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SENATE

TUESDAY, October 18, 2022

The Senate met at 12 m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend ANTOINETTE "TONI" ALLEN, of Christ Centered Community Church, Johnstown, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Father, right now, we just want to thank You and praise You, God, and bless You for this glorious day. For this is the day that You have made, and You said in Your Word to let us rejoice and be glad in it. Father God, with bowed heads and humble heart, God, we ask, Father God, that Your spirit, Father God, would rain upon each man and woman, God, who are here to serve, Father God, who are here to build up, to lift up, Father God. So, I pray, Father, that You would just endow them with Your glory right now. From the crowns of their heads to the soles of their feet that You would minister to them and through them, God. Bless their hands, bless their vision, bless their purpose, and bless their plans. God, bless them as a unity, as a body of one, Father God, to reach out to every community, to every soul, God, to lift up, to build fences, Father God, to protect, serve, Father God, and glorify You. We give You all praise, honor, and glory, and we bless You, and we bless the people of God. In Your matchless, mighty name of Jesus Christ, I do pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair thanks Reverend Allen, who is the guest today of Senator Langerholc.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

CORRECTIONS TO 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 CONSTABLES' EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

October 18, 2022

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

Please note that the letter dated October 14, 2022, for the nomination of Harry Albert, Jr., 190 West Texter Mission Road, Robesonia 19951, Lebanon County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Constables' Education and Training Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Bruno, Hummelstown, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Harry Albert, Jr., 190 West Texter Mission Road, Robesonia 19551, Lebanon County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Constables' Education and Training Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Bruno, Hummelstown, whose term expired.

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

October 18, 2022

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

Please note that the letter dated October 12, 2022, for the nomination of Shawn Casey, 168 South Highland Drive, Pittston 18640, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, should be corrected to read:

Shawn Casey, 168 South Highland Drive, Jenkins Township 18640, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

October 18, 2022

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

Please note that the letter dated October 12, 2022, for the nomination of Joseph McGettigan, 237 Long Lane, Second Floor, Upper Darby 19082, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, should be corrected to read:

Joseph McGettigan, 1019 Edgewood Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five

years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL
WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

October 18, 2022

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

Please note that the letter dated October 13, 2022, for the nomination of Linda Martin, 6834 Linden Lane, Pittsburgh 15208, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, should be corrected to read:

Linda Martin, 6834 Linden Avenue, Pittsburgh 15208, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator AUMENT, from the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported the following bills:

HB 69 (Pr. No. 45)

An Act amending the act of March 28, 1984 (P.L.150, No.28), known as the Automobile Lemon Law, further providing for definitions, for repair obligations, for manufacturer's duty for refund or replacement and for presumption of a reasonable number of attempts.

HB 609 (Pr. No. 3566) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of May 23, 1945 (P.L.913, No.367), known as the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law, further providing for definitions, for general powers of board, for procedure for licensing as professional engineer, for procedure for licensing as professional geologist, for continuing professional competency requirements, for exemption from licensure and registration, for fees and for penalties.

HB 2800 (Pr. No. 3436)

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 prosthetists, orthotists, pedorthists and orthotic fitters.

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

SB 1331 (Pr. No. 1892)

An Act amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in unconventional gas well fee, further providing for Statewide initiatives.

HB 2367 (Pr. No. 3345)

An Act providing for duty of Department of Environmental Protection to prohibit the construction or installation of wind turbines that negatively affect military installations.

HB 2404 (Pr. No. 3204)

An Act amending the act of November 26, 1978 (P.L.1375, No.325), known as the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, providing for issuance of and conditions for continuous maintenance permits.

HB 2405 (Pr. No. 3565) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of November 26, 1978 (P.L.1375, No.325), known as the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, providing for county conservation district stream reconstruction emergency permit authorizations.

HB 2406 (Pr. No. 2960)

An Act amending the act of November 26, 1978 (P.L.1375, No.325), known as the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, further providing for definitions; and providing for small stream maintenance projects permit.

HB 2407 (Pr. No. 3205)

An Act amending the act of November 26, 1978 (P.L.1375, No.325), known as the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, further providing for permit issuance and conditions and for enforcement orders.

HB 2458 (Pr. No. 2981)

An Act establishing the Philadelphia LNG Export Task Force; and providing for duties of task force.

HB 2528 (Pr. No. 3254)

An Act amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in development, providing for well plugging contracts.

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

HB 34 (Pr. No. 3559) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, providing for ballot securement.

HB 121 (Pr. No. 3560) (Amended) (Rereported)

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; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Pennhurst Holdings DE, LLC, certain lands and improvements situate in East Vincent Township, Chester County; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the Bear Creek Township Volunteer Hose Company certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in Bear Creek Township, Luzerne County; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to City Center Investment Corp., certain lands situate in the City of Allentown and the City of Bethlehem, Lehigh County; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the Centre County Industrial Development Corporation certain lands and improvements situate in Benner Township, Centre County; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Berks County Intermediate Unit certain lands and

improvements situate in Windsor Township, Berks County, being a portion of the former Hamburg Center; and making a related repeal.

HB 2484 (Pr. No. 2932)

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in ethics standards and financial disclosure, further providing for statement of financial interests required to be filed.

HB 2633 (Pr. No. 3561) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 5 (Athletics and Sports) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, extensively revising the Uniform Athlete Agents Act; making repeals; and making an editorial change.

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

HB 722 (Pr. No. 709)

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

HB 2398 (Pr. No. 3563) (Amended)

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in certificate of title and security interests, further providing for content and effect of certificate of title; in rules of the road in general, repealing provisions relating to platooning; in miscellaneous provisions, providing for theft of catalytic converter; in miscellaneous provisions relating to accidents and accident reports, further providing for accidents involving death or personal injury, for accidents involving damage to attended vehicle or property, for duty to give information and render aid, for accidents involving damage to unattended vehicle or property and for immediate notice of accident to police department; in equipment standards, further providing for promulgation of vehicle equipment standards; in inspection of vehicles, further providing for requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles; in size, weight and load, further providing for width of vehicles; in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for specific powers of department and local authorities; and, in highly automated vehicles, further providing for definitions, for highly automated vehicles and for Highly Automated Vehicle Advisory Committee, providing for certificate of compliance required, for powers of department, for self-certification application, for self-certification review, for operation requirements, for commercial operation, for preemption, for enforcement and penalties, for regulations and guidelines, for confidential records, for appeals and for interstate agreements; and adding provisions relating to other automated vehicles.

HB 2632 (Pr. No. 3461)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for vendor-designed registration plates.

HB 2637 (Pr. No. 3564) (Amended)

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 41606, carrying State Route 3011, also known as Branch Road, over Spring Creek in College Township, Centre County, as the Private John W. Coble Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8536, carrying Pennsylvania Route 869, also known as Locust Street, over Topper Run, located in Adams Township, Cambria County, as the Corporal William T. Costlow, Sr., Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 11656, carrying State Route 1009, also known as Powell Street, over Emigh Run in Morris Township, Clearfield County, as the PFC Robert Lee Quick Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified

as Bridge Key 68567, on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 772 over Donegal Creek, East Donegal Township, Lancaster County, as the Kenneth C. Depoe, DFCA, Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 46002, on U.S. Route 119 in Punxsutawney Borough, Jefferson County, over the Mahoning Creek as the A1C Robert P. Pape Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 36017, on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 56 over the Kiskiminetas River, Vandergrift Borough, Westmoreland County, and Parks Township, Armstrong County, as the Rudy Minarcin Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8463, carrying U.S. Route 219 over State Route 3043, also known as Jackson Street, in Summerhill Borough, Cambria County, as the Staff Sergeant Paul Regis Wilburn Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 12099, carrying Pennsylvania Route 120, also known as Renovo Road, over Young Women's Creek in Chapman Township, Clinton County, as the John F. Curcio Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 11447, carrying Pennsylvania Route 255 over Narrows Creek in Sandy Township, Clearfield County, as the Sgt. Dennis Michael Resinger Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 47626, carrying Pennsylvania Route 255 over Sandy Lick Creek, Sandy Township, Clearfield County, as the Sergeant Norman Lee Tinker Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 255 near the western intersection of Hemlock Avenue, Segment 0030/Offset 1077, to near the intersection of Gardner Hill Road, Segment 0040/Offset 2935, in Jay Township, Elk County, as the Dr. Betty Hayes Memorial Highway; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 54168, carrying U.S. Route 30 over Little Conewago Creek, between N. Grant Road and Stone Lane in Thomasville, Jackson Township, York County, as the Second Lieutenant John H. Sterner Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 15552, on that portion of U.S. Route 219 over Elk Creek, Ridgway Borough, Elk County, as the Elk County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 611 from the intersection of Upper Barness Road and K Street (Segment 0040/Offset 2133) to the intersection of Oakfield Road (Segment 0030/Offset 1879) in Warrington Township, Bucks County, as the Officer Stephen C. Plum, Jr., Memorial Highway; designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 611 from the intersection of Upper Barness Road and K Street (Segment 0040/Offset 2133) to the intersection of Park Road (Segment 0050/Offset 908) in Warrington Township, Bucks County, as the William Bell, Sr., Memorial Highway; designating the interchange of U.S. Route 322 with State Route 2005 on the border of Hummelstown Borough and Derry Township, Dauphin County, as the Officer Michael L. Henry, Jr., Memorial Interchange; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 37108, carrying Pennsylvania Route 29 over the Susquehanna River in Tunkhannock Borough and Eaton Township, Wyoming County, as the Wyoming County Veteran and First Responder Bridge of Valor; designating the portion of State Route 4031, also known as Main Street, between Fifth Avenue and State Route 4048, also known as Seventh Avenue, in Trappe Borough, Montgomery County, as the Trooper Branden T. Sisca Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 2025, also known as Morton Avenue, between Pennsylvania Route 420, also known as Woodland Avenue, in Morton Borough and Linden Avenue in Rutledge Borough, Delaware County, as the Captain Daniel Clement Memorial Highway; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 27664, on that portion of State Route 2040 over the Pennypack Creek, Hatboro Borough, Montgomery County, as the SPC John Kulick Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8344, carrying U.S. Route 22 over Pennsylvania Route 160, also known as New Germany Road, in Cambria Township, Cambria County, as the Charles J. Vizzini Memorial Bridge; designating the portion of State Route 1009, also known as Bridge Street, between State Route 1007, also known as Tacony Street, and State Route 2001, also known as Richmond Street, in the City of Philadelphia as the Joseph A. Ferko Memorial Boulevard; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8619, carrying State Route 3006 over Stonycreek River on the border of Stonycreek Township and Upper Yoder Township, Cambria County, as the Sgt. John T. Boxler Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of State Route 3001 from the intersection with State Route 3012, also known as Walton Road, on the border of Whitpain Township and Plymouth Township, to the intersection with Pennsylvania Route 363, in Worcester Township, Montgomery County, as the Dr. Jean Griswold Memorial Highway; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 19129, carrying Pennsylvania Route 403 over Yellow Creek in Pine Township, Indiana County, as the PVT George Holuta

Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 44052, carrying State Route 3035 over Yellow Creek in Homer City Borough, Indiana County, as the Sgt. Walter F. Novak Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8706, on that portion of State Route 4021 over a tributary of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River, Susquehanna Township, Cambria County, as the Petty Officer Iral William Stoltz Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 11523, on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 729 over Muddy Run, on the border of Beccaria Township and Gulich Township, Clearfield County, as the Technical Sergeant Arthur K. Stiles Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 41697, on that portion of State Route 3019 over Clearfield Creek, on the border of Coalport Borough and Beccaria Township, Clearfield County, as the Technical Sergeant Richard L. Beers Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 67464, carrying State Route 4019 over the Norfolk Southern Railway in North Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland County, as the WWII Veteran Warren "Bizz" Watson Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 41673, carrying State Route 3102, also known as Oakridge Drive, over U.S. 219 in Richland Township, Cambria County, as the Cambria County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge; and making a related repeal.

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

HB 1178 (Pr. No. 3562) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, further providing for State Fire Commissioner and for curriculum and training and providing for capital grants for municipal fire departments, for capital grants for emergency service training centers, for money for online training for firefighters and for money for reimbursement to Pennsylvania bomb squads; in volunteer firefighters, further providing for fire relief formula study; in grants to fire companies and emergency medical services companies, further providing for award of grants for volunteer fire companies and for award of grants for emergency medical services companies; in incentives for municipal volunteers of fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical services agencies, further providing for rejection and appeal; in emergency management services, providing for tuition and loan assistance for active volunteers and establishing the Active Volunteer Tuition and Loan Assistance Program and the Active Volunteer Tuition and Loan Assistance Program Fund; in emergency medical services system, providing for scholarships for recruitment, training and retention; and establishing the EMS training fund.

HB 2373 (Pr. No. 2895)

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.

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

SB 359 (Pr. No. 405)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in medical assistance, providing for pregnancy-related and postpartum medical assistance.

SB 917 (Pr. No. 1172)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for pharmacy benefits manager audit and obligations.

SB 1136 (Pr. No. 1482)

An Act amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in records, further providing for disclosure to governmental agencies.

SB 1195 (Pr. No. 1595)

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

SB 1358 (Pr. No. 1976)

An Act prohibiting the enforcement of a noncompete covenant entered into by a health care practitioner.

HB 293 (Pr. No. 1829)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for compensable services and items; and abrogating a related regulation.

HB 1443 (Pr. No. 1900)

An Act amending the act of September 26, 1951 (P.L.1539, No.389), known as The Clinical Laboratory Act, providing for advertisements for laboratory tests.

HB 1630 (Pr. No. 1806)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for pharmacy benefits manager audit and obligations.

HB 2293 (Pr. No. 3344)

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, providing for temporary health care services agencies.

HB 2357 (Pr. No. 3233)

An Act prohibiting the sale or distribution of kratom products to individuals younger than 18 years of age; providing for duties of Department of Health; and imposing penalties.

HB 2530 (Pr. No. 3006)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in general powers and duties of the Department of Public Welfare, providing for discontinuance of prudent payment.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator MENSCH, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reported the following resolution:

SR 352 (Pr. No. 1964)

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to study and issue a report on the specific data, calculations and mechanisms that the Department of Human Services utilizes to determine the amount of Medical Assistance capitation funding that is ultimately paid

to drug and alcohol addiction treatment providers within this Commonwealth.

The resolution will be placed on the Calendar.

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 Martin and Senator Mastriano.

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

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Gordner requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Martin and Senator Mastriano.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Anthony Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator GORDNER asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator BROOKS, Senator PITTMAN, and Senator TOMLINSON, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

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

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journals of the Sessions of June 13, 2022; June 14, 2022; and June 15, 2022, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of June 13, 2022; June 14, 2022; and June 15, 2022.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that further reading of the Journals be dispensed with and that the Journals be approved.

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

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

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Argall	Dillon	Laughlin	Schwank
Aument	DiSanto	Martin	Stefano
Baker	Dush	Mastriano	Street
Bartolotta	Flynn	Mensch	Tartaglione
Boscola	Fontana	Muth	Vogel
Brewster	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Browne	Gordner	Regan	Ward, Kim
Cappelletti	Haywood	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.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journals are approved.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Martin has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

CALENDAR

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

SB 1317 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 1317 (Pr. No. 1927) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 7 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator K. WARD, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1317 (Pr. No. 1927) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

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

SB 1321 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 1321 (Pr. No. 1889) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 7 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator K. WARD, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1321 (Pr. No. 1889) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR WAYNE LANGERHOLC PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce and thank our guest Chaplain, Reverend Antoinette Allen, from Christ Centered Community Church in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Reverend Allen serves as the associate pastor at Christ Centered Community Church, and this church is extremely active in the Johnstown community. They provide pop-up services within the city; they organize a community Christmas giveaway providing important winter items for many city residents; and they host a community Christmas Day dinner. They are truly an asset to the 35th Senatorial District, providing spiritual food and comfort to many.

Reverend Allen is joined here today by Reverend Sylvia King, who is no stranger to this Chamber, as she has given the blessing two times before, before this Chamber. Again, Mr. President, I wish to introduce our guest Chaplain, Reverend Antoinette Allen, and ask for our customary warm Senate welcome.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, in the gallery today is a group of 15 to 20 people from Berks, Schuylkill, Carbon, and Luzerne Counties who feel very deeply about their rights and responsibilities as citizens of Pennsylvania. I am not going to attempt to introduce each one of them or we will be here for quite a while. But I just want to thank them for visiting Harrisburg today and ask that the Senate greet them appropriately.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT B. MENSCH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, it is my pleasure today to introduce Ambassador Byung Hwa Chung, who is the consulate general of the Republic of Korea in New York. He is joined by several esteemed guests to the Senate today. Ambassador Chung joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Korea in 1987, and since then, has been serving as a foreign service officer, mostly working on economic and trade issues.

Since October 2013, Mr. Chung has been serving as the director general for multilateral economic affairs at the Foreign Ministry dealing with various multilateral economic issues such as the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, the World Trade Organization, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the World Economic Forum, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific. Also, he is working on G20 and the Arctic issues as well as numerous bilateral economic agreements such as investment treaties, social security agreements, and science technology cooperation agreements. He was also head of delegation on many occasions in various international conferences such as the aforementioned organizations: APEC, OECD, and United Nations. Mr. Chung was also assigned to the Korean Embassy in Washington, D.C., as the first secretary in charge of economic and trade issues.

Joining Ambassador Chung is Grand Master Yang. Grand Master Yang is a devoted community volunteer and a dedicated spokesman for the Korean Americans. He has promoted and encouraged an increase in mutual understanding and goodwill through cultural, economic, and educational exchanges between both Koreans and Americans. He teaches Taekwondo and helps Korean Americans resolve any issues they might have with finding employment, obtaining health insurance, and more. Also joining Ambassador Chung is Dae Sup Chung, principal officer consulate of the Republic of Korea in Philadelphia; Sung Woong Kim, the president of the Korean American [Vietnam] Veterans Association of Pennsylvania; and Osang Park, the president of NYB New York, Inc. Mr. President, please join me in welcoming our distinguished guests.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the Ambassador please rise and please come to the desk and address the Senate.

Ambassador CHUNG. Good afternoon, everyone. Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman, President pro tempore Jake Corman, the honorable Members of the Pennsylvania State Senate, distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen, it is my great pleasure and honor to be here today. This is my first trip to Harrisburg and the State Capitol. I am impressed by the majesty and the architectural beauty of this historic landmark and this Chamber. I want to thank the Pennsylvania Senate for graciously inviting me. I am also delighted to join the Korean community leaders who are here today. We offer our heartfelt thanks to you, the honorable Senators, including Senator Bob Mensch and Senator Maria Collett. We appreciate your unwavering dedication to all Pennsylvanians, including over 75,000 Korean American Pennsylvanians. In particular, my special thanks go to Senator Mensch, who will retire this year. I thank you for your leadership, compassion, and decades-long service. You are a valued friend to Korea, a fearless advocate for Korean Americans, and a caring supporter of Korean War veterans.

As you know, Pennsylvania has been closely linked at critical junctures of modern Korean history. The State holds a special place in the hearts of the Korean people. In particular, over 200,000 Pennsylvanians served in the Korean War, among whom 2,401 soldiers made their ultimate sacrifice. They defended the freedom and the democracy on the Korean peninsula. The Korean people will never forget their courage and sacrifice, and we will forever be grateful. In that sense, the Korean War Memorial and the American [War] Alliance Peace Park opened near

Philadelphia in July 2020 to honor Korean War veterans. What made it more meaningful was that the project was a joint endeavor, it was funded and supported by the Republic of Korea, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Korean American community, veterans, and their families.

In terms of economy, Korea is a dynamic economy that ranks among the world's top ten. For Pennsylvania, Korea has been a close economic partner and the State's 10th largest export destination. Our bilateral trade volume has steadily increased in the past 12 years, growing sixfold from \$1.1 billion in 2009 to \$6.6 billion by 2021. These numbers just show how mutually beneficial and successful Korea-U.S.A. has been, as we celebrate its 10th year milestone this year. I would also like to note that the Korean consular office opened in Philadelphia last year. As Korea's 15th diplomatic mission in the U.S., this newest addition reflects Pennsylvania's importance to Korea and the Korean community. The consular's office not only served the needs of the communities in the region, but, more broadly, the new office contributes to strengthening the economic and cultural ties between our two countries.

Honorable Senators, this year marks the 140th anniversary of the diplomatic ties between Korea and the United States. Next year, we will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Korea-U.S. alliance. Our alliance is deeply rooted in our shared values of promoting democracy, rules-based international order, and human rights. As a testament to this alliance, Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and U.S. President Biden met three times this year. They met in Seoul, at the NATO summit in Madrid, and in New York during the U.N. General Assembly meeting last month. The two leaders reaffirmed their commitment to upgrading the Korea-U.S. alliance. What started as a military alliance has now evolved into deep cooperation on strategic issues of economic security and the global implications, as well as military collaboration. Based on this, the two countries are committed to making meaningful progress towards a denuclearized and a prosperous Korean peninsula. Moreover, Korea aims to be a global, pivotal State, to play a heightened role in advancing freedom, peace, and prosperity in the region and beyond.

That being said, I am deeply committed to building on the firm foundation of our friendship, supported by our vibrant economic partnership. At the same time, I hope we can work together to safeguard the well-being of the Korean community, especially against anti-Asian hate crimes. I believe one of the best ways to do that is through education. To that end, I hope Pennsylvania's young students can learn more about the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans to the United States. With that said, I thank you for allowing me this valuable and rare opportunity. It is said that hard times make for stronger bonds and greater happiness. In these times of great challenges, I am grateful for this chance to be here and work together. I am sure we will come out as stronger and better friends. Thank you.

(Applause.)

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair thanks Ambassador Chung for his remarks.

LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Pittman and Senator Laughlin have returned, and their personal leaves are cancelled.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to Senate Rule 21(b), the Chair is giving the Senators notice that photographers from the Republican Caucus have been granted permission to take still photographs on the floor of the Senate today during a special order of business farewell to Members.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS FAREWELL TO MEMBERS

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, during my tenure here in the Senate of Pennsylvania, we have had differing ways to honor our Members as they head towards their retirement. As I drove to Harrisburg today, and the leaves are turning, and we have the beautiful fall colors out there and the cool, brisk air, we know that the calendar is heading towards November, which means November 30 will be the final day of this constitutional Session. In this particular Session, there will be six Members who did not seek reelection, who will be retiring. So, I reached out to my colleague from Allegheny County, the Leader of the Democratic Caucus, to say we should sort of return to a past practice of honoring those Members on the floor of the Senate in a way to allow them to address the Senate for a final time and allow their families and friends to come and be part of it, because Republican or Democrat--and although all six of these are Republicans this time--you know, putting your name out there and serving in this esteemed body is something very, very special. We do not always agree, but we are a family, and like any other family, you are allowed to disagree in here, but outside we stick together. So, it is important for the Senate, I think, to allow these Members the chance to have their day here and to be recognized, and so, over the next few days--today and tomorrow and next week--we will honor those six Members who have decided to call it a career.

So, today, our first Member who has decided to retire who we are going to honor is Senator Bob Mensch from Montgomery County. Now, I just broke a rule of the Senate--and I do not normally do that--by using a Member by name, and I will probably continue to do that through this process. But I think it is important to personalize our feelings for our friends. Senator Mensch served 13 years here in the Senate after serving 2 years in the House, and the thing that I remember very keenly about when he started in the Senate was, he came during a special election. Senator Rob Wonderling had retired in the middle of his term, and during that time, we were in the midst of a significant budget battle. It was the recession. We just had the Great Recession, and it was very difficult to figure out how to make ends meet when we had billions of dollars in lost revenue to the State, and you know, we, of course, were fighting to not raise taxes. Governor Rendell, at the time, thought it was necessary to raise taxes, and so, we were having this battle. When Senator Mensch won his Senate seat and he came to the Senate, he said: let me just tell you

something. For someone who has been out knocking on doors for the last 6 weeks or so, listening to the people of Pennsylvania, I can tell you with rest assured that they do not want a tax increase. And, you know, that sort of was a reaffirming position for us, and we ultimately passed the budget--to the Governor's credit who signed it--that spent less money than the previous year, which I think was historical for a General Assembly. For the first time in modern history when it was met with a recession, we did not raise taxes. That was no surprising position for Bob, because Bob came from, you know, 30-plus years of private business background where you had to figure out ways to make ends meet, and you just could not pass on higher costs to the customer because, ultimately, the customer would not pick the product.

In 2014, the previous [President] pro tempore, Senator Scarnati, and myself asked Bob to be part of our Leadership team. We thought his perspective and his voice from southeastern Pennsylvania was an important part to have on our team, and he agreed, and he was elected the Caucus chair. From that perspective--those last 8 years--we went from a business relationship to a personal relationship where we became great friends, and he has done a tremendous job in that role. And, he has never let us down--not one time--but that is Senator Bob Mensch. What he is probably most known for legislatively, and I will close on this because it is ironic today, is his advocacy for breast cancer awareness. You know, Bob is a cancer survivor himself, but constantly, whether it was just memorializing, an awareness of it, or passing legislation to get access to testing, Bob was probably our strongest advocate on this issue, and it probably is ironic or appropriate that today our fountain flows pink out front of the Capitol, as we are recognizing breast cancer awareness. So, I do not know if they did it for you, Bob, but they should have for all the years of your great advocacy.

So, Mr. President, I would now ask Senator Mensch to come to the microphone so that the Senate can hear from him one more time, and then others can address him as well. You have been a great friend, and we thank you for your service.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Mensch.

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, thank you. Senator Corman, you gave me so many opportunities for some verbal jabs--I told him I want to go. But in all seriousness, it is an honor to be able to address my colleagues, friends, and people who we have worked together. Hopefully, for the last 16 years we have had a positive impact on the State. That is why I wanted to go to Harrisburg: to be able to leave a mark of having some accomplishments. I am a business guy, so every day you show up in business, you have got to do something, and I brought that mentality and that attitude to this job. Thank you for recognizing that, Senator Corman. I am surprised you remember 14 years ago, but you know, as old as you are getting. So, I do appreciate--I had forgotten that budget battle, but you are absolutely right, the citizens then--I think as they do now--did not want a tax increase.

But I have been here 16 years, and I am a simple guy; I like to put things in simple perspective. So, I was thinking about 16 years of being here. Well, the first 16 years of my life I waited to get my driver's license, and that seemed like it took forever. And these 16 years, wham, they went right by; I could have gotten two driver's licenses in the meantime. But in all seriousness, this job

keeps you busy, and you just keep moving and moving. And now I am looking back, and I am saying: after 51 years--35 in business and 16 here--of getting up every day and putting on a coat and tie, it is time, maybe, to relax a little bit; and I intend to see some things in the world that I have not seen before. I want to talk about people, family, friends. You know, when I walked in the door here--first served in the House for my first 2 years, and I did not know anybody, or I knew practically no one. And I left the House, and 2 years later, with 202 other friends. I came to the Senate, again, knowing relatively few people, and I feel that I can count you all as my friends. That is one of the values of this job. And not only stopping here, in the Governor's Office and the departments throughout this entire government, there are a lot of extraordinarily great people. And that has been one of the positive impacts in my life--a learning experience for me as I leave--of how, just the quality of the people that we have on this Earth, the people that we have in Pennsylvania, the people that we have in this government. One of the things, you know, I traveled a lot during my career in business, and sometimes I forgot my family a little bit--as we all do when we get busy--and I came here and, you know, the same thing happened. I had a wonderful family to support me, and that is really important. When you talk about breast cancer, it is one of the driving forces for me for the breast cancer legislation that we have been able to do, but I will get to that in a bit. But you need family, and I say to the family members who are listening, who have loved ones in this Chamber: be supportive. You know, we do not want to forget, but sometimes we get busy. I always told Senator Corman he was an idol to me in regard that he always went home for his kids' baseball games; he always got home. He lives the same distance from the Capitol as I do, and I thought that was a remarkable thing. That kind of family commitment is extraordinary and necessary.

Let me get to talking about people, get to my team. Throughout my business career, I have always tried to assemble the best people that I could find. I look for people that could do my job, and they would have told you they probably could do my job. But having good people working for you really makes you successful. So, when I came here, I had the same approach. I want the best people that I can find in this building who want to work for me and can work for me and will put together a very good work product. It started with the chief of staff, who I will get to in a bit. But with her we have built a significant team, and I want to recognize the members of that team today. David Kozak, who has been not only a great legislative director, he is a good friend, and he likes the same soccer teams I do in England, so I appreciate that of him. Marie Tribioli, who has been a--an interesting time and conversations we have had, we have not always agreed, but we have had some really good conversations--she has helped me with my path through the job. Jenny Snyder, what a wonderful breath of fresh air, doing all of the things that she needs to do in this building to keep us flowing. Shaina Ward, back in the district, a lady I met while we were playing a jazz job one night. She was singing, and we happened to need an employee. And I went back and told Lisa, I said: you have got to meet this girl Shaina, she is really top notch. And as it happened, she is working with us--and not singing with us anymore--but she is still working with us, and I appreciate that so much. Rhonda Tettermer, who came to us from another legislative office through a consolidation, who is just another incredible individual--cannot do the job without her--and

she is incredibly sophisticated--does a remarkable job. The newest member of the team, Lidia Di Fiore, is another great addition to the team, and she has got relatives in the restaurant business, and that always helps. But she has been a remarkable addition to the team. And last is a lady who I call Jiminy Cricket. You all remember Jiminy Cricket sitting on your shoulder and being your conscience: that is Lisa Walter. She is my Jiminy Cricket. I like to have people around me who are not always "yes" people. Lisa, if you know her, is not always a "yes" person, and she helps me with that guidance as we have worked through, whether it is legislative issues, social issues relative to the district, or what have you, she has been a remarkable help in my conscience, and I truly appreciate it. She has been there through thick and thin, and she is just a remarkable leader. And that is the team that I have got supporting me, and I think it is a really great team.

I want to thank two predecessors to me in this job. First of all, Ray Bunt, who preceded me--or I followed into the House of Representatives. Ray was a 24-year veteran whose counsel and guidance through my first political campaign was something I could not have done without. You know, although you are in business--and I was in sales and marketing most of my life--you are not ready for a political campaign. It is a beast by itself, and it takes unusual skill sets; and Ray helped me identify that. Rob Wonderling, who preceded me here in the Senate and has remained a good friend--as has Ray--7 years, and Rob was a guiding light for me as I attempted to campaign and move into the Senate. I could not have done my campaigning without both those gentlemen. And then there is another organization in Montgomery County that I want to mention, which is the Montgomery County--and I do not mean to be political--but it is the Republican Committee, and it is headed today by Liz Havey and Julia Vahey, and the leadership that both of those ladies provide to the Montgomery County Republican organization is par excellence. They make things click; they make things happen in the order that they should. And then, lastly, I want to support constituents. You know, at least 51 percent of the people voted for me. Their support, their respect for what I am doing for them, is greatly appreciated. I want to say thank you to all of them.

And I just want to finish with a couple of accomplishments. Oh, I wrote myself a note because Senator Corman reminded me of this. I retire November 30, and on December 1, how I think about that as well, August 27 is my birthday, but December 1 is my "Bob" day; I get my name back, you know. So that is a good thing. My accomplishments, Senator Corman mentioned that I have been honored, that my Caucus has elected me on four Sessions to be the Caucus chair. It has been a lot of fun. Yes, I have tried to bring business acumen, business discipline, to the job. We try to start on time, and we try to cover everything effectively and thoroughly. And Senator Corman mentioned breast cancer. Today, out of the Committee on Health and Human Services, we passed the fourth bill that I am working on, on breast cancer. I met an organization a number of years ago, the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition; it is a remarkable group of 87,000 women volunteers--mostly women--volunteers throughout our State, supporting breast cancer research and cure. How can you argue with people who want to take the scourge of breast cancer out of our society and the cost out of the healthcare system. It is a remarkable group, and it has been a pleasure to work with Pat Halpin-Murphy, who is the president of that organization, along

with the rest of the organization. With Senator Browne's help, the Committee on Appropriations chair, we were able to craft and ultimately implement something that we call PBB, or performance-based budgeting, which is in its fifth year now, and it is growing, becoming more sophisticated, and hopefully it brings all the returns that we expect it to in the years to come.

Lastly, I just want to say thank you to everybody. To those of you who do aspire to other positions here in the legislature, give it your all, commit to it. It is easy to take the paycheck and not do the job. It is much more challenging, and it is much more rewarding, if you can go home and feel that you have done the job. And I say that to all of you with all sincerity. It is a remarkable job. We get vilified all the time, none more than me, but you know, you still feel very rewarded at the end of the day for this job. So, thank you all. It has been an honor.

(Applause.)

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, thank you so much. It is really an honor here today to be able to stand and speak a little bit about one of our wonderful colleagues, Senator Bob Mensch. Loyalty, dedication, and working with and for the citizens are foundational attributes of Senator Bob Mensch. He brings all of that as a representative of the people. He is a true law-and-order representative. He is a supporter of first responders and has been a strong advocate for environmental issues throughout his tenure in the General Assembly. He has represented parts of Bucks, Berks, and Montgomery Counties.

He got his start serving as a supervisor of Marlborough, before running for the 147th district for the State House of Representatives, and then the State Senate in 2009 in a special election. In the Senate, Bob was elected by Republican colleagues--I was one back then, some of you were not--to serve as Majority Caucus chair, and he has been in that leadership position since we first elected him, and why? Because he has done a phenomenal job for the Caucus. He has served on numerous committees. He has served as vice chair of committees, and chair of committees, and he has--some of those committees were very, very--they are tough. The Committee on Appropriations is tough, the Committee on Health and Human Services is tough. He has served on many, and he has done a great job on those committees.

I have been really fortunate to work alongside of him for many years. In recent years, as we have mentioned, we have shared a common bond: we are both recipients of the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition's prestigious Pink Ribbon Award. Bob has actually received that award twice, and deservedly so. He has championed many efforts to improve insurance and mammography coverage in Pennsylvania, including a legislative effort to provide a new screening and reporting system for patients determined to have dense breasts, which can disguise cancer and delay, by months or years, its detection. That is so important; I can tell you as I stand here: that is so important. His legislation has also expanded MRI coverage for patients who did not have it before, and legislation that allows for a driver license checkoff for breast cancer research funding.

With breast cancer affecting 1 in 8 women, that has a great effect on so many of us, so many of our families, and so many of the people who we love. But our work, our work to encourage early detection for breast cancer is not done yet. Watch this week,

I guess that is tomorrow, for some additional legislation that Bob has put out. And you know, he will have very, very many legacies, but just in this short time really that I have served with Bob, that is what I think of. That will be your greatest legacy and gift to families, Bob, is your breast cancer work. So, while I know that one of the greatest rewards and thrills for him is working with the people, I also know that he enjoys his saxophone and clarinet playing with the Red Hill Band or the Swing Shift group, and I am sure that is going to continue. Bob, I look forward to listening to you. If any of you have been around at Christmastime, you have heard Bob when he plays in the rotunda. They are great, they are really good, they should have been professionals. That should be your second career here, Bob. So, from one music lover to another, I will leave you with this oldie but goodie from The Cars: "Let the good times roll." I am not going to sing, okay, I am just going to say it: "Let the stories be told, let them say what they want, let the photos be old, let them show what they want, let the good times roll," Bob. Thank you for your service. And it has been a real honor serving with you.

(Applause.)

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, thank you very much. I rise to join my two colleagues who spoke on behalf of my colleagues here in the Senate Democratic Caucus and say thank you. Thank you to Senator Bob Mensch for the tremendous years of service that you provided in a broad sense to this Commonwealth, first as a municipal official serving in the House, but also the work that was done here over the course of many years in the Senate, for 14 or so years. And I can tell you that--you asked a question at the beginning of your remarks, you hope you had a positive impact? I can tell you unequivocally, particularly as it relates to the space that you spoke about and Senator Ward and Senator Corman talked about, all the things that you have done in the breast cancer research space--the checkoff, the density in terms of breast and examinations and the like--you have made a positive impact. And I will tell you that you have helped probably hundreds of thousands or maybe a million folks in this Commonwealth, women in particular, men too, because of the work that you have done, your leadership role, working with the folks from the Breast Cancer Coalition. So, I want to say thank you for that alone. That is an issue that, in our family, we are dealing with currently, and I think it is an issue that I think a lot of folks in this room need to know how significant your input and the role that you played in developing those pieces of legislation were and are.

But I know you also did other work in this General Assembly, advocating for positive things that need to be done. You brought to the Chamber your business sense, which I think is something sometimes we leave behind. But your life experiences, your work experiences, have lent themselves--and obviously your colleagues and the Republican Caucus chose you to serve as the chairperson. Having served as chairperson in this Caucus in the past, I recognize and know the work that needs to be done and the work that you put into it over the course of the many years. Understanding the nuances of the legislations that we were dealing with, and looking at it from your perspective as a businessperson as well, have all been very helpful. But I just want to say on behalf of my colleagues, thank you for your working relationship. Whenever you could, you tried to work in a strong, bipartisan

way and your committee chairmanships during the period of time with your role on the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness and the like. I can speak for the Members who I have known for a number of years who shared working with you, and it has always been something that has been very positive in many, many ways, and we want to say thank you very much for that.

I will end with this. It has been indicated that you play the saxophone, and just this week my colleague, our colleague from Johnstown, Senator John Wozniak, is here--he, too, played the saxophone--and he indicated to me that he is ready to go on a Christmastime tour here in the Capitol building whenever you are ready. So, we are looking forward to that point in time. So, Senator Bob Mensch, Bob, thank you for your service. Thank for your commitment to the people you represent in your community and to this Commonwealth, and we wish you all the best. And as Senator Ward said: let the good times roll for you. Thank you, sir.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, I just want to take a brief moment to recognize our friend, Senator Mensch, for his many years of public service. I served with Bob in the House, and then of course we both came to the Senate here in 2009. Just one quick story I think summarizes Bob's ability to take his work very seriously, such as his never-ending advocacy for women with breast cancer; but he never took himself or us too seriously. Several years ago, Bob and I were here speaking on the floor to recognize members of a Pennsylvania Dutch group which was sitting up in the gallery. Bob and I can both speak some German, but he was smart enough on that day to stick to English while I chose to try to greet my Schwenkfelder cousins in German. Watching the video later that day, I was embarrassed to realize that I had made a significant German mistake, the kind that no ninth grader should make. And I admitted this to Bob, and he looked at me right in the eye and said, Dave: it is okay, nobody was listening, I certainly was not. (Laughter.) Bob, now that I know you are listening, viel glück, much luck. I am not going to go any further because I will make more mistakes. Congratulations on a job well done.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Browne.

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, as a loyal member of Bob's second love--and that is trains and railroads, of his silent caucus that he chairs--I want to just take a moment to offer my thoughts on Bob's tremendous career in public service. Me and Bob had served together the last 8 years on the Committee on Appropriations, and those who know that process through the cold months of February and March know that it can be somewhat tedious and involved. Bob was someone who committed himself to that process that we took very seriously, and that is making sure that our administration is giving us all the information on the money we are going to be spending over the next year. But Bob's contribution to one of the most important things we do here--and that is appropriating and spending State dollars--was a lot more than just participating in the hearings. Bob has had a permanent, lasting impact on how we evaluate spending here in the Commonwealth. Since the very beginning, we had done things one way, and that

is, we would take the Governor's budget and review it to decide whether this proposal should be in addition to last year's proposal. Bob put a whole new platform on the table for us called "performance-based budgeting" that is a permanent addition to how we conduct our fiscal affairs here in the Commonwealth for the very basic reason: are the programs that we are funding performing? That is Bob's creation, and it will be something that will be part of our appropriations process for the years to come.

In addition, making sure that if we are making changes to our Tax Code, that we evaluate them based on how they affect the whole economy. How we have been looking at them since the beginning was how they were evaluated in their narrow purpose, not how they affected our whole economy. For those who commit themselves to the financial affairs of this Commonwealth, they are not the most exciting topics; but in regard to how we do business here—one of the most important things we do—these two things will have a lasting impact on how we do our job.

Bob had mentioned someone I know very closely, and she is his chief of staff, Lisa Walter, and the fact that she is someone who tells you it straight. Bob is like that, too. We do not always agree on things here in the General Assembly. We often have to have discussions about where the public policy is going to go. One thing you can depend on Bob for—and this is why I love him dearly—is that you will always get a straight answer from Bob, and, because of that, Bob is someone you can trust. And in this business, there is nothing more important than that. Bob, thank you for your service to this Commonwealth.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Let us give Senator Mensch one more round of applause for a job well done.

(Applause.)

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, our second retiree we are going to do today—we will just do two today—is my great friend, the gentleman from Monroe County, Senator Mario Scavello. And when you see someone is going to retire, you start thinking of the loss, you know, what we are not going to have that we would always have when someone is here. So, when I thought of Senator Scavello, I thought about how I am going to miss him whistling the theme to "The Godfather"; how I am going to miss his constant spinning of his badge in his hand; how I am going to miss his relentless showing of videos of his grandchildren playing sports. But probably the thing that I will lose the most of is weight, because whether it is the bagels in the morning or the pasta in the evening, Senator Scavello is fairly relentless on making sure that you are well fed. In fact, he has, on numerous occasions, invited me either to his home in Monroe County or down to his place in Florida for a weekend, and I am like, I would gain 15 pounds if I hung out with you for a weekend. I do not know if I have 15 pounds to gain. But he is as generous and as loyal and as friendly as can be.

In all seriousness, you know, when Mario—we thought he was going to run for the Senate in 2012. We were redistricting and we were going to have a new seat move to Monroe County. Before that, Monroe County was split up into like seven different senatorial districts, and so they were going to get a new seat. So, Mario did an announcement to run for the Senate, and like 4,000 people showed up. So, I was kind of hesitant. I mean, I could not

pay 4,000 people to come to something I was announcing. So, I was a little hesitant, when we decided to do his retirement, to allow Mario to invite guests to the floor, because I did not know who was going to show up. I thought we might have to move this to Beaver Stadium. But I do not know of anyone—just to finish that story, obviously redistricting got postponed, and we did not get to have Mario until 2014—but I do not know of anyone who is more a man of the people. Who enjoys people, enjoys knocking on doors, enjoys going to parades, enjoys going to festivals and engaging with people; engaging with his constituents on the issues that matter to them. No one is more retail than Mario Scavello. Loyalty, you know, Mario is loyal to the end. And during my time as Majority Leader, every now and then I would have to go to Mario for a vote. And, you know, he would always ask for a thing here or there, but, at the end of the day, Mario would say to me: hey, I am a company guy. You need me, I am there; and the time that we spent together—myself in leadership—anytime that I needed Mario, he was there.

And, finally, I do not know of a stronger advocate on issues that he cared about. Most importantly, it was property taxes to him, particularly senior citizen property tax. Every day, he would come up with a new idea: how we could do it, what we could do to help seniors, because seniors were hurting in his district. And he constantly, constantly, constantly was a great advocate for his constituents. So, you think about it. A man of the people, loyal, and a strong advocate. I hope, you know, people think of me like that someday because that is exactly who Mario Scavello is, and that is who all of us, as public servants, should be. I will miss "The Godfather," I will miss the pasta, I will miss the bagels, but, more importantly, I will miss you. Ladies and gentlemen, please recognize the gentleman from Monroe County, Senator Mario Scavello.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monroe, Senator Scavello.

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, thank you. You know, it is an honor to address this Chamber and my colleagues as I wrap up more than two decades of service here in our Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I served in the House from 2002 and in the Senate since 2014. You are right, I could have been here on the 12th; I would have had the 10 years here, too. I have long valued the work of our local and State officials, having worked alongside with so many in my time as mayor of Mount Pocono, Monroe County commissioner, representative in the House and in the Senate. I also know that it is like being on the other side of the relationship between a lawmaker and his or her constituents. As a past small businessman in Monroe and in New York City, I knew this experience would serve me well in Harrisburg and at home. It feels like yesterday when I stood with my family taking the oath of office in the House of Representatives, and I was fortunate to have my mom, Angelina, available. She was still here and standing beside my wife and my daughters; her hand was over her heart, looking up to the skies, and having her youngest son being sworn in as a State legislator was the proudest day of her life. You see, our family moved to this beautiful country from Cosenza, Italy, in May of 1957. It goes to show in the United States of America there is nothing, nothing you cannot accomplish if you put your best effort forward. Having lived in a fourth-floor walkup with four railroad rooms and three brothers and two

sisters, I knew how tough it was on my parents to make ends meet. In those days, you had to be sponsored when you came into the country, and there was no, you know, you did not have any help, that sponsor had to help you. And my dad worked on the railroad, got a job on the railroad, and that is how it started. During my time in the House and Senate, I have served on many committees over the last 20 years. When it comes to legislation, I have always tried to negotiate if we did not agree on issues; we always have been respectful, willing to work together. I thank my staff in Harrisburg, Monroe, and Northampton County from the bottom of my heart. You have given me the ability to help many people in our Commonwealth, and I am so appreciative of all the time and effort you have devoted to our constituents. They have worked intently to assist constituents and myself no matter what I would ask, whatever the obstacle was in front of us. They always offered a smile and took the challenge. I could not have asked for a better staff throughout my two decades. Our motto was: if we cannot do it, nobody can. And in Harrisburg, Christine Zubeck and Dacia Rhoads and I thank both of you--stand up (applause)--the best. What they do is just impossible, both of them do. In Monroe: Debbie, Patricia, Jonathan, and Al; and in Northampton, Brian and Cathy; they have always offered a smile, took on the challenge, and I could not ask for better staff throughout my two decades.

While I have been in the Senate, I have been blessed with two great chiefs of staff: Taylor Muñoz, who now is the township manager in Pocono Township, and there is Kristine Bush, she is like my third daughter. (Applause.) Yes, this young lady is truly a superstar who I predict someday will be here in Harrisburg, maybe sooner than later. I will say that during COVID-19 our office was open, and somehow our number was put out there from the State that we knew what to do with unemployment, and that is the lady right there, Kristine. We fielded questions from throughout the State and helped people from throughout the State, and I just thought it was truly an honor, and these people were calling us, and we did not say we are not, we just took care of them, we helped them. I have been blessed with some special people along the way. Two of my friends, Mike Peiffer and Dave Millard, who could not be here, we shared a house together for many, many years--I think about 17 years--and we spent many mornings and even evenings discussing legislation either on the House Calendar or the Senate Calendar. And Representative Rosemary Brown, who is here, truly amazed me with her growth over the last 12 years, and we have had numerous conversations on possible legislation throughout the years as well. Because it is important, like having served in the House, you always need to be able to talk to people to try to negotiate a bill forward once it passes here in the Senate. I have been blessed to have worked with two exceptional [Presidents] pro tempore, Joe Scarnati and Jake Corman as well. And two Majority Leaders--and Jake you are on the list twice--Jake Corman and Kim Ward, thank you both for your support and confidence in me. I know that on both sides of the aisle we have a tremendous leadership staff, and I just wanted to take an opportunity, if I may, and start with Senator Corman's staff: Shelly Brown, Anna Fitzsimmons, Krista Hair, Jason Thompson, and there is probably more, and I apologize I cannot name them all; I would be here all day and then somebody is going to get mad at me. Majority Leader Ward's: Mike Gerdes, Greg Mahon, Adam Pankake, Scott--where is Scott today, Scott

is not here, all right. We have had two great attorneys because you always have to stay out of trouble: Drew Crompton and Crystal Clark. Senator Browne's: John Guyer and Thomas Horan. The Secretary's office: Megan Martin and Jessica Rodic and all those folks in the front, they are all there to help us. Policy, you have Geri Sarfert. And Ami Sawyer, Bobby Nagel, and Nate Hollenbach are always there in the background helping, and, yes, Tina, you too, and Ann-Marie before you, and I just want you to know it is all appreciated because you make it so easy. And you know even the computer staff, the folks who take our photos, Rob, who does the call on the floor every once in a while. I just want you to know that, you know, you are the ones who make us look good, and we truly appreciate it.

Now, I also want to thank my beautiful wife, Mary Ann. Mary Ann, stand up. (Applause.) You know, we are getting close to our 49th year, and so I am going to say almost 50 years of marriage because my wife said at 50, she is going to divorce me; we are going to celebrate our 50th and she will divorce me. So, we are all invited, it will be a double ceremony. Anyway, I know you have made many sacrifices, sharing me with the constituents over the 40th Senatorial District, and you have always been on my side, and I believe you should be--I know people believe it too--that you should be canonized as a saint for putting up with me all these years. I have been blessed with two beautiful daughters, Michelle and Melissa, they married two great guys, Will and Brad, and they have given me four amazing grandchildren. I am very proud of all of you. Now, people want to know why I am retiring, and I have four reasons. [The four grandchildren join Senator Scavello at the rostrum.] (Applause.) So, I am going to show you my four reasons. Braydon is going to be 12 years old tomorrow; yes, happy birthday early on. Madeline, who is 10 years old; Lucas is 7; and you [Brynn] are 6, are you not?

Miss BRYNN. I am six and a half. (Laughter.)

Senator SCAVELLO. Six and a half, okay. Thank you. [The grandchildren return to their seats.] I have been truly fortunate to work with a great team of Senators on both sides of the aisle. We all are elected, Republicans or Democrats, to make a difference in our communities; serve. One of the biggest accomplishments, even with the education funding formula that I still think is unfair for my school districts, we are much better off today than when I was first elected. However, I know the accomplishments can only happen with a diverse body, different economic backgrounds, and, yes, from both sides of the aisle, in order to make it happen. It is my utmost honor to serve this great Commonwealth, and I have many beautiful memories, and this has been an experience I will cherish forever. God bless you and thank you so much.

(Applause.)

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, thank you so much. Born in Cosenza, Italy, Senator Mario Scavello came to this country, finding a new home in New York City and then relocating less than 90 miles west in Pennsylvania, where he represents the Senate district. He graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School in the Bronx and attended the City University of New York. With nearly 3 decades of service and time to reflect, I think it is more than fair to say that Senator Mario Scavello is the definition of the American dream. His service to our Commonwealth and his dedication to his community can be summed up with the phrase

he lives by, and I think he mentioned it in his remarks: do not let anyone tell you you cannot do something. Never but an arm's length away, tucked in his district office desk drawer in Scotrun, Monroe County, are pictures of homes being flooded in Mount Pocono because a new shopping center was being built. It is the reason he got into public service and a reminder for him when someone says you cannot do that. Well, Mario Scavello did it. Serving as mayor of Mount Pocono, county commissioner, and Member of the State House of Representatives for the 176th district before serving Pennsylvania's 40th Senatorial District, representing portions of Monroe and Northampton County, Mario did it.

Mario has done a lot for the people he serves, including putting I-80 on the map, getting Route 611 done, providing access to water to areas that did not have it, and helping to create revenue and economic development opportunities through the support and leadership of the creation of three water parks, which have been a game changer for that region. The work he has done on behalf of the people he represents on the ground in his district was equally matched by the work he did in Harrisburg. Mario's tenure in the General Assembly is highlighted by his steadfast advocacy for school property tax reform. He repeatedly introduced, voted for, and supported legislation to shift school funding away from the burdensome school property tax, which threatens both families and seniors trying to stay in their homes. He did that year after year. He also supported the implementation of the Commonwealth's new Fair Education Funding Formula and has successfully brought millions of additional education dollars back to his home school district. I will tell you that, you know, once he wants something, he goes for it--when he wanted legislation, when he was looking for money to help his district--you know, it got to the point where I would see him coming and maybe hide behind a corner somewhere because he would not let up. So, he was such a great representative for those folks.

With an extensive background as a small business owner, Mario has also brought commonsense, fiscally responsible leadership to the public sector while serving on several committees and as chair of the Majority Policy Committee. This is truly a bittersweet moment. I know Mario will miss serving the people, but he will also enjoy spending more time with his wife, Mary Ann, their two grown daughters, and those four beautiful grandchildren we all just got an opportunity to see. You know, we will miss him for many reasons. I will miss his many videos. Mario, you mentioned COVID-19. You were such a leader in getting the message out to constituents during that time. I will miss his videos; I will miss his pictures; and I will really miss his lasagna. You know, Mario would bring food in here for us on the weekends during budget. He would cook; he would come in with big carts; and he would invite us to his home. And those are times that I will cherish forever, Mario, and really, really appreciated being a part of. So, thank you for your service to our Commonwealth, and we will most certainly miss you, Mario. We will miss your bagels, too.

(Applause.)

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, yes, thank you very much. Mr. President, again, on behalf of my colleagues and myself, let me start by saying thank you. Thank you to Senator Scavello for your

service. Certainly, your service here in the Senate, but to the people of Pennsylvania back home in your home county, and your own home community where you served as mayor for a number of years. Your commitment to public service, I think, is something that really is demonstrated by, I believe, your upbringing. And also, the fact that you brought--as Senator Mensch did--the business perspective to the work that you did here in Harrisburg, and it lent itself to the legislation that you had worked on and the work that you tried, in many ways, to address and make things better.

One way to understand and appreciate how somebody is received back home in the community--as Senator Kim Ward talked about--certainly there is the Harrisburg side of what we do, but there is a community side and the things we do back in our districts. And the number of awards that I read about Senator Scavello achieving and receiving, I think really says a lot about the work that he did back in his home community, and you should be commended for that. I do not think there is any bigger champion in trying to address--along with Senator Boscola and Senator Argall and Senator Schwank--the issue of property taxes. You, sir, along with those folks I just mentioned, were really at the epicenter of that property tax conversation. And although we were not able to be able to bring it to closure or to address in a significant way, we always viewed you as a champion of that property tax issue, particularly as it related to our seniors. So, we want to say thank you. You kept that issue in the forefront and hopefully, hopefully at some point in time we will figure out the right balance: the right balance between relieving property tax for our seniors; relieving property tax issues for our school districts; but also recognizing that the distribution of those dollars and, in fact, how we replace those dollars, we can come to a consensus along those lines. But the work that collectively, the four or so and others, have done in that space I think kept it in the forefront of what we need to do. My hope is, as we come back next year, that we will be able to begin, next Session, we will begin to bring that issue back to the forefront because it is something has not gone away, and I want to say thank you for that.

Senator Scavello, you are also a personal favorite to my brother, Paul, and I. You may not remember this, but a number of years ago when you were still a House Member, I think you had helped my brother, Paul, pass legislation that allowed for retired judges and also retired mayors to provide wedding ceremonies. And you presided over the service for a cousin of mine, my cousin, Guy Vento, and his wife, Carol Dell, and I am happy to report to you that they continue to be married, over like 20 years now, and I want to say thank you for that because we did not know whether or not it was going to happen ever. So, thank you for the work that you did in that space and the personal relationship that you lent to our family along those lines. So, thank you for your great service. We will miss you. I will say to you, I remember when you used to bring the bagels to Senator Mellow's office, and I am just sitting here wondering why, and I said to Tony Lepore: we have not gotten any bagels for a while; Mario must be mad at us. But, nevertheless, thank you for doing that, and the work that you have done along those lines, and thank you for bringing the business perspective to this General Assembly, into this Chamber. Thank you, sir.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, with Senator Scavello retiring, this Chamber is just not going to be the same. One quick story. The first time I met Mario was more than 20 years ago at his famous bagel shop up in Mount Pocono. He was a county commissioner preparing to campaign for the State House for the very first time. I went up, I sat down with him, and I told him that the House Republicans really wanted to help him, but we were very nervous about a few of his tax increase votes. So, I asked him, I looked at him, I said: how are you going to explain those votes? And in a split second he puts his finger in my face, and says: easy, unfunded mandates; you made us do it. The rest is history. Mayor Scavello, Commissioner Scavello, Representative Scavello, Senator Scavello, although any of you that know anything about his district, everybody just calls him Mario. And, so, for the record, that first day we met, Mario had the last word. That has not changed a bit in our 20 years of friendship. Mario, all the best.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Browne.

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I, too, wanted to offer some thoughts on my service along with my friend Mario over, I think, what is about 20 years of service together. It has been a service both in the House and the Senate, and I guess the best way I can summarize my thoughts is: I have always thought, when it comes to Mario, I just cannot compete, and that starts with work ethic. Mario used to tell us the stories about how he used to get up at 4 in the morning and drive into New York to take care of his store in New York and drive back at midnight and get up the next day at 4 in the morning. To be able to compete against that work ethic, I knew from the start that was going to be impossible. Second, in regard to constituent service, me and Mario have essentially been in the same market. So, we always used to hear about what each other was doing for constituent service. We all do the same things in the House regarding giving out brochures. But then I would hear about Mario--do you know about Mario's warehouse? Do you know about the warehouse of brochures that he has? To go up and visit his district office and walk into this warehouse of brochures that Mario has to give to his constituents--little did we know that if you go talk to the print shop in the House, and the members of the print shop were always very afraid when they got a call from Mario's office for the amount of brochures he got printed out and put out in every grocery store throughout Monroe County. No one could compete against Mario in regard to making sure that people knew what State government could do for them and their families.

And when it comes to the ability to advance something, the ability--and this cannot be understated, and the Members have mentioned property tax reform--Mario Scavello is the only one in history who was able to get a property tax reform proposal, comprehensive reform proposal, out of the State House. That has never happened, other than the fact that Mario Scavello fought for it, worked, and I talked to my House colleagues--I was already in the Senate by that time--talked to my House colleagues how that day he was working the Chamber, Member by Member, constantly looking for opportunities to get votes for that proposal. Only someone with Mario's passion could be able to accomplish

that. That is not--that, for me, shows how difficult that issue is and how much Mario is committed to making sure that it gets done on behalf of his constituents. All of us bring something to this Chamber, I believe--multiple things some of us--and we bring our experience, we bring our knowledge. What Mario brought to 20 years--and those who know him know how powerful it is--what he brought to 20 years of service is his heart. No one's heart--this is what I will always remember and always covet about Mario--no one's heart is bigger than Mario's, and someone like that is impossible to replace, and that heart will be in the minds and hearts of his constituents for many years to come. Mario, thank you very much for your service.

(Applause.)

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, I will make them very short. Mario, we share a lot of things in common, you know, Italian last name, the love of Italian food, good wine, music, but also a history in the supermarket business. My late husband--his entire family--was in the supermarket business for decades and decades and decades. So, we have that in common. And, you do have a very distinctive voice. And one of the very first times that I was speaking on the floor when I was newly elected back in '14, started in '15, you were standing right about over here having a lively conversation. And I remember I just instinctually turned around. I said, [speaks in Italian], and that got your attention. Nothing else did. You must have thought I was your mom or something. But that just means: hey, sorry, give me a minute. So, I have learned that if I really want to get Mario's attention, you have got to speak in Italian. It works every time. And I do appreciate Mario's, as Senator Costa mentioned about, your wonderful history of performing so many wedding ceremonies. I do not even know how many by now, but I assure you--1,030, he said; that is a lot. And I know that when--I just jokingly--became an officiant online, you know, to tease my daughter to kind of push her along, and I told you that she wanted me to go out to New Orleans and officiate her wedding. I was terrified, and you say: well, here you go, and you just rattle off these wonderful phrases. I took down a few, and I really appreciate your assistance with that, because, again, you do have a wonderful heart, and you have got great messaging and wonderful experience. You are a pro. But I do have an Italian blessing for you, and I will not say it in Italian. May your life be like good wine: tasty, sharp, and clear; and like good wine, may it improve with every passing year. Buona fortuna [good luck].

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Can we have one more round of applause for our great friend, Mario Scavello.

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I am going to ask for a recess of the Senate. I am going to ask that, first of all, we allow about 5 or 6 minutes for photographs to be taken with our two retiring Members, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Aging and Youth to be held at 1:40 p.m., in the Rules room in the

back of the Senate, followed by a Republican caucus in the Majority Caucus Room.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For purposes of 5 minutes of pictures, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Aging and Youth in the rear of the Chamber, followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. You stated it perfectly.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

RECESS

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held on the floor immediately.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held here immediately in the Senate Chamber, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1, HB 118, SB 137, SB 145, HB 324 and SB 358 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 397 (Pr. No. 371) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in incentives for municipal volunteers of fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical services agencies, further providing for rejection and appeal.

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

HB 397 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 397, Printer's No. 371, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Costa, no more leaves?

Senator Gordner requests a legislative leave for Senator Argall. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 589 -- 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 775 (Pr. No. 913) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

HB 875, SB 956, HB 987, SB 993, SB 1031 and SB 1135-- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1141 (Pr. No. 1486) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 177, No. 175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of General Services and its departmental administrative and advisory boards and commissions, further providing for transfer authority over Lieutenant Governor's Mansion.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-47

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

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 1160 and SB 1161 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1265 (Pr. No. 1703) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-47

Argall	Dillon	Laughlin	Schwank
Aument	DiSanto	Martin	Stefano
Baker	Dush	Mastriano	Street
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Costa	Langerholc	Scavello	

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.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 167, HB 185 and SB 244 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

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

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 521, SB 749 and SB 965 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Mastriano has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 1130 (Pr. No. 1827) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in open meetings, further providing for definitions, for minutes of meetings, public records and recording of meetings, for public notice, for public participation and for use of equipment during meetings.

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

HB 1155, HB 1186 and SB 1249 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 1286 (Pr. No. 1748) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania National Guard, further providing for pay of officers and enlisted personnel on special duty and for pay of officers and enlisted personnel in active State service; in Pennsylvania Guard, further providing for pay and expenses of officers and enlisted personnel; and making editorial changes.

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 ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1292 (Pr. No. 1788) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in county boards of elections, further providing for county boards of elections and membership.

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

SB 1319 (Pr. No. 1934) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in contributions by employers and employees, further providing for contributions by employers and employees, successors-in-interest and appeals.

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

SB 1320 (Pr. No. 1891) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1333 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1341 (Pr. No. 3503) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1377 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1393 (Pr. No. 3253) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1500 and HB 1738 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1795 (Pr. No. 3513) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to condominiums, further providing for definitions; in management of the condominium, further providing for executive board members and officers, for bylaws, for meetings and for voting and proxies; in general provisions relating to cooperatives, further providing for definitions; in creation, alteration and termination of cooperatives, further providing for master associations; in management of cooperatives, further providing for bylaws, for meetings and for voting and proxies; in general provisions relating to planned communities, further providing for definitions; in creation, alteration and termination of planned communities, further providing for master associations; and, in management of planned community, further providing for bylaws, for meetings and for voting and proxies.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1813 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1929 (Pr. No. 2197) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 2079 (Pr. No. 3127) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in exemptions, applicability and penalties, further providing for exemptions.

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.

HB 2086 (Pr. No. 2972) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Argall has returned, and his legislative leave is cancelled.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 2372, HB 2485 and HB 2524 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 2527 (Pr. No. 3150) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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.

RESOLUTION LAID ON THE TABLE

SR 152 (Pr. No. 1005)

A Concurrent Resolution petitioning the Congress of the United States to call a Convention for proposing amendments pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States limited to proposing amendments that impose fiscal restraints on the Federal Government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the Federal Government and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9, the requisite time for action having expired, the resolution was laid on the table.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

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

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 1243 (Pr. No. 1979) (Amended) (Rereported)

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 economics and personal finance course graduation requirement and further providing for economic education and personal financial literacy programs; and abrogating regulations.

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

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. 1980) (Amended) (Rereported)

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 1330 (Pr. No. 1905) (Rereported)

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 365 (Pr. No. 3568) (Amended) (Rereported)

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, further providing for actual cost of tuition and maintenance of certain exceptional children in the four chartered schools for education of the deaf and the blind; making a repeal; and making editorial changes.

HB 1486 (Pr. No. 3315) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for Blue Star Family plate.

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

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 2667 (Pr. No. 3226) (Rereported)

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER TEMPORARILY

SB 1243 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order temporarily at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL AMENDED

SB 1330 (Pr. No. 1905) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

K. WARD AMENDMENT A5717 AGREED TO

Senator GORDNER, on behalf of Senator KIM WARD, offered the following amendment No. A5717:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 18 through 22; page 2, lines 1 through 30; page 3, line 1; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

Section 633.1. Coverage for BRCA-related Genetic Counseling and Testing.--(a) A health insurance policy offered, issued or renewed in this Commonwealth shall provide coverage for BRCA-related genetic counseling and genetic testing provided by an individual licensed, certified or otherwise regulated to provide genetic counseling and genetic testing under the laws of this Commonwealth. The minimum coverage required shall include all costs associated with genetic counseling and, if indicated after genetic counseling, a genetic laboratory test of the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes for individuals assessed to be at an increased risk, based on a clinical risk assessment tool, of potentially harmful mutations in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes due to a personal or family history of breast or ovarian cancer.

(b) As used in this section:

"Genetic counseling" means the provision of services to individuals, couples, families and organizations by one or more appropriately trained individuals to address the physical and psychological issues associated with the occurrence or risk of occurrence of a genetic disorder, birth defect or genetically influenced condition or disease in an individual or a family.

"Health insurance policy" means an individual or group insurance policy, subscriber contract, certificate or plan issued by an insurer that provides medical or health care coverage, including emergency services. The term does not include any of the following:

- (1) An accident only policy.
- (2) A credit only policy.
- (3) A long-term care or disability income policy.
- (4) A specified disease policy.
- (5) A Medicare supplement policy.
- (6) A fixed indemnity policy.
- (7) A hospital indemnity policy.
- (8) An adult-only dental only policy.
- (9) A vision only policy.
- (10) A worker's compensation policy.
- (11) An automobile medical payment policy.

(12) A TRICARE policy, including a Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) supplement policy.

(13) Any other similar policy providing for limited benefits.

"Insurer" means an entity licensed by the Insurance Department with accident and health authority to issue a health insurance policy that is offered or governed under any of the following:

(1) This act, including section 630 and Article XXIV.

(2) The act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, No.364), known as the "Health Maintenance Organization Act."

(3) 40 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61 (relating to hospital plan corporations) or 63 (relating to professional health services plan corporations).

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For the information of the Members, we are going to continue with the rest of today's business, but we will return to the Supplemental Calendar when an amendment has been drafted.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator J. WARD, from the Committee on Aging and Youth, reported the following bills:

HB 2425 (Pr. No. 3567) (Amended)

An Act providing for communication duties between the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services with certain agencies and the Department of Aging relating to abuse of adults and older adults.

HB 2538 (Pr. No. 3021)

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, in State lottery, further providing for powers and duties of secretary.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator MENSCH. 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 359, SB 917, SB 1136, SB 1195, SB 1331, SB 1358, HB 34, HB 69, HB 293, HB 609, HB 722, HB 1178, HB 1443, HB 1630, HB 2293, HB 2357, HB 2367, HB 2373, HB 2398, HB 2404, HB 2405, HB 2406, HB 2407, HB 2425, HB 2458, HB 2484, HB 2528, HB 2530, HB 2538, HB 2632, HB 2633, HB 2637 and HB 2800.

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, OCTOBER 19, 2022

9:30 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider House Bills No. 1546 and 1988)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 139, 822, 1226, 1227, 1228, 1229 and 1282; and House Bills No. 103, 220, 2209, 2210 and 2538)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain Executive Nominations)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022

9:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing to examine the role of LNG in strengthening American energy security on the world stage)	Steamfitters Local Union 420 14420 Townsend Philadelphia
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, last Session I began efforts to raise awareness of sudden cardiac arrest, commonly known and referred to as SCA, with the sponsorship of Act 73 of 2020, known as Peyton's Law. Today I continue that effort with Senate Resolution No. 356, designating October as Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. My inspiration for championing this cause was and will always be Peyton Walker: a graduate of Trinity High School in Camp Hill, who in 2013 died of sudden cardiac arrest at the age of 19. Her mother, Julie Walker, established and heads the Peyton Walker Foundation, which advocates for the use of electrocardiogram testing, an EKG to screen for underlying electrical issues in the heart that can lead to sudden cardiac arrest. The foundation conducts free EKG screenings events at schools across Pennsylvania and has screened several thousand students, including my two sons. They also provide AEDs to schools and community organizations to ensure a timely response in the event of sudden cardiac arrest.

Mr. President, every hour of every day we lose a child to sudden cardiac arrest, and the majority of those deaths are attributed to detectable and treatable heart conditions that went undiagnosed due to the limited scope of standard sports physicals. Thanks to Peyton's Law, all Pennsylvania high school athletes and their parents receive information educating them about the benefits of an EKG for SCA and the option for requesting such a test as part of the athlete's sports physical. For this reason, I implore parents to further educate themselves on sudden cardiac arrest and the benefits of requesting an EKG for detecting unknown heart conditions. It may save your child's life.

Of course, sudden cardiac arrest does not discriminate based on age, which is why I also call to attention the Peyton Walker Foundation's leadership on 4-Minute City project in Cumberland County. The goal is to locate AEDs on the outside of buildings throughout communities so that, in the event a person experiences cardiac arrest, a bystander can begin treating them with the AED within 4 minutes of a call to 911. I hope to see this effort grow across the Commonwealth, and I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing October as Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month. By doing so, we will save lives and also honor the memory of Peyton Walker.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise today and ask my Senate colleagues in joining me in supporting Senate Resolution No. 339 that designates October 2022 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This is the 77th anniversary of National Disability Awareness Month, which was founded to celebrate the contributions of America's workers with disabilities past and present and showcase supportive, inclusive employment policies and practices. This year's theme, Disability: Part of the Equity Equation, seems more appropriate than normal as we as a nation continue to grapple with what it means to ensure equity for all people. Studies have found that Americans with disabilities are especially productive and motivated workers, but they still have a harder time getting jobs, promotions, and fair pay. Disabled workers in America are also three times less likely to be

employed and often earn sub-minimum wages for their work. But efforts like Disability Employment Awareness Month and the Americans with Disabilities Act have continued the conversation and are helping create equity for disabled workers.

As an extension of Disability Employment Awareness Month, I was delighted and honored to host Disability Awareness Day in the Capitol's rotunda. Organizations from across Pennsylvania that help, empower, and advocate for Pennsylvanians with disabilities were here showcasing their organizations and the work they are doing. So, to them I want to give my most sincere thanks for being here today. To my colleagues who came down to visit and took a moment out of their busy schedules, your attendance and support mean more than you know. And to everyone else, I ask that you join me in recognizing October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For a second petition and remonstrance, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise because today marks 5,944 days since our Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage. And Mr. President, as we slowly creep closer to that 6,000-day landmark, which will come in just a few short weeks on December 12 of this year, I am reminded of days, weeks, months, years, and decades that have passed while minimum wage earners have waited for a reprieve and a raise in our poverty-level minimum wage. When Senate Bill No. 1090 was passed back in 2006, Pennsylvania was a national leader ensuring its minimum wage was ahead of the Federal minimum wage. Now, we are 1 of only 20 States that have abdicated the responsibility of ensuring our residents are paid a livable wage and accepted the 13-year inaction of the Federal government.

But, Mr. President, we are at a crossroads right now. We, right now, have the time, resources, and legislation in place to finally pass minimum wage legislation and put Pennsylvania's minimum wage earners on a path to \$15. Senate Bill No. 12, right now, is sitting in committee, waiting for a vote. Let us bring it out of committee and pass it so we can end the more than 16 years of inaction of this Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator CAPPELLETTI. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the week of October 3 through the 7 as Voter Education Week in Pennsylvania. I introduced this resolution as a call to action in response to two Lower Merion High School students from my district who are determined to educate and mobilize their peers to participate in the democratic process. It is truly inspiring to see so many young Pennsylvanians being civically engaged and using their voices and their votes to influence change in their government. In fact, about 179,000 young Pennsylvanians turn 18 every year, but many are not certain on the process of registering to vote, finding their polling place, or even applying for mail-in or absentee ballots. In order to combat confusion for newly registered voters, Voter Education Week aims to equip them with the appropriate tools and resources to confidently navigate the democratic process, because let us face it, we certainly do not

make it easy to vote in this country, especially for new, young voters.

According to an analysis with the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement after the 2020 election, 44 percent of young people stated that they did not register to vote because they did not know how, they ran out of time, or they had trouble with the application. In the same analysis, which saw an overwhelming majority of young people voting by mail or absentee, also saw the youngest eligible voters, ages 18 and 19, state that they did not cast a ballot by mail due to the difficulty in voting by mail or the lack of information. While young Pennsylvanians have an above average electoral engagement, preregistration, same-day registration, or even automatic voter registration could significantly boost youth electoral engagement in Pennsylvania. And while we significantly expanded voting access here in Pennsylvania with Act 77, we could increase youth voter engagement--both in-person and by mail--by expanding civic education in our schools and amplifying voting resources through various platforms. Young voters are expected to be highly influential in the upcoming midterms, especially here in Pennsylvania. But that will only happen if we educate our youngest voters.

Voter Education Week may have only been between October 3 through the 7, but we must always remain engaged with our younger voters beyond the first week of October. Please join me in recognizing October 3 through the 7 as Voter Education Week in Pennsylvania, and let us all make a plan to inform our younger voters of their civic rights and duties.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes, for a second time, the gentlewoman from Montgomery, Senator Cappelletti.

Senator CAPPELLETTI. Mr. President, today I rise with my colleague, Senator Collett, to recognize October 8 as Period Action Day in Pennsylvania. On a national scale, Period Action Day was started by the youth-led nonprofit, PERIOD, which aims to reduce the shame and silence revolving around menstruation and period poverty. The topic of menstruation and period poverty remains taboo to this day, but the conversation of period poverty is absolutely critical. Despite Pennsylvania being one of the first States to eliminate the pink tax on menstrual products, many women and menstruating people are still unable to afford period products and other basic hygiene products. And while most basic hygiene products such as toilet paper, paper towels, and soap are provided in most public spaces, many menstrual products are difficult to access. And, in fact, at least 51 percent of Pennsylvanians find that many of their basic hygiene needs are not met in public settings. And with food, gas, and other necessities skyrocketing in price, many menstruators are struggling to make ends meet, sometimes having to choose food over period products.

In order to further ease this burden, Senator Collett and I have introduced the Pennsylvania Menstrual Equity Act. This legislation would require Pennsylvania public agencies that serve young, low-income, homeless, or incarcerated individuals with menstrual products at no cost to them. In doing so, we can make

period products available for women and all menstruators so that they can safely menstruate in public without interruption to their daily lives. This is just one of many policy solutions that we can pass to combat menstrual inequity in our communities, but, for now, I hope you will join Senator Collett and me in recognizing October 8 as Period Action Day. Thank you.

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

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, today I rise to speak on Senate Resolution No. 351, which designated October 8, 2022, as Period Action Day in Pennsylvania. I am proud to have partnered with Senator Cappelletti to introduce this resolution and bring much-needed attention to the physical, social, and financial costs of simply having a period. Period Action Day, as you heard, was first recognized in 2019 as part of a growing, youth-led movement to reduce the stigma associated with menstruation and raise awareness about period poverty, which is defined as the lack of access to sanitary products, menstrual hygiene education, toilets, handwashing facilities, and/or waste management.

The pandemic and inflation have only exacerbated the problem, with the average cost of pads and tampons rising 10 percent in the last year. In 2021, 4 out of 10 U.S. women surveyed by Kotex reported struggling to afford period products at some point in their lives, with 1/3 indicating they have had to miss school, work, or other activities during the past year due to a lack of access to period products. When menstruating people do not have access to period products, they report using things like toilet paper, socks, newspaper, and even plastic bags. These dangerous, unsanitary substitutes can lead to infections and even infertility.

Beyond its grave public health implications, period poverty is also an economic issue. Girls and women who do not have access to these products during the 3 to 8 days each month that they menstruate miss more school and work and are less productive when they are present due to the stress and stigma. I was pleased to have Senator Cappelletti join me in reintroducing the Pennsylvania Menstrual Equity Act legislation this Session, and we have 18 cosponsors from both sides of the aisle. I encourage my colleagues who have yet to do so to review the facts and sign on so that every Pennsylvanian can tend to their basic hygiene needs with ease and dignity.

Thank you, Mr. President.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1 RESUMED MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING SENATE RULE 12

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I ask that we return to Supplemental Calendar No. 1, and I move that the Senate proceed to consider Senate Bill No. 1243, notwithstanding the provisions of Senate Rule 12(m)(2).

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1243 (Pr. No. 1979) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for economics and personal finance course graduation requirement and further providing for economic education and personal financial literacy programs; and abrogating regulations.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

COSTA AMENDMENT A5749 DEFEATED

Senator COSTA offered the following amendment No. A5749:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 6 and 7, by striking out all of line 6 and "graduation requirement and" in line 7

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 12 through 20; page 2, lines 1 through 30; page 3, lines 1 through 8; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

Section 1. Section 1551(a) of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended and the section is amended by adding subsections to read:

Amend Bill, page 3, line 14, by inserting after "organizations.":

The resources shall be reviewed and revised by the department prior to distribution. The department shall distribute the revised resources no later than July 1, 2023.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 18, by inserting a bracket before "teacher"

Amend Bill, page 3, line 18, by inserting after "teacher":

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Amend Bill, page 3, lines 19 through 21, by striking out "materials or other resources necessary to teach the" in line 19, all of line 20 and "other resources for" in line 21

Amend Bill, page 4, line 7, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

(5) Identify educator certification requirements that align with personal financial literacy instruction necessary for a school entity to integrate instruction on personal financial literacy into a specific course or instruction.

(6) Develop guidelines to establish personal financial literacy educator and staffing criteria based on the department's identification in paragraph (5). The guidelines shall be posted on the department's publicly accessible Internet website.

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(c.1) Within three (3) months of the effective date of this subsection and every five (5) years thereafter, the State Board of Education shall review the academic standards for economics, mathematics, family and consumer science, career education and work and personal financial literacy, as approved by the State Board of Education, to determine areas for the promulgation of regulations or necessary revision to implement this section. The State Board of Education shall promulgate or revise regulations after review subject to the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the "Regulatory Review Act."

(c.2) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year and each school year thereafter a school entity shall annually:

(1) Assess whether the school entity's integration of personal financial literacy meets the academic standards approved by the State Board of Education.

(2) Report the findings of the assessment under paragraph (1) to the local board of school directors or governing body of the school entity no later than May 1 of each school year.

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Amend Bill, page 4, line 8, by striking out "3" and inserting:

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Amend Bill, page 4, line 10, by striking out "4" and inserting:

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, the amendment I offer, A5749, does a couple of things that I would like to share with my colleagues. First and foremost, the amendment changes the proposed Section 1529, which provides financial literacy as another graduation requirement. With regard to this position, Mr. President, I think, as we know, our school districts have been struggling over the course of the past several years, particularly the last 2 years with the pandemic, in ensuring that students are able to meet the various graduation requirements that are necessary, certainly, to graduate. In fact, my understanding is the departments are working with our school districts to try to enhance and find a better way to be able to manage that and trying to find alternative ways to be able to meet those goals and meet those certifications. So, the need for another graduation requirement, at this moment in time, is something that I think is unnecessary. I recognize that the underlying bill, now, as it has been amended, addresses it and moves it from current to 1 year, which I think is an important part of the conversation, but still, having a graduation requirement of that nature, at this time, when there is so much uncertainty about the ability of students to achieve the current graduation requirements, as I indicated, is unnecessary. In lieu of that, what we offer under Section 1551, this provision would provide for--amend, really--the existing financial literacy curriculum, and the amendment will require the State Board of Education to review and update, as appropriate, academic standards for personal, financial, education, and financial literacy, whenever the term that that section uses in that section. Also, strikes the new language at the top of page 4, lines 1 through 3; requires PDE to update resources under Section 1551(a)(1) by July 1, 2023; and also requires that model curriculum be updated, in addition to that, by July 2023. It would also require PDE update its certification and staffing guidance to delineate who can teach these personal financial education courses; and finally, would require a superintendent, or its equivalent, to report to the school board no later than May 1, 2023, on how the actual personal financial education is or is not being provided in a particular school entity. These are some of the things, I think, that will address the concerns that have been raised by the maker of the legislation and something, I think, will be necessary for us to be able to consider as we go forward. So, Mr. President, for those reasons, I ask for an affirmative vote on this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, Senator Gebhard has worked considerably on this bill; it is an important piece of legislation. There was an amendment that was just adopted in the Committee on Appropriations today to address a few concerns, and for those reasons, I would ask for a negative vote on this amendment.

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

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

YEA-19

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

NAY-28

Argall	DiSanto	Martin	Scavello
Aument	Dush	Mastriano	Stefano
Baker	Gebhard	Mensch	Vogel
Bartolotta	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Browne	Hutchinson	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Corman	Langerholc	Regan	Yaw
Dillon	Laughlin	Robinson	Yudichak

Less than a majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?
It was 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 Lebanon, Senator Gebhard.

Senator GEBHARD. Mr. President, first, I would like to thank my colleagues, advocacy groups, and constituents for all the support they have given me to make sure financial literacy is a meaningful part of the educational curriculum. Senate Bill No. 1243 creates a half-credit financial literacy course to be taught in high schools across the Commonwealth as a requirement for graduation. That part of the sentence is crucial: required for graduation. Without that language, how can we tell our students how important learning these skills are? In my opinion, financial literacy should follow right behind reading, writing, and arithmetic in importance. Let me share a few eye-opening statistics to prove my point. Total U.S. home loan debt: \$16 trillion. Total U.S. student loan debt: \$1.6 trillion. Total U.S. auto loan debt: \$1.43 trillion. And total U.S. credit card debt: \$900 billion. These are astronomical numbers; these are numbers that should alarm all of us. I am not sure anyone can tell me with a straight face that the idea of teaching our children financial literacy and making it a graduation requirement is not of the utmost importance. Each year that passes that we do not act, it saddles our children with mountains of debt. This is our opportunity to break the cycle of debt in Pennsylvania. There are 21 States that currently require financial literacy courses that come from all ends of the political spectrum, from California to Alabama. This is not a political or partisan issue. There are some who believe this is not the right path to create this course. While I disagree with that assessment for a multitude of reasons, we all need to understand that the biggest travesty is to do nothing at all. It is our duty to do everything we can to set our children up to be successful. That is why it is so important to

give them a solid personal financial education so they understand the importance of credit scores, the importance of paying bills on time, the differences between fixed and variable rates for student loans and home mortgages, how to create a personal budget, the power of compounding interest in saving for retirement, calculating filing taxes, and other basic skills that our students are just not getting until it is too late. Senate Bill No. 1243 is a practical, bipartisan, and commonsense measure that will make real, tangible difference in the lives of Pennsylvanians. I ask for an affirmative vote on this legislation. 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-29

Argall	Dush	Martin	Scavello
Aument	Flynn	Mastriano	Stefano
Baker	Gebhard	Mensch	Vogel
Bartolotta	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Browne	Hutchinson	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Corman	Langerholc	Regan	Yaw
Dillon	Laughlin	Robinson	Yudichak
DiSanto			

NAY-18

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

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.

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 10 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 4:33 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.