and creative in problem solving, and if there is a better way, You, O Lord, know it. So, please show us, and let common ground be found as we sift through the minutiae of the issues of the floor today. And Father, I also ask that You would minister to every individual here today. As leaders, they represent millions of Pennsylvanians who are looking to them for answers to issues that are common in our State and unique in specific areas. That pressure is great. So, Lord, strengthen them today. Be with their families, protect their children, give them health, bless their homes, guard their hearts, and honor their sacrifice in serving others. We thank You and ask all of these things in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair thanks Pastor Carver, who is the guest today of Senator Scavello.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

**RECALL COMMUNICATIONS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AGENCY

September 20, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 7, 2022, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, to serve until June 30, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice the Honorable Roy Reinard, III, New Hope, whose term expired and whose last day was April 23, 2021.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
SYSTEM *[sic]* OF HIGHER EDUCATION

September 20, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 13, 2022, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple University of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 14, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ronald Donatucci, Philadelphia, deceased.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AGENCY

September 20, 2022

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Jonathan Green, 501 University Avenue, Selinsgrove 17870, Snyder County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, to serve until June 30, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice the Honorable Roy Reinard, III, New Hope, whose term expired and whose last day was April 23, 2021.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AGENCY

September 20, 2022

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Ava Willis-Barksdale, 613 Fawn Circle, King of Prussia 19406, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, to serve until June 30, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robin Wiessmann, Newtown, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

September 20, 2022

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Kellyn Hodges, 1365 Fenimore Lane, Gladwyne 19035, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple University of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 14, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ronald Donatucci, Philadelphia, deceased.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THADDEUS STEVENS COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

September 20, 2022

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Chris Buck, 1181 Sheep Hill Road, New Holland 17557, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard Watson, Lancaster, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THADDEUS STEVENS COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

September 20, 2022

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mike Maguire, 445 West Caracas Avenue, Hershey 17033, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 1237**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 146**.

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:

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HB 391 -- Committee on Local Government.

HB 1419 -- Committee on Judiciary.

HB 2499 -- Committee on Banking and Insurance.

HB 2637 -- Committee on Transportation.

HB 2800 -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

AUDITOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of the Auditor General
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

September 19, 2022

The Honorable Kim Ward
Majority Leader
Senate of Pennsylvania
350 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Senator Ward:

In accordance with the provisions of Article VIII, Section 7(a)(4) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act (Act 1 of 1999, as amended), I am providing you with the accompanying certification in connection with the general obligation bond sale of September 7, 2022.

A duplicate original of my certificate is enclosed.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY L. DeFOOR
Auditor General

AUDITOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE
Pursuant to
ARTICLE VIII, Section 7(a)(4)
of the
CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA
and

Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act

To the Governor and the General Assembly:

I, Timothy L. DeFoor, Auditor General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 7(a)(4) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act (Act 1 of 1999, as amended), certify as follows:

The amount of outstanding net debt
as of September 22, 2022.....\$8,913,089,500

The difference between the limitation upon
all net debt outstanding as provided in
Article VIII, Section 7(a)(4) of the
Constitution of the Commonwealth
of Pennsylvania and the amount of
outstanding net debt as of
September 22, 2022.....\$71,033,457,566

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Auditor General, this 19th day of September 2022.

TIMOTHY L. DeFOOR
Auditor General

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. This report will be noted in the Journal and filed in the Library.

BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Jacob D. Corman III) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bills:

SB 1237 and HB 146.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 139 (Pr. No. 1922) (Amended)

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 moment of silence on September 11 anniversary.

HB 1813 (Pr. No. 3321)

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

Senator HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on Finance, reported the following bills:

SB 1315 (Pr. No. 1921) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in corporate net income tax, further providing for imposition of tax; and abrogating a regulation.

SB 1320 (Pr. No. 1891)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for definitions, providing for elective tax imposed at pass-through entity level and further providing for taxability of partners, for income of a Pennsylvania S corporation and for income taxes imposed by other states.

HB 1059 (Pr. No. 3497) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for declarations of estimated tax.

HB 1377 (Pr. No. 1820)

An Act amending the act of October 6, 1998 (P.L.705, No.92), known as the Keystone Opportunity Zone, Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone and Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone Act, in keystone opportunity zones, providing for zone relocation.

HB 2057 (Pr. No. 3299)

An Act amending Titles 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations) and 54 (Names) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions, for form of records, for delivery of document, for functions of Department of State, for processing of documents by Department of State, for court to pass upon rejection of documents by Department of State, for statement of correction and for tax clearance of certain fundamental transactions, providing

for annual report and further providing for short title and application of subchapter and for fee schedule; in entities generally, further providing for requirements for names generally, for required name changes by Senior associations and for registration of name of nonregistered foreign association and providing for ratification of defective entity actions; in entity transactions, further providing for definitions, for relationship of chapter to other provisions of law, for nature of transactions, for excluded entities and transactions, for approval by business corporation, for interest exchange authorized, for statement of conversion and effectiveness, for approval of division, for division without interest holder approval, for effect of division, for allocation of liabilities in division and for domestication authorized and providing for administrative dissolution or cancellation; in foreign associations, further providing for governing law, for activities not constituting doing business, for noncomplying name of foreign association, for required withdrawal on certain transactions and for termination of registration; in corporations, further providing for application and effect of subchapter, for standard of care and justifiable reliance, for personal liability of directors, for notation of dissent, for exercise of powers generally, for alternative standard, for limitation on standing and for actions by shareholders or members to enforce a secondary right and providing for renunciation of business opportunities; in general provisions relating to business corporations, further providing for application of subpart and for definitions and repealing provisions relating to annual report information; in incorporation, further providing for articles of incorporation; in corporate powers, duties and safeguards, further providing for general powers, for adoption, amendment and contents of bylaws, for persons bound by bylaws, for registered office, for corporate records and inspection by members, for bylaws and other powers in emergency and for informational rights of a director, providing for forum selection provisions and further providing for authorized shares, for stock rights and options, for transfer of securities and restrictions, for power of corporation to acquire its own shares, for liability for unlawful dividends and other distributions and for application and effect of subchapter; in officers, directors and shareholders, further providing for manner of giving notice, for place and notice of meetings of shareholders, for use of conference telephone or other electronic technology, for conduct of shareholders meeting, for alternative provisions, for standard of care and justifiable reliance, for personal liability of directors, for notation of dissent, for exercise of powers generally, for alternative standard, for limitation on standing and for inconsistent articles ineffective, providing for renunciation of business opportunities, further providing for board of directors, for qualifications of directors, for term of office of directors, for selection of directors, for quorum of and action by directors, for interested directors or officers and quorum, for compensation of directors, for executive and other committees of the board and for officers, providing for officer's standard of care and justifiable reliance and for personal liability of officers and further providing for mandatory indemnification, for duration and extent of coverage, for time of holding meetings of shareholders, for quorum, for voting rights of shareholders, for determination of shareholders of record, for voting lists, for consent of members in lieu of meeting, for derivative action, for eligible shareholder plaintiffs and security for costs and for special litigation committee; in fundamental changes, further providing for proposal of fundamental transactions, for amendment of articles authorized, for proposal of amendments for adoption of amendments, for voluntary transfer of corporate assets and for survival of remedies and rights after dissolution; in nonstock corporations, further providing for election of an existing business corporation to become a nonstock corporation and for termination of nonstock corporation status; in registered corporations, further providing for call of special meetings of shareholders, for adjournment of meetings of shareholders, for consent of shareholders in lieu of meeting, and for notice of shareholder meetings, providing for qualifications of directors, and further providing for application and effect of subchapter, for definitions, for business combination, for application and effect of subchapter, for definitions, for voting rights of shares acquired in a control share, for procedure for establishing voting rights of control shares, for application and effect of subchapter and for definitions; in benefit corporations, further providing for standard of conduct for directors, for benefit director and for standard of conduct for officers; in general provisions relating to nonprofit corporations, further providing for definitions and repealing provisions relating to annual report; in incorporation, further providing for articles of incorporation; in corporate powers duties and safeguards, further providing for adoption, amendment and contents of

bylaws, for persons bound by bylaws, for registered office, for corporate records and inspection by members, for bylaws and other powers in emergency and for informational rights of a director, providing for forum selection provisions, and further providing for authority to take and hold trust property; in officers, directors and members, further providing for manner of giving notice, for place and notice of meetings of members, for use of conference telephone or other electronic technology, for conduct of members meeting, for alternative provisions, for standard of care and justifiable reliance, for personal liability of directors, for notation of dissent, for exercise of powers generally, for alternative standard and for limitation on standing, providing for renunciation of corporate opportunities, further providing for board of directors, for term of office of directors, for selection of directors, for quorum of and action by directors, for interested directors or officers and quorum, for compensation of directors, for executive and other committees of the board and for officers, providing for officer's standard of care and justifiable reliance and for personal liability of officers and further providing for mandatory indemnification, for duration and extent of coverage, for time of holding meetings of members, for quorum, for voting rights of members, for determination of members of record, for consent of members in lieu of meeting, for derivative action, for eligible member plaintiffs and security for costs and for special litigation committee; in amendments, sale of assets and dissolution, further providing for amendment of articles authorized, for proposal of amendments and for survival of remedies and rights after dissolution; in electric cooperative corporations, further providing for merger, consolidation, division or sale of assets; in general partnerships, further providing for short title and application of chapter, for partner's rights and duties and for rights to information; in limited partnerships, further providing for short title and application of chapter, for signing of filed documents, for registered office, for limited partner rights to information, for general partner rights to information, for derivative action, for security for costs and for special litigation committee; in limited liability companies, further providing for formation of limited liability company and certificate of organization, for registered office, for rights to information, for derivative action, for security for costs, for special litigation committee, for standard of conduct for members and for standard of conduct for managers and officers; in limited liability companies, further providing for application and effect of subchapter; in business trusts, further providing for registered office; in general provisions, further providing for definitions and for execution of documents; in fictitious names, further providing for definitions, for registration, for contracts entered into by entity using unregistered fictitious name and for effect of registration; in corporate and other association names, repealing provisions relating to register established, to certain additions to register, to decennial filings required, to effect of failure to make filings, to late filings and to voluntary termination of registration by corporations and other associations; and making editorial changes.

HB 2277 (Pr. No. 3498) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in sales and use tax, further providing for time for filing returns.

HB 2667 (Pr. No. 3226)

An Act amending Title 7 (Banks and Banking) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions.

Senator BAKER, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following bills:

SB 1317 (Pr. No. 1927) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law, providing for Indigent Defense Advisory Committee; and establishing the Indigent Defense Grant Program.

SB 1321 (Pr. No. 1889)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for imposition of tax and for taxability of estates, trusts and their beneficiaries.

SB 1333 (Pr. No. 1894)

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in incapacitated persons, further providing for petition and hearing and independent evaluation and for determination of incapacity and appointment of guardian.

HB 103 (Pr. No. 3500) (Amended)

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offense of assault of law enforcement officer, for the offense of assault by prisoner and for the offense of assault by life prisoner; and, in sentencing, further providing for sentences for second and subsequent offenses and for sentences for offenses committed against law enforcement officer.

HB 185 (Pr. No. 3501) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offense of aggravated assault.

HB 875 (Pr. No. 2904)

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in dissolution of marital status, further providing for decree of court.

HB 1393 (Pr. No. 3253)

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, further providing for definitions.

HB 1929 (Pr. No. 2197)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inchoate crimes, further providing for prohibited offensive weapons.

HB 2527 (Pr. No. 3150)

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, further providing for drug overdose medication.

Senator ARGALL, from the Committee on State Government, reported the following bills:

SB 492 (Pr. No. 1923) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in requirements and prohibitions, providing for Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association; in access, further providing for open-records officer, for appeals officer, for regulations and policies, for requests and for retention of records; in procedure, further providing for requests, for written requests, for electronic access, for creation of record, for production of certain records and for exceptions for public records; in agency response, further providing for general rule and for

extension of time; in appeal of agency determination, further providing for filing of appeal and for appeals officers; in judicial review, further providing for civil penalty and for Office of Open Records; and, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for relation to other laws.

SB 1292 (Pr. No. 1788)

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 county boards of elections and membership.

HB 121 (Pr. No. 89)

An Act authorizing the transfer of Project 70 restrictions from 0.043 acres of State Game Land 249 that will be purchased by the Department of Transportation for highway right-of-way to 0.043 acres of replacement game land that will be deeded over to the Pennsylvania Game Commission by the Department of Transportation.

HB 1738 (Pr. No. 2369)

An Act providing for the review and implementation of executive orders issued by the President of the United States.

HB 2524 (Pr. No. 3499) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in access, further providing for open-records officer, for appeals officer, for regulations and policies, for uniform form, for requests and for retention of records and providing for inmate access; in procedure, further providing for written requests, for redaction, for production of certain records and for exceptions for public records; in agency response, further providing for extension of time and providing for relief from vexatious requesters; in appeal of agency determination, further providing for filing of appeal and for appeals officers; in judicial review, further providing for court costs and attorney fees, for civil penalty, for fee limitations and for Office of Open Records; and, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for relation to other laws.

Senator LANGERHOLC, from the Committee on Transportation, reported the following bills:

HB 521 (Pr. No. 3502) (Amended)

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Sentencing, further providing for sentence of total confinement; in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for the offense of driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked and for ignition interlock limited license; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for ignition interlock, for prior offenses, for Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition, for drug and alcohol assessments and for mandatory Sentencing and providing for substance monitoring program.

HB 1341 (Pr. No. 3503) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for maximum gross weight of vehicles and for maximum axle weight of vehicles.

HB 1958 (Pr. No. 3504) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in licensing of drivers, further providing for school, examination or hearing on accumulation of points or excessive speeding, for driving

while operating privilege is suspended or revoked and for establishment of schools.

HB 2372 (Pr. No. 2783)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in abandoned vehicles and cargos, further providing for reports by private property owners of abandoned vehicles and providing for abandoned vehicles at wholesale vehicle auctions.

Senator STEFANO, from the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, reported the following bills:

SB 244 (Pr. No. 1928) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in disabled veterans' real estate tax exemption, further providing for duty of commission.

HB 2086 (Pr. No. 2972)

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Department of Military Affairs, further providing for operation of State-owned vehicles.

HB 2361 (Pr. No. 2775)

An Act amending Title 38 (Holidays and Observances) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veteran recognition, providing for Women Veterans Day.

HB 2586 (Pr. No. 3100)

An Act amending Title 38 (Holidays and Observances) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veteran recognition, providing for Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Argall, Senator Baker, Senator Bartolotta, Senator Browne, Senator Gebhard, Senator Langerholc, and Senator Judy Ward, and legislative leaves for Senator Tomlinson and Senator Vogel.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Comitta.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Gordner requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Argall, Senator Baker, Senator Bartolotta, Senator Browne, Senator Gebhard, Senator Langerholc, and Senator Judy Ward, and legislative leaves for Senator Tomlinson and Senator Vogel.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Comitta. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

Senator GORDNER offered the following resolution, which was read as follows:

In the Senate, September 20, 2022

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Monday, October 17, 2022, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses the week of October 17, 2022, it reconvene the week of Monday, October 24, 2022, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Monday, October 24, 2022, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator John R. Gordner) in the Chair.

GUESTS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, today is a very special day for me as I get to introduce a constituent of mine from my hometown of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. My good friend, Andy Thal, was recently inducted into the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. And when you get HOF behind your name, that is a pretty special designation. And what makes me so proud of him and his accomplishments--you know, it is one thing to be a Bo Nickal, a great wrestler, who wrestles for a few years and went to national champs, and then was very excited about that--but Andy's induction into the Hall of Fame was about lifetime achievement. Lifetime achievement of working in the sport of wrestling that got him this honor. He was not

only a great wrestler of his own, a letterman at Bellefonte High School--his son won the State title at Bellefonte--he was a coach for many, many years, and he was a referee, which means, as most of you know, if you are a referee in wrestling, Andy is probably the only one who has been booed more than me back home during those wrestling matches. But he continued to do it no matter what.

Now, what makes this day so special for me, not only is to recognize his achievement, which is extremely special, but I have known Andy for 50 years. And as a good friend--as you know friends, you sort of banter back and forth, and Andy always got the last word on me, because I actually played Little League baseball for Andy Thal, and there was a play that we had in our game one time that will be somewhat memorable, that anytime he brought it up, it essentially shut me up, and that was the end of our banter. So, today I am glad that he is here, because of the Senate rules, he does not get to talk, which means I get the last word after 50 years. And that last word is, this is a great man. You know, the greatest gift one person can give to another is the gift of time, because we do not know how much time we all have. I mean, you can give money, and that is important, and you can give goods, and you can give things of that nature, but when you give your time to someone else to improve them, that is a special gift. And he has been involved in my community for over 30 years of giving his time to the young people of our community. That is a truly great gift and one that I was, you know, I played for Andy. He was a great friend; he was a great mentor. He was one of those coaches who, you did not necessarily get it while you played for him, but 5, 10 years later you found out he was not just making you a better player, he was making you a better father; he was making you a better citizen; he was making you a better husband. That is the kind of man this is, so I am just glad that the National Wrestling Hall of Fame recognized something I already knew. He is a Hall of Famer. And I would ask the whole Senate to stand and give him our usual warm welcome with his wife, his brother-in-law, and sister-in-law, who are here with him on the floor today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guests of Senator Corman please rise so the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR LISA M. BOSCOLA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I am honored today to introduce to the Senate two of my constituents, Frank and Diane Lambert. Their son, Matthew, could not be with us today because he is covering the family business. So, Frank and Diane are here to celebrate the passage of Christine's Law, which honors the late Christine Lambert. As you all know, I fought hard to get Christine's Law on the books for years, to address the dangerous conditions on our roadways involving snow and ice on top of our vehicles. This law is a proactive approach, helps police crack down on those icy missiles, and will save people's lives. As I look to Frank and Diane up in the gallery today, having the bill signing with the Governor in just a few minutes, I feel as though Christine

is with us today, proud of the work that her family has done in the advocacy to put forth and educate people on this legislative change, make our roadways safer for all winters to come. Colleagues, thank you so much for your support of Christine's Law, and please help me welcome and give our usual warm welcome to the Lambert family.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guests of Senator Boscola please rise so the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR PATRICK J. STEFANO AND SENATOR KATIE J. MUTH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Stefano.

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, along with my co-chair, Senator Muth, I rise to speak on Senate Resolution No. 335, which designates today as National Guard and Veterans Day at the Capitol. I would like to thank the Adjutant General, Mark Schindler, his team, and the National Guard Association for taking the time to present this morning's briefing and continuing to keep the lines of communication open between the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the General Assembly. Our men and women in uniform have always fulfilled their assignments here in the Commonwealth and across the globe, and while these past 2 years have been vastly different due to the pandemic, our Guard members have continued to do their duty. I thank all of our men and women in uniform. In the Senate, we have advanced several bills this Session important to our military and veterans, and more are in the pipeline. Working together, I am hopeful that a number of them will land on the Governor's desk before the end of this Session. Together We Serve is an excellent motto, not just for today, but for all of us as we support our military and veteran community.

While Guard Day is significant every year, this year has more of a personal touch for me. I would be remiss if I did not mention that my chief of staff, Mark Fetzko, as a member of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, will soon be deployed to the Middle East. This will be the last week that he will be with us during Session. As such, I would ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mark for his service to the Commonwealth and the nation and keep him and his wife and his son in your thoughts and prayers. May the Lord keep all of our troops, whether they are currently serving across the globe or preparing to leave their loved ones, safe from harm.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, thank you, Senator Stefano, for welcoming our guest. As the co-chair of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, Senator Stefano and I are recognizing Senate Resolution No. 335, which honors our Pennsylvania National Guard and recognizes today as National Guard and Veterans Day at the Capitol. Our National

Guard members are critical to every community in this Commonwealth. Whenever they are called upon, regardless of what the issue is, they are there, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. They were essential to managing and helping relief for our seniors in nursing homes, for our veterans who are in State-run veteran facilities, as well as distributing food at food drives, and that is just in the special circumstances. Their daily work is immense. It has been an honor to talk with many of them to discuss what their duties are and how they operate and what they do and where they go.

This Session we have been able to enact a number of bipartisan initiatives that were priorities of both the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Pennsylvania National Guard. One initiative I am thrilled that we were able to get done during this past budget was during the Fiscal Code, we were able to get the National Guard a much-needed pay rate change from the \$100 per day rate to \$180. This will help, especially, the youngest members or most new members to the Guard, many of which have families; that supplemental income will be critical. I met with representatives from Cohen Military Family Clinic earlier today. This clinic is a partnership with the University of Pennsylvania, and they offer confidential and cost-free mental health services for veterans and their families. And I mention this because they said that 30 percent of their clients are members of the National Guard. There is such an unmet need for mental health services and other services in our country and State for our veterans, our current service members, and our National Guard members. We can and must do more to support all of our veterans and everyone serving our country as a member of the Armed Forces or as a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

The slogan for this year's National Guard and Veterans Day in the Capitol is Together We Serve. Those three words have so much meaning, both to public servants here in this building, as well as to the military and the National Guard. They set the example as a reminder to everyone in the General Assembly that we should and can serve together. It is my hope that when we return next Session, we can prioritize bills and help veterans and their families and continue this important work. Thank you again to the Adjutant General, Major General Schindler, for your leadership and partnership, and thank you again to all of our current and past members of our Armed Forces and our National Guard. We are all forever indebted for your bravery, your sacrifice, and the service you have provided for our country and this Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Adjutant General, Mark Schindler, of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to address the Senate as we celebrate National Guard and Veterans Day here at the Capitol.

Adjutant General SCHINDLER. Good afternoon, President pro tempore Corman, Members of the Senate, distinguished guests, and friends of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Pennsylvania National Guard. It has been over 2 years since we last had the honor to address this distinguished Senate body. In that period of time, much was asked of the Pennsylvania National Guard, and I am proud to say that we successfully accomplished every State and Federal mission. Our DMVA

State employees met every challenge as well: caring for residents, delivering programs, and supporting veterans in need; keeping the facilities operating and supporting our Guard. Together, our agency has stood strong. Together, our people have accomplished the missions and tasks at hand. Together, we served. Our soldiers, airmen, and State employees deserve recognition for their dedication to the Commonwealth and its communities and for always being there when our citizens, our neighbors, friends, and families need them most. Together, we endured. Together, we persevered. Together, we served.

This morning, I had the privilege of recognizing a number of these National Guard and State employees for serving with distinction, some of which I invited to stand with me here today, and also up in the gallery. Among those recognized today is our Airman of the Year. We recognize several Army noncommissioned officers who helped to prepare our units to deploy around the world; nurses from our State veterans homes, who selflessly care for our most vulnerable veterans; operations officers, who are the vital link with State agencies during times of emergencies; the senior team leader at our newly opened Keystone State Challenge Academy, who inspires cadets to achieve more than they ever thought possible; and though not a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard per se, yet certainly part of the Pennsylvania National Guard family, our State partnership liaison from the Lithuanian armed forces. These individuals are just a sampling of the diverse and dedicated talent in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Together, they serve our communities, our Commonwealth, and our nation. They are always ready and always there, and so are you.

You have helped to provide our soldiers, airmen, employees, veterans, and their families with the benefits they have earned, as well as the care that they deserve. Your leadership provides the resources needed for the Pennsylvania National Guard to remain one of the largest and most capable military forces in the nation. Your support also enables us to deliver programs and services to veterans on behalf of a grateful Commonwealth. On behalf of the 18,000 National Guard Members and over 2,700 State employees of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, thank you. Going forward, let us all continue to elevate and support our agencies as we bring life to our slogan, Together We Serve. Thank you.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Will the other members of our military please rise as well, so we can give you our thank you and our warm welcome. Please all rise.

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Bartolotta, Senator Gebhard, and Senator Langerholc have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL R. REGAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, I am glad that you are presiding today because I know that you care deeply about Little League baseball and spent a large portion of your life coaching

your kids. And I know you realize more than anybody what this means to these kids, you know, and as they move forward into young adulthood, how important it is to developing them and making them better people. So, I am happy that you are here today.

Joining us today on the Senate floor is the Upper Allen Mechanicsburg Baseball Association 8U All-Star Team. Upper Allen--which is right around the corner from where I live--has a proud tradition of baseball, and these young men have been granted the privilege of the floor not only because they are State champions, but they are national champions. In the 10 years that I have spent in the legislature, only one other team from my district has made it to the floor of the House of Representatives, and now, the Senate, and that was the Red Land team that went so far and became national champions. This is a huge honor, and these guys are certainly deserving. I know a lot goes into making a championship team, and part of that is good coaches and supportive families who care about the kids, and I know we have a lot of proud family members up in our gallery today. I actually had the pleasure of meeting these boys when they visited the Capitol last month after winning the 2022 Cal Ripken baseball tournament, which made them State champions, and I was impressed. They were so full of energy, but they were very well behaved and so respectful of their surroundings. And although, at the time, I was hopeful I would see them again, I knew it was a tall task. But these guys banded together, worked as a team, and achieved the title of national champions. That is something, fellas, you will carry with you for the rest of your life. They have also carried the banner of Upper Allen Township, Cumberland County, and Pennsylvania to a very, very high place, and, for that, we say thank you.

It is my absolute honor to recognize the lineup of players and coaches of this championship team. When I call your name, guys, please stand up: number 9, center fielder, Cole Arva; number 44, left fielder, Dante Bonini; number 3, right fielder, Andrew Cowan; number 42, second baseman, Logan Fabiano; number 23, second baseman, Jackson Kuntz; number 88, first baseman and pitcher--who, by the way, only gave up one hit during the entire series--Parker Lantz; number 32, left and right fielder, Johnny Oyler; number 24, third baseman, Connor Saccente; number double zero--and a jack of all trades--first baseman, pitcher, and catcher, Alex Varner; number 8, catcher, Holden Shirley; and unable to join us today are number 4, center fielder and left fielder, Tyson Aton; and number 5, pitcher and shortstop, Jax Solomon.

Like you, Mr. President, I had a couple athletes in my family, and I enjoyed coaching them. And today I am honored to introduce the three coaches of this all-star team who also happen to be fathers of three players: head coach Michael Bonini, who is Dante's dad--please stand up, sir, thank you--co-coach Jack Oyler, father to Johnny; co-coach Scott Shirley, who is Holden's dad. Throughout the tournament, several of these young men were recognized individually for their efforts. Jax, Logan, Cole, and Alex were each named player of the game; and Parker Lantz, who I mentioned who only gave up one hit, was named world series outstanding player. He, along with Holden and Jax, all earned golden gloves. Jax, Parker, and Connor were all named to the all-world series team. I will remind you this is an 8U team, and, at such a young age, their dedication and commitment to the sport and to each other is to be admired. Please join me in giving

a warm Senate welcome and congratulations to the 2022 Cal Ripken baseball world series national champions.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Regan please rise so that the Senate can give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN M. DiSANTO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator DiSanto.

Senator DiSANTO. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce an outstanding group of athletes from the Harrisburg area. In August, the Michael Stepp Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities, or RBI, Softball Team of Greater Harrisburg won the 2022 RBI World Series Softball Championship in Vero Beach, Florida, with a 5-4 victory over the previously undefeated and 3-time consecutive champion, Houston Astros. This team, under head coach Taylor Weisman and assistant coaches Morgan Chisholm, Courtney Coppersmith, and Makenzie Lynn, demonstrated superior sportsmanship and remarkable athletic skill.

Joining us on the floor today behind me, in addition to coaches Weisman and Chisholm and Michael Stepp RBI president Aaron Johnson and vice president Mike Summers, are the following players: Rachel Seneca, Katelyn Strawser, Ava Beamesderfer, Emmalee Mowery, Morgan Warner, Samantha Gallick, Molly Whitmyer, and Ryalee Dillard. Several of their parents are seated in the gallery as well.

Mr. President, please help me in providing a warm Senate welcome to the world champion Michael Stepp RBI Softball Team of Greater Harrisburg.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator DiSanto please rise so we can give you our usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR NIKIL SAVAL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Saval.

Senator SAVAL. Mr. President, it is a pleasure to introduce Caroline Jones, a constituent of mine who is an author, advocate, woman in business, and the reigning Miss Pennsylvania Volunteer. Caroline graduated summa cum laude from King's College with a bachelor of science in business administration, double major in management, and a minor in leadership studies. She also has a master of science in personal financial planning and works as a financial advisor. Her main work and advocacy in her role has been in child literacy. Passionate about igniting a love for reading in children, she founded the Read to Succeed Project, a movement to promote childhood literacy and education. She is the author of four published children's books and has given a TEDx Talk about teaching leadership to young children. In her free time, she performs as a classically trained pianist, she runs and practices yoga, she travels abroad, or sometimes writes another children's book, and she may do all of these things at the same time. She resides in Philadelphia in the First Senatorial District with her cat, Peaches. Please join me in congratulating Caroline Jones and in giving her our usual warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guest of Senator Saval please rise so the Senate can give you our usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR VINCENT J. HUGHES PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the husband of an Emmy award-winning actress, the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Hughes.

(Laughter.)

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, give her a round of applause while we are at it, too.

(Applause.)

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I appreciated that text that I received the other day. Thank you very much. Mr. President, Mr. President, Mr. President, young people, we say all the time, are our future, and it is with great pleasure that I present our future to this Senate body right now. It is a great day at the Capitol when we can shine a light on a young person making a difference in this world. I am so excited, Mr. President, to introduce you all to my constituent, Miss Cailey Ryons, and honored to present her with a Citation this afternoon, which we did earlier today. We are so happy to have you here with us today, Cailey. Let me tell you a little bit about Cailey, who is no ordinary 17 year old. She is the first ever Miss Pennsylvania Teen Volunteer titleholder, and she has made our State and the city of Philadelphia proud at the Miss Teen Volunteer America pageant in May, in which she was a semifinalist.

You might be wondering, well, what makes Cailey so special? It is not just the fact that she is a talented dancer who has been lighting up the stage since she was 3 years old. It is not just that she has been accepted into a pre-professional dance program in New York City. This Connections Academy cyber charter school senior, who has earned high honors throughout her academic career, is talented and also a positive role model and exceptional young leader. Her pageant platform, Mr. President, is L.I.S.T.E.N., which stands for love, influence, support, tell, encourage, and notice, and she shares that message across Pennsylvania, sparking important lifesaving conversations about teen suicide prevention and mental illness. According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the third-leading cause of death for people ages 10 to 24 in Pennsylvania, and according to recent news reports, child and teen suicide rates have risen in more than a dozen States during the pandemic. We can fight those statistics, and I am proud to stand beside Miss Ryons, a young lady who is working to save lives and let other young people know that they are not alone.

Mr. President, let us applaud Cailey and wish her well, not only for these efforts, but also as she works toward her dreams of someday owning her own performing arts center and becoming a dancer on Broadway. Congratulations, Cailey; may you continue to be a positive light in this world, and may you reign as Miss Pennsylvania Teen Volunteer 2022. I am going to say that again. May you reign, reign and rule--alright, there you go--as Miss Pennsylvania Teen Volunteer 2022. Be rewarding, be productive, and have an experience to cherish for a lifetime. We are so very proud of you. Mr. President, if we could, in our tradition, give a

warm round of applause in acknowledgement for Miss Pennsylvania Teen Volunteer 2022, Cailey Ryons.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guest of Senator Hughes please rise so the Senate can give you our usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MARIO M. SCAVELLO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, I rise to extend a special thank you to Reverend Scott Carver for starting us off with the Senate Session today by leading us in the opening prayer. Reverend Scott Carver grew up near Pittsburgh, PA, and is a passionate Pittsburgh Steelers fan. He is a devoted husband to his wife, Kelly, and a proud father to three children, Victoria, Lucas, and Aidan. He currently serves as the lead pastor of Pleasant Valley Assembly of God in Brodheadsville, PA. Reverend Carver has also served as a family pastor in Georgia. Reverend Carver is a proud graduate of Kiski Area High School in Vandergrift, PA. In addition, he holds a B.A. in pastoral ministry from the Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, as well as a master's in ministerial leadership from Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida. Reverend Carver will complete his Master of Divinity this spring and will begin his doctoral studies in the fall.

Please join me in giving our guest Chaplain for today, Reverend Scott Carver, and his lovely wife, Pastor Kelly Carver, and their children, Lucas and Aidan, a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Scavello please rise so the Senate can give you our usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Argall and Senator Judy Ward have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

CALENDAR

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

SB 1160 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 1160 (Pr. No. 1812) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 5 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator AUMENT, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1160 (Pr. No. 1812) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, further providing for definitions; and abrogating an inconsistent regulation.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
Upon motion of Senator AUMENT, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

SB 1161 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 1161 (Pr. No. 1813) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 5 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator AUMENT, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1161 (Pr. No. 1813) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, further providing for definitions; and abrogating an inconsistent regulation.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
Upon motion of Senator AUMENT, 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 gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Aument.

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus as well.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator John R. Gordner) in the Chair.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Baker, Senator Browne, and Senator Comitta have returned, and their respective leaves are cancelled.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Saval.

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, no additional leaves.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Saval. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

RECESS

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, followed by an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For purposes of two off-the-floor meetings, first the Committee on Appropriations, followed by the Committee on Banking and Insurance, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator David G. Argall) in the Chair.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Gebhard.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, no further leaves.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Gordner requests a legislative leave for Senator Gebhard. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1 and HB 118 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 129 (Pr. No. 105) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing standards for carbon monoxide alarms in child care facilities; and imposing penalties.

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-50

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

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 137, SB 145, HB 324, SB 358, SB 589, SB 775, SB 956, SB 993 and SB 1135 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL AMENDED

SB 1203 (Pr. No. 1810) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act preventing the Commonwealth from dealing with persons associated with the Government of Russia or the Government of Belarus; and imposing duties on the Treasury Department and the Attorney General.

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

ARGALL AMENDMENT A5215 ADOPTED

Senator GORDNER, on behalf of Senator ARGALL, offered the following amendment No. A5215:

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 17 through 21, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

(b) Challenge.--A person may challenge the person's inclusion on the list under section 3 by presenting proof of removal from the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list maintained by the United States Department of Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control, to the Treasury Department to be stricken from the list.

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

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-1

Muth

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

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Corman and Senator Regan.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Gordner requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Corman and Senator Regan. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1660 and HB 2426 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 140 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND 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.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 167, HB 223 and HB 397 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 749 (Pr. No. 1584) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 749 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 749, Printer's No. 1584, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed on the Calendar.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 895 and SB 965 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 1103 (Pr. No. 1140) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1982 (P.L.1404, No.325), known as the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, further providing for owner's lien, for enforcement of lien, for notice, for advertisement of sale and for location of sale.

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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1130, HB 1186, SB 1249, SB 1281, SB 1286, HB 1500, HB 2265 and HB 2485 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 431 (Pr. No. 451) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for authorized license-issuing agents.

SB 488 (Pr. No. 1826) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in State-related institutions, further providing for reporting, for contents of report and for copies and posting and providing for contracts.

SB 831 (Pr. No. 1760) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 16 (Counties) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, consolidating the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code; and making a related repeal.

SB 1031 (Pr. No. 1377) (Rereported)

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Sentencing, further providing for sentence of total confinement; in licensing of drivers, further providing for driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked and for ignition interlock limited license; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for ignition interlock.

SB 1035 (Pr. No. 1358) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in trusts, further providing for definitions, for trust instrument controls and mandatory rules - UTC 105, for governing law - UTC 107, for situs of trust, for nonjudicial settlement agreements - UTC 111, for charitable purposes; enforcement - UTC 405, for trust for care of animal - UTC 408, for noncharitable trust without ascertainable beneficiary - UTC 409, for reformation to correct mistakes - UTC 415, for modification to achieve settlor's tax objectives - UTC 416, for spendthrift provision - UTC 502, for creditor's claim against settlor - UTC 505(a), for overdue distribution - UTC 506, for revocation or amendment of revocable trust - UTC 602, for trustee's duties and powers of withdrawal - UTC 603, for accepting or declining trusteeship - UTC 701, for trustee's bond - UTC 702, for cotrustees - UTC 703, for vacancy in trusteeship and appointment of successor - UTC 704, for resignation of trustee and filing resignation, for compensation of trustee - UTC 708, for duty to administer trust - UTC 801, for duty of loyalty - UTC 802, for powers to direct - UTC 808, for duty to inform and report, for discretionary powers and for powers of trustees - UTC 815, providing for directed trusts, further providing for remedies for breach of trust--UTC 1001, providing for nonjudicial account settlement and further providing for reliance on trust instrument - UTC 1006, for exculpation of trustee - UTC 1008, for certification of trust - UTC 1013 and for title of purchaser.

SB 1037 (Pr. No. 1545) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in other officers and officials, providing for coroners; and making a related repeal.

SB 1141 (Pr. No. 1486) (Rereported)

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 General Services and its departmental administrative and advisory boards and commissions, further providing for transfer authority over Lieutenant Governor's Mansion.

SB 1160 (Pr. No. 1812) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, further providing for definitions; and abrogating an inconsistent regulation.

SB 1161 (Pr. No. 1813) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, further providing for definitions; and abrogating an inconsistent regulation.

SB 1255 (Pr. No. 1698) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 7, 2008 (P.L.654, No.55), known as the Bituminous Coal Mine Safety Act, in diesel-powered equipment, further providing for schedule of maintenance.

SB 1265 (Pr. No. 1703) (Rereported)

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

HB 987 (Pr. No. 1000) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for suspension of operating privilege.

HB 1571 (Pr. No. 2648) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for special plates for recipients of Air Medal.

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

**BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 431 (Pr. No. 451) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for authorized license-issuing agents.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Erie, Senator Laughlin.

Senator LAUGHLIN. Mr. President, I rise today to ask my colleagues for their support on Senate Bill No. 431. Senate Bill No. 431 amends Title 34, authorizing the sale of antlerless deer licenses through the Pennsylvania Automated Licensing System. Currently, licenses can only be purchased by mail through the county treasurer's office after a date established by the Game Commission. Senate Bill No. 431 will modernize and simplify the sale of these licenses. Antlerless deer licenses will be

available through the county treasurer's office, online, and also point of sale.

Thank you, Mr. President, and I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Mercer, Senator Brooks.

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, I understand that the intent of this legislation is to modernize a process, but unfortunately, there is a large swath of Pennsylvanians who do not have access to internet. While we are continuing in this General Assembly to work on access to broadband, it is unfortunate that we are going to move this bill forward that would, almost, create a process that is a detriment to many of our hunters in Pennsylvania. I hope that as this bill moves forward that there is some confirmation that everyone in Pennsylvania will have the same amount of time to respond to purchase their license. But, at this time, I will be a "no" vote until that equity is in place and there is an agreement in place.

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-45

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

NAY-5

Brooks	Hutchinson	Pittman	Robinson
Dush			

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 488 (Pr. No. 1826) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in State-related institutions, further providing for reporting, for contents of report and for copies and posting and providing for contracts.

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 PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin, Senator Mastriano.

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, thank you for the consideration of Senate Bill No. 488. Transparency and accountability are a must in our Constitutional Republic and especially where we spend taxpayer dollars. The purpose of Senate Bill [No. 488] is to provide much-needed updates and revision to Pennsylvania's Right-to-Know Law. The enactment of this legislation will be the most significant reform to the law since its inception in 2008. Senate Bill No. 488 will bring specific transparency to the records of State-related universities, who have not expressed opposition to this. Specifically, it will increase the amount of university data available as far as the taxpayer dollars and how they are being used. It will not compromise any personal information or anything else excluded by the existing law. It has broad support also from the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association, and it is a good step forward for accountability and transparency for the rest of the State. That will bring us into what most other States do. Only two other States in the nation have exempted universities from this Right-to-Know request.

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-38

Argall	DiSanto	Mastriano	Stefano
Aument	Dush	Mensch	Tartaglione
Baker	Flynn	Muth	Tomlinson
Bartolotta	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Vogel
Boscola	Gordner	Pittman	Ward, Judy
Brewster	Hughes	Regan	Ward, Kim
Brooks	Hutchinson	Robinson	Williams, Lindsey
Browne	Langerholc	Santarsiero	Yaw
Collett	Laughlin	Scavello	Yudichak
Corman	Martin		

NAY-12

Cappelletti	Dillon	Kane	Schwank
Comitta	Fontana	Kearney	Street
Costa	Haywood	Saval	Williams, Anthony H.

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 831 (Pr. No. 1760) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 16 (Counties) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, consolidating the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code; and making a related repeal.

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

Senator DUSH. Mr. President, thank you for the opportunity to speak on my bill today. Senate Bill No. 831 incorporates Act 130 of 1955, known as The County Code, into Title 16 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. This represents the last step in a multi-year effort to update the Code and move it into the Consolidated Statutes, as this body has done in previous Sessions with other municipal codes. This is the result of a lot of work on the part of the Local Government Commission, and I would like to also thank the Legislative Reference Bureau for their diligent work on this project. It has been a significant task to get it coordinated, and I ask for an affirmative vote. 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-50

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

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 1255 (Pr. No. 1698) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 2008 (P.L.654, No.55), known as the Bituminous Coal Mine Safety Act, in diesel-powered equipment, further providing for schedule of maintenance.

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-50

Argall	Dillon	Laughlin	Schwank
Aument	DiSanto	Martin	Stefano

Baker	Dush	Mastriano	Street
Bartolotta	Flynn	Mensch	Tartaglione
Boscola	Fontana	Muth	Tomlinson
Brewster	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Vogel
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Corman	Kearney	Scavello	Yudichak
Costa	Langerholc		

NAY-0

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

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

HB 1823 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, as a Special Order of Business, I move that House Bill No. 1823, Printer's No. 2370, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed on the Calendar.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator DiSANTO, from the Committee on Banking and Insurance, reported the following bills:

SB 1225 (Pr. No. 1932) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in casualty insurance, further providing for coverage for mammographic examinations and diagnostic breast imaging.

SB 1330 (Pr. No. 1905)

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in casualty insurance, providing for coverage for BRCA-related genetic counseling and testing.

HB 2499 (Pr. No. 3448)

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for insurance data security; in reserve liabilities, repealing provisions relating to small company exemption and providing for adoption of exemption standards of NAIC Valuation Manual; and establishing penalties.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator J. WARD. 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 139, SB 244, SB 492, SB 1225, SB 1292, SB 1315, SB 1317, SB 1320, SB 1321, SB 1330, SB 1333, HB 103, HB 121, HB 185, HB 521, HB 875, HB 1059, HB 1341, HB 1377, HB

1393, HB 1738, HB 1813, HB 1929, HB 1958, HB 2057, HB 2086, HB 2277, HB 2361, HB 2372, HB 2499, HB 2524, HB 2527, HB 2586 and HB 2667.

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, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

10:00 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bill No. 1319; and House Bill No. 2079)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:30 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH (to consider House Bill No. 1155)	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain Executive Nominations)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider House Bill No. 1795)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Martin.

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, I rise today to help bring awareness to a cause that this body has become more familiar and, more importantly, more responsive to over the last few years: pediatric cancer. September is nationally recognized as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and to commemorate it, I recently filed Senate Resolution No. 342 to designate it as such here in the Commonwealth. Childhood cancer remains the second leading cause of death in children under 15 years of age, and while 85 percent of kids diagnosed now make it to the 5-year mark, the statistic is misleading. Of course, the statistic does not account for those who lose their battle after 5 years. It does not accurately convey the fact that incidents of cancer are slightly up over the decades, nor does it reflect the hardships and late effects of cancer treatments--which are designed for adults--have on their bodies for the rest of their lives. Kids who undergo cancer treatment have increased risks of heart or lung problems, slowed or delayed development, changes in sexual development and the potential to have children of their own someday. It can also cause learning disabilities, not to mention their heightened risk of secondary forms of cancer down the line. None of this is described when we simply say the 5-year survival rate is up.

Despite all these heartbreaking facts, these little warriors still fight. They do so with the help of six nationally recognized pediatric institutions right here in Pennsylvania. Institutions that feature a whole host of medical professionals who work to diagnose, treat, and help manage their pediatric cancer. Just as importantly,

they do so with the help of their parents who take them to every appointment, wait in the ER for endless hours trying to find out what is ailing their child that particular week, and who march around this Capitol building, knocking on our doors asking for help. And this body has begun to provide that help. Over the course of the last 5 years because of laws passed right here, Pennsylvanians have donated over \$2.7 million to the legislatively established Pediatric Cancer Research Fund through their income tax returns and their license renewals. We have queued up \$20 million to be distributed to research institutions from the Tobacco Settlement Fund. We have passed bills providing better telepresence equipment access to these kids, so they need not be separated from their social support systems.

We have done so much, but our work is not done. Senate Resolution No. 342 recognizes Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, during which we show our support to these brave little kids fighting for their lives. We thank our medical community for their work. We acknowledge the tireless efforts of family members fighting on behalf of these kids. We commemorate those angels who have left us too soon and renew our commitment as a body to not take our foot off the gas when it comes to helping this community, these children. I ask my colleagues of the Pennsylvania Senate to join me in honoring Childhood Cancer Awareness Month here in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise today and ask my colleagues to join me in honoring National Voter Registration Day here in our country, but also take this opportunity to call for more reforms for our election systems and to move us towards democracy for all. Mr. President, it is not our job, as leaders, to make it harder for certain people to vote. It is the job of our voters to be able to select their leaders and their candidates, and it is our responsibility to ensure, ensure that Pennsylvania voters can make their voices heard as securely and as easily as possible and not to add any additional barriers to that, which would allow some voices not to be heard. We have had some great strides, and made some great strides, over the years towards making sure everyone can make their voices heard, no matter how old they are, or no matter where they live, or where they work. We passed Act 77 in a bipartisan way to allow no-excuse mail-in ballots. We made it easier to register to vote online, as I indicated, at vote.pa.gov. Governor Wolf recently issued an executive order empowering six additional agencies to register citizens to vote. But there is still more that we can do and much more work that needs to be done before we make registering easier and provide more opportunities to provide access to the vote. My Senate Democratic colleagues and I have introduced bills that provided for same-day voter registration, automatic voter registration, and preregistration of our young voters. These are proven methods for getting more people involved in the political process and will help enhance our democracy.

Additionally, county election officials all across Pennsylvania—from rural counties to more urban counties—have repeatedly asked us for the opportunity to do pre-canvassing. Because of the overwhelming success of Act 77's mail-in balloting, many Pennsylvanian voters have made their voices heard through that process. But counties, they need the additional time to prepare these

ballots to be able to be counted, and, right now, they are prohibited from doing so in a manner that provides a quick result. Pre-canvassing mail-in ballots is a simple fix, one that is needed and one that has been requested of us multiple times, and it should be a bipartisan—and I believe it is a bipartisan—measure that we should be addressing. It alleviates a huge bottleneck in the elections process and will allow us to be able to deliver faster, more accurate, timely results without adding more burdens to our election officials. As thousands of Pennsylvanians are asked to register to vote today, I ask my colleagues to do their part. Allow for pre-canvassing so that our voters know, without a doubt, that their votes were counted and are counted on Election Day and not weeks later. That is how we restore faith in our elections, in our democracy, and we show people that everyone's vote counts.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Chester, Senator Comitta.

Senator COMITTA. Mr. President, I rise today with my colleague, Senator Kane, in support of Senate Resolution No. 326, recognizing September as Mushroom Month in Pennsylvania. Mushroom farming began in Chester County in the late 1800s when a successful florist had an idea to grow mushrooms beneath his greenhouse benches. The idea worked, and his innovation was promising enough that he built the first mushroom growing houses, and then a spawn plant and a cannery. From there, the mushroom industry in Pennsylvania—pardon the pun—mushroomed, becoming a commercial success that was replicated by others.

Flash forward more than a century. Today, Pennsylvania, and, specifically, southeastern Pennsylvania, is a national and world leader in the production of fresh mushrooms. More than 60 percent of the nation's fresh mushrooms are grown in southern Chester County. Pennsylvania growers produced more than 446 million pounds of mushrooms in the last growing season, accounting for \$459 million in sales. Chester County mushroom growers produced 321 million pounds of mushrooms, valued at \$329 million during that time. Mushroom farming has an enormous economic impact. It employs 10,000 people in the Commonwealth and adds almost \$3 billion to Pennsylvania's economy. Today, many of our mushroom farms remain family-owned and operated, and anyone who has visited a mushroom farm knows that growing mushrooms is hard work, and it is also a skill. Successfully growing mushroom crops can be a very intricate and delicate process that involves any number of factors. And while the mushroom industry continues to experience innovation and modernization, much of its agricultural traditions have been passed down through generations in southeastern Pennsylvania communities.

So, it is important that we continue to support and recognize mushroom farming in the Commonwealth as part of our agricultural heritage, a unique local culture, and a major contributor to our economy. Now, it is my pleasure to welcome Senator Kane to say a few words.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Kane.

Senator KANE. Mr. President, during the late 1800s, as we just heard about the mushroom farms, William Swayne was a successful florist in Kennett Square. At some point, while in business of selling roses and lilies, he had an idea to grow mushrooms

beneath his greenhouse benches. Well, just like his new crop, that idea grew. Today, more than 60 percent of all mushrooms produced in the U.S. are grown in the 9th Senatorial District in Kennett Square and our surrounding areas, stretching to Berks County and parts of northeastern Maryland. All crops, including mushrooms, require the right ingredients and conditions to create a quality product. Without them, mushrooms will not grow.

Also, with mushrooms, they all mature at varying times, so picking by hand is continuous for 2 to 3 weeks, and every mushroom must be harvested by hand. To put that in perspective, Mr. President, a 1-acre mushroom farm can produce enough in a year to fill the length of 4,700 football stadiums. And since our Philadelphia Eagles' stadium will be occupied late into the playoffs this year, I am sure we can use Arlington, Texas, to measure in January, since the Cowboys will not be using theirs, or we could go to Acrisure/Heinz Field because I am sure the Steelers will not be there, either. But that being said, just like it takes very specific ingredients for mushrooms to grow, the same could be said about the special people who harvest them every day. Dedication, commitment, diligence--all these characteristics are shown by the workers in the mushroom industry, and none of this would be possible without them. In fact, there would be no mushroom industry, at all, if not for them.

I want to thank Mr. William Swayne for taking the leap from selling flowers to a crop with a smell, that when you are now driving through, you will raise your eyebrows and remind that you are now in the mushroom capital of the nation. I want to thank the families who continue the tradition of providing the tasty crop that adds a burst of undeniable flavor to dishes and that provides an irreplaceable addition to our Pennsylvania economy. And I want to thank the workers, the farmers, the harvesters who pick every single mushroom by hand, the HVAC workers and the electrical workers who maintain the conditions that are needed to grow, and also our truckers who distribute the Pennsylvania crop across the nation. I hope you all join in supporting the mushroom capital of America by designating September as Mushroom Month, showing support to the industry that helped grow our Commonwealth for centuries.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington, Senator Bartolotta.

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, the United States Constitution establishes the liberties, freedoms, and inalienable rights we as Americans enjoy. Two hundred and thirty-five years ago, right here in Pennsylvania, the foundation of our country was solidified when the framework for the new government was signed in Philadelphia after 4 months of deliberation. Given Pennsylvania's strong connection to the birth of this revolutionary document, Constitution Week is of particular importance. The celebration of the Constitution started with the Daughters of the American Revolution, who petitioned Congress to set aside September 17 to the 23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. As a descendant of several ancestors who fought in the American Revolution, I was proud to sponsor Senate Resolution No. 330 in collaboration with our colleague, Senator Robinson, to commemorate America's most significant historical document. By celebrating the Constitution, we hope to emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending it. Through Constitution Week, we also want to inform people

that the Constitution is the basis for the great heritage of the United States and the foundation of our way of life. Finally, it will also help to encourage the study of historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September of 1787. I ask our colleagues to join us in recognizing Constitution Week in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Berks, Senator Schwank.

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, continuing on the agriculture and farming theme for today's petitions and remonstrances, I would like to speak today about Senate Resolution No. 325, which is Thank a Local Farmer Week in Pennsylvania. With support of the Pennsylvania Association of Sustainable Agriculture, I am sponsoring--as well as many of my colleagues here in the Senate--this resolution, which thanks Pennsylvania farm families for the work that they do every single day to not only provide food--put food on our tables--but also to work as stewards of our environment as well.

Pennsylvania farm families, actually, are the stewards of more than 7.3 million acres of farmland here in the Commonwealth, and agriculture and the work of farmers impact our daily lives and are vitally important to our society, and, as well, such a huge part of our culture. As some of my colleagues spoke today about mushroom farming, which also occurs in Berks County, as you know, Mr. President, in your district as well--thought I would get your attention with that--we know that agriculture is so important to our economy. But for us, for our quality of life, and particularly in support of our small retail farm markets, I especially want to thank them for the work that they do. We are coming into the fall season when we will be seeing autumn squashes, fruits like apples and pears and other assorted produce, dairy products, meat and poultry products, a whole array of colorful fruits and vegetables, and other products are available to us at usually very, very good prices. And farmers do that in support of us, of course, but also in support of their operations. I do not think it is too much to ask, on an annual basis, just to take a moment, when you do stop at that small retail farm market this weekend, or your neighbor who happens to be a crop farmer, dairy farmer, beef farmer, whatever it may be, that you stop and say to them, you know, by the way, thank you for what you do. I appreciate the work that you do that makes my life, and particularly, my quality of life, my ability to lead a healthy, fulfilling life, by having the produce that you provide to us. I truly appreciate it. So, I exhort all of my colleagues as well as all of our Pennsylvanians who enjoy these products to thank their local farmer.

Thank you so much, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Stefano.

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senate Resolution No. 331. On September 12, the EMS Provider Foundation held its 12th annual EMS Memorial Day. There was a service here at the Capitol. During this time, EMS providers from across the Commonwealth join together for a 3-day bike ride to the Capitol, culminating in the service that draws attention to and honors the EMS providers who lost their lives in the line of duty. Tragically, 73 EMS providers have had their names read during this touching service. So, let us be clear, these are not just names, not just lives, but heroes, heroes who died trying to save other's

lives. I thank the Ambulance Association of Pennsylvania for its advocacy for the recent enactment of the Move Over Law, which helped protect the lives of first responders on the highway. As many are aware, the Pennsylvania EMS system has historically faced several challenges, and the pandemic only exacerbated the situation. However, the EMS community has been, if nothing else, resilient. And together with the General Assembly, the Ambulance Association is on the same page, and we are successfully passing and have passed four significant laws since June.

My Senate Bill No. 861, which is now Act 45, had Pennsylvania join the EMS Compact along with 22 other States. The law will help expedite the certification of out-of-State EMS providers as they come into the Commonwealth. House Bill No. 1421, now Act 54, increased the ALS/BLS reimbursement rates, the first increase since 2018. House Bill No. 2097, now Act 72, extends the critical ambulance staffing waiver for 5 more years. House Bill No. 2157, now Act 74, reworked the fireworks law and provided new funding for our EMS providers. As chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs Emergency Preparedness, I understand that more work needs to be done, but I am committed to working continuously with our first responder community to find solutions. Today, along with my co-chair Senator Muth, I rise in support of Senate Resolution No. 331, designating September 12 as EMS Memorial Day in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Montgomery, Senator Muth.

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, thank you, and thank you Senator Stefano. I rise today with Senator Stefano to recognize September 12 as EMS Memorial Day in the Commonwealth. As co-chairs of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs Emergency Preparedness, we introduced Senate Resolution No. 331, which recognizes EMS Memorial Day as a day to remember and honor the EMS personnel who have died in the line of duty protecting Pennsylvania families. EMTs, paramedics, and other healthcare providers and first responders who serve in the emergency medical services play such an important role in our communities and are there to help provide lifesaving care when we need them most at a moment's notice. Their commitment to service, protection, and public health has been even more magnified and more critical over the past 2 years with the COVID-19 pandemic. From answering the call of this global pandemic and its devastating disasters following floods, all of the things that happen when we know that everything is turning to chaos, and we rely on them to show up time after time, call after call.

These brave first responders work tirelessly and selflessly to improve and save lives. According to the 2021 EMS Data Report, the EMS system in Pennsylvania responded to nearly 2.5 million calls for service, and the overwhelming majority of these calls were emergency responses to incident scenes. None of these calls, whether for an emergency, at a home, or at a work site, or on the highway, the experience never leaves that EMS professional. The emergencies that they respond to and the people who they encounter who are in crisis, and the heartache that they feel when they could not do what they always try to do, which is save lives. That is a heavy burden. That is a heavy emotional burden to realize that your job is call after call, and maybe there is not enough in that moment. They see some traumatic, troubling instances when they arrive on scene, and the outcomes are not

always good, despite their hard work and training. These brave EMS providers turn people's fear into hope and alter the outcomes of the worst days of their lives for the better, and we need to do the same thing for them.

The harms caused by PTSD are significant, impacting not only the individual but also their family, friends, and the community. Far too many first responders are lost each year to suicide, specifically EMS with the highest rates. We will never be able to fully repay the invaluable service that these members of our first responders community have provided, but what we can do is prioritize legislation here in Harrisburg that supports these brave individuals. Our EMS personnel are overworked and underpaid, and yet they are always there when we need them, no matter what. No matter the time of day, no matter the weather conditions, and that goes for all of our first responders. We must fight here in Harrisburg to ensure that every EMS agency across the Commonwealth has adequate funding, appropriate reimbursement rates, access to mental healthcare when the struggles and coping of job stress are too much, and all the tools that they need to not just recruit but retain EMTs. I look forward to continuing this work in our committee.

And thank you, again, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise and ask my colleagues in joining me in recognizing September 10 as World Suicide Prevention Day. Mr. President, it is estimated that more than 700,000 people a year take their life around the world, and for every suicide there are likely 20 other people making a suicide attempt and many more have serious thoughts of suicide. Millions of people suffer intense grief or are otherwise profoundly impacted by suicidal behaviors. This year's theme, "Hope Through Action," seems especially appropriate and timely, since by continuing to bang the drum and speak out against the stigmas associated with suicide, suicide attempts, and mental health crisis.

Each year, I have the pleasure of hosting members of the Suicide Prevention Alliance, a nonprofit organization solely dedicated to preventing suicide across the country, here in Harrisburg, and to discuss the importance of education, awareness, and community support for suicide prevention. We shared experiences and how suicide attempts and thoughts of suicide have affected all and shaped our advocacy going forward. During our conversations, I shared that 19 years ago, after my boating accident left me paralyzed, I was scared, I was angry, and I never thought that I would be able to live a full life again. It pains me to say it now, but honestly, I thought taking my life would be the solution to all my problems. Through an incredible support network, I found my faith again and realized my calling, that I am here to be an advocate for people with physical limitations and disabilities. If you feel that you want to take your life or are experiencing a mental health crisis, please call or text 988. The new national dialing code to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, trained crisis counselors who can help people with experiencing suicidal thoughts, substance abuse, and/or a mental health crisis in a similar format to 911 and are available 24/7. Please join me in recognizing September 10 as World Suicide Prevention Day and remind Pennsylvanians that there is help out there.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Thank you. Senator Tartaglione, an additional statement.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing September 15 to October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month. This month-long designation as Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to celebrate the history, culture, and achievements of Hispanic Americans. There are currently about 896,000 Hispanic Americans living in Pennsylvania, contributing to what makes this Commonwealth the great place it is. Businesses, schools, and communities all benefit from a diverse makeup of Pennsylvanians, including those with roots from Mexico, Spain, Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, and other Latin American nations.

This year's theme is "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation," which encourages us to ensure that all voices are represented and welcomed to help build stronger communities and a stronger nation. When different voices are sitting at a metaphorical table, America is better off for it. That is why I am delighted to ask my colleagues for their support in recognizing September 15 to October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Thank you, Senator. Additional statement please.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise today because it marks 5,917 days since this Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage, and Mr. President, I know everyone here knows what I am going to say. It is a moral failure to allow Pennsylvanians to make these poverty wages, or we need to act now to put all Pennsylvanians on a path to prosperity. But, Mr. President, I do not want to sit up here and lecture today. Today, I want to do a little demonstration: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. A minimum-wage earner just earned 1 penny; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, that is another cent. Mr. President, we come in here and talk about the minimum wage, but sometimes I think we lose track of what it really means to earn \$7.25 an hour. That means you make 1 cent every 5 seconds. Every minute, a minimum wage earner earns 12 cents. And if we were all earning the minimum wage, since I began speaking, we would have earned approximately 25 cents. One quarter, that is it. We hear constantly in this building that there is no need to raise our minimum wage. Of course there is. We cannot continue to allow Pennsylvania's workers to earn this poverty-level wage. We must pass Senate Bill No. 12 and put Pennsylvanians on a path to \$15 an hour: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Montgomery, Senator Cappelletti.

Senator CAPPELLETTI. Mr. President, September is recognized as National Suicide Prevention Month. Suicide is the 13th leading cause of death in Pennsylvania and the 3rd leading cause of death for Pennsylvanians between the ages of 10 and 34. Between 1999 and 2016, suicides increased by 34 percent here in Pennsylvania. And while these statistics are jarring, there are steps we can take to increase support for those dealing with suicidal thoughts. In July of 2022, the new National Suicide Prevention Lifeline became available across our nation. This 3-digit number, 988, is more accessible and allows people to call or text the number to get in touch with a trained mental health professional. The lifeline can also provide information resources for people who are concerned about loved ones. Americans already

know to contact 911 when dealing with an emergency medical situation, and over time they will learn to contact 988 when dealing with an emergency mental health situation. And while I am proud of the steps that our nation has taken to prevent suicide, we can and must go further.

In the Commonwealth, approximately 54 percent of all suicides are by firearms. This statistic directly corresponds with the fact that 85 percent of self-injury by firearm is fatal. Waiting periods to purchase firearms are one small step we can take to aid in reducing the suicide rates, especially those by firearms. I have spoken on this issue before, and I shared the heartbreaking story of Hans, a 22 year old who took his own life within 2 hours of purchasing a firearm. Hans' friends and family truly believe that if there were a mandated 72-hour waiting period, Hans would be with us today. In honor of Hans, and with the support of his family and friends, I introduced Senate Bill No. 761, a bill establishing a 72-hour waiting period for all firearms transfers. The bill sat in the Committee on Judiciary without consideration for nearly a year. And while we attempted--those of us who believe in this type of legislation attempted--a discharge resolution to move it, on June 30 it was dropped from the Senate Calendar. We barely considered this bill that could give those in crisis time to think more clearly and access necessary help. The people of this Commonwealth deserve better. They deserve legislators who will pass laws that will help them in their darkest moments. They deserve lawmakers who will follow the facts and create legislation to reflect the realities of the situation. They deserve representatives who ignore the politics when they can create meaningful change. And today, during National Suicide Prevention Month, I am calling on my colleagues to make meaningful change for Pennsylvanians. Let us pass legislation to prevent split-second decisions from ending people's lives by requiring a 72-hour waiting period for the firearms transfer. We can and should be doing more to protect the people of the Commonwealth when they are hurting the most.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Thank you, Senator. You have an additional statement?

Senator CAPPELLETTI. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize September as Hunger Action Month. In Pennsylvania alone, nearly 2 million people struggle with food insecurity, and nearly 500,000 of them are children. Food insecurity can impact anyone, but families with children, communities of color, and rural communities tend to be impacted at higher rates. Additionally, many of the households that do experience food insecurity do not qualify for Federal nutrition programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP benefits, and must depend on their local food banks or other food programs for extra support. The issue of food insecurity, as you know, was only further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, exposing the structural and systemic inequalities and how we have, as a legislative body, failed to address them. While donating and volunteering at your local food pantry is a big help, policy solutions would be our best option in addressing and in combating food insecurity.

We currently have 8 Session days scheduled. We could alleviate the burden many families face as long as we act before the 2021-2022 legislative Session ends. By strengthening food assistance programs such as SNAP or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, which is WIC;

we could improve and better support the Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System, or PASS, and also the Pennsylvania State Food Purchase Program; as well as pass legislation that addresses broader, societal-level improvements in economic stability such as raising the minimum wage, implementing universal school meals, and raising the threshold of many other State programs such as property and tax/rent rebates. These are just a few of the policy solutions that could bring much-needed relief to families who have been and still are struggling to put food on the table.

So, with these last few Session days, let us not be counterproductive. Please join me in recognizing September as Hunger Action Month and let us work together to enact comprehensive policy solutions to help our communities that are battling food insecurity.

Thank you, Mr. President.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

RECALL COMMUNICATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

September 20, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated June 30, 2022, of Moriah Hathaway, 112 Juniata Hall, Middletown 17109, Dauphin County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, to serve until April 1, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John Coleman, Port Matilda, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

September 20, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 13, 2022, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, to serve until April 1, 2026, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice David Sweet, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

September 20, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 13, 2022, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, to serve until April 1, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Andrew Place, Waynesburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

September 20, 2022

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, John F. Coleman, Jr., 100 Sky Harbor Drive, Port Matilda 16870, Centre County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, to serve until April 1, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

September 20, 2022

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Stephen DeFrank, 2325 Forest Lane, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, to serve until April 1, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Andrew Place, Waynesburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

September 20, 2022

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Katie Zerfuss, 2402 Deerview Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, to serve until April 1, 2026, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice David Sweet, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

September 20, 2022

Senators DILLON, FONTANA, KANE, MUTH, COSTA, FLYNN and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 1342**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for exemptions and special provisions relating to taxation.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, September 20, 2022.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following Senate Resolution numbered, entitled, and referred as follows, which was read by the Clerk:

September 20, 2022

Senators BROWNE, HUGHES, MARTIN, MENSCH, SCHWANK, BARTOLOTTA, LAUGHLIN, COSTA, HAYWOOD, CAPPELLETTI, SANTARSIERO, COMMITTA, DILLON, KANE, COLLETT, TARTAGLIONE, MASTRIANO, ROBINSON, FLYNN, BREWSTER and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SR 344**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of September 26 through 30, 2022, as "Safe2Say Something Week" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, September 20, 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:

September 20, 2022

HB 143 and **2484** -- Committee on State Government.
HB 2806 -- Committee on Health and Human Services.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Venango, Senator Hutchinson.

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, September 21, 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 5:35 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.