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SENATE

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The Senate met at 10 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, DR. JIM ARCIERI, of the Bible Fellowship Church Denomination, Allentown, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Father, thank You for this new day of Session for Your government servants of Pennsylvania, as You so clearly identify them as such in Scripture. Lord, You are eternal, and we are but finite mortals. For these Senators, who have the calling of discovering timeless truth about human relationships and responsibilities, Father, please provide the necessary insight for codifying truth into law. Lord, You are the One whose thoughts are far higher than ours. So, please let not the personal whims of anyone take precedence over the greatest general welfare of our Commonwealth's citizens. Please supply abundant wisdom to these gathered here; enable them to embrace and exemplify integrity, honesty, clarity, mercy, humanity, and all good virtues that result in the most blessed laws. Finally, Lord, You are the One who sees the end from the beginning. May the deliberations here not suffer from shortsightedness; rather, please, Father, work your perspective into all discussions so that the long-term benefit for us all is uppermost in the debates and the conclusions. For Your honor, and in Your name, Father, I ask Your blessing on these men and women who have such a high, noble, and honorable privilege as lawmakers here today. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair thanks Dr. Arcieri, who is the guest today of Senator Mensch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

October 19, 2022

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Betsy Phillips, 3607 North Fourth Street, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic, to serve until November 16, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joseph Halloran, Philadelphia, deceased.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION LAW ADVISORY BOARD

October 19, 2022

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Rebecca Dombrowsky (Congressional District 7), 6466 Heatherfield Way, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Amy Cozze, Nazareth, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION LAW ADVISORY BOARD

October 19, 2022

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell (Congressional District 17), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Andrew Szefti, Pittsburgh, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
ELECTION LAW ADVISORY BOARD

October 19, 2022

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Congressional District 1), 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Gene DiGirolamo, Bensalem, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

October 19, 2022

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Betsy Phillips, 3607 North Fourth Street, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve until November 16, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Nazanin Silver, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator REGAN, from the Committee on Law and Justice, reported the following bills:

HB 1546 (Pr. No. 3569) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, providing for the offense of endangerment of public safety official.

HB 1988 (Pr. No. 3570) (Amended)

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in recordings by law enforcement officers, further providing for definitions; in employees, further providing for definitions; and providing for automatic certification by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Mastriano and Senator Yaw.

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 Kim Ward requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Mastriano and Senator Yaw. Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Anthony Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journals of the Sessions of June 20, 2022; June 21, 2022; and June 22, 2022, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of June 20, 2022; June 21, 2022; and June 22, 2022.

Senator K. WARD. 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 K. WARD and were as follows, viz:

YEA-49

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

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.

CALENDAR

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

HB 2538 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

HB 2538 (Pr. No. 3021) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 14 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator K. WARD, as a Special Order of Business.

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED**

HB 2538 (Pr. No. 3021) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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.

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The next order of business is introductions of guests. Before we get to the Members, let me start out by introducing the gentleman who used to stand in this Chair and preside over the Senate, the former Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley.

(Applause.)

Also, former Senator from Delaware County, Senator Tom McGarrigle.

(Applause.)

GUEST 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, today it is my pleasure to introduce the guest Chaplain of the Senate for the day, Dr. Jim Arcieri. Dr. Arcieri is originally from Pennington, New Jersey, and he holds a bachelor's in history from Lebanon Valley College, a master's of arts in both religious studies and divinity from the Biblical Seminary in Hatfield, and a doctor of ministry from Providence Seminary in Virginia. Dr. Arcieri was a pastor for 12 years at the Community Bible Fellowship Church in Red Hill, Pennsylvania. He now currently is the director of the board of missions for the Bible Fellowship Church Denomination. He is also a member of the Missio Seminary, where their mission is to incarnate and communicate the story of Jesus with authenticity, fidelity to Scripture, appreciation of the Christian tradition, and sensitivity to the needs and aspirations of postmodern culture.

In addition, Jim also plays in a band called Swing Shift--a band which I also happen to be a member of--and I have to tell you that Jim is the finest bass guitarist I have ever had the opportunity of playing with. Jim has been married to his wife, Vicki, for 38 years. They have 3 grown children, Elyce, James, and Joel, as well as 3 grandchildren, Lucy, Nora, and Briar. Mr. President, please join me in welcoming Dr. Jim Arcieri.

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

(Applause.)

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. And as is my custom, I missed someone. I would like to recognize the former Senator from Philadelphia--and now a judge in Philadelphia--the Honorable John Sabatina.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JUDY WARD PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome a very special homeschool group from my district. The Worshipful Company of Extraordinary Homeschoolers is a thriving group of 47 homeschool families in southcentral Pennsylvania currently providing classes in biblical studies, music, physical education, and art. Their mission as a community of homeschooling families is to support one another as they enrich their children's academics through group classes, field trips, and other unique opportunities. They meet monthly for classes at the Alumni Community Building in McConnellsburg and have been fortunate to see continued growth over the recent years. Accompanying this group is one of my staff members from my district office in McConnellsburg, Kathleen, and her grandchildren, Israel, Brooke, Cora, Austin, and Maesy. Would you please join me in giving this wonderful group from my district a warm Senate welcome. Thank you.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR CAROLYN T. COMITTA AND SENATOR KATIE J. MUTH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator COMITTA. Mr. President, I rise today with my colleague, Senator Muth, to introduce a resolution designating October 2022 as National Protect Your Hearing Month in Pennsylvania. While hearing impairment is often viewed as a problem facing older residents, did you know that 1.1 billion young people worldwide are at risk for developing permanent, noise-induced hearing loss due to exposure to loud sounds? And according to the CDC, 1 in every 6 to 8 middle and high school students aged 12 to 19 years already has measurable hearing loss likely resulting from excessive noise exposure? Common noise hazards include loud music, parties, sports events, concerts, music in vehicles, and more.

National Protect Your Hearing Month aims to raise awareness about noise-induced hearing loss and steps that people can take to better protect their hearing, like using proper protective equipment such as headphones or earplugs. I would like to take a moment to recognize the members of 3 Tiny Bones, a nonprofit organization led by students from my Chester County district. Three Tiny Bones is working to destigmatize hearing loss and educate young people and communities on hearing health. With us today are 3 Tiny Bones' founder and president, Yaduraj Choudhary, and volunteer Steven Wang, both seniors at the Downingtown STEM Academy. Yaduraj and Steven, thank you for your work through 3 Tiny Bones. And now, I would like to welcome Senator Muth to say a few words.

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

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

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, thank you to my colleague and friend, Senator Comitta, for introducing this resolution recognizing October as National Protect Your Hearing Month in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, last month, my team met with Yaduraj from 3 Tiny Bones, and we were not just impressed with his knowledge of this subject matter, but also just his persistence and dedication to the issue. And for a young group of students to start a nonprofit and have this kind of drive for policy, it was incredibly impressive. During the meeting, Yaduraj advocated for legislative proposals that would promote hearing health education in our schools and also to meet the rising demand for American Sign Language education. We were really impressed with his proposals and have since circulated two cosponsorship memos that a number of my Senate Democratic colleagues have signed on to support. The first bill would ensure all students in Pennsylvania's K through 12 schools receive grade-level, appropriate instruction about the importance of hearing health and strategies that can be used to prevent hearing loss. When taking proper precautions such as reducing the volume level and using earplugs, hearing loss is preventable. However, a true lack of understanding exists related to both the risk of permanent hearing loss and the measures individuals and organizations can take to mitigate this risk. As part of a three-pronged strategy to promote hearing health in schools, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends implementing hearing loss prevention education.

The second bill that we introduced would establish grant programs to provide funding to Pennsylvania postsecondary schools to offer teacher certification programs for American Sign Language and for K through 12 schools to offer ASL instructions to students. The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders considers ASL a completely separate and distinct language from English, and the Pennsylvania Public School Code currently recognizes ASL as a subject that students may take to satisfy their foreign language requirement. Only one institution, Wilson College in Chambersburg, currently offers a teacher certification program for ASL, and that program only began this year.

The grant programs established by this legislation will provide the necessary funding to encourage Pennsylvania colleges and universities to offer ASL teacher certification programs and for K through 12 schools to offer ASL instruction to their students. We are currently working on language for both of these bills and will be introducing them in the very near future. Thank you again to Yaduraj and his volunteers at 3 Tiny Bones for the great advocacy work that they do, and I know you will continue to make this world a better place with all of your efforts as you have reinvigorated certainly, my staff, and restored our faith in humanity with all of your efforts knowing that there are so many brilliant minds working for solutions to problems facing so many. Thank you so much, and I also want to give a warm Senate welcome to Yaduraj. (Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR LISA M. BOSCOLA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I rise to welcome to the Senate my constituents, Xandra Mika and her father, Brian, seated up in the gallery. Xandra is here today to shadow me in the Senate for a senior project. Xandra currently is a senior at Nazareth Area High School. Her interest in politics is what brings her here today. For her senior project, she was tasked with identifying an individual in a career within the field of politics and to shadow them for a day to learn the ins and outs of that profession. Xandra chose me to shadow. She did not have a single doubt, she is like: I wanted to shadow Senator Boscola. So, I am kind of really honored that I was her first choice.

Xandra hopes to have the opportunity to observe the activities on the Senate floor today, witness advocates and lobbyists promote legislation, and see the inner workings of State government. Her love of history, advocating for human rights, and her admiration of the legal system inspired her to join us today and explore a future in politics. It is inspiring to watch her aspire to a future in politics as a young woman. She has a bright future ahead of her. I am hoping when I retire, Xandra, you run for this office. Only when I retire. Anyway, I gladly ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming her today in the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guests of Senator Boscola rise.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I am here today to introduce an intern in my office, Micah J. Yarbray. Micah will graduate in May 2023 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and psychology with a minor in addictions and mental health from Alvernia University in Reading. Throughout her college career, she has invested time in being the founder and president of the Black Student Union, lead peer mentor, resident assistant, a writing mentor in the criminal justice department of the university. Completing more than 150 hours of community service and more extracurriculars than you can actually talk about, she has further committed herself to being a full-time student athlete. As a track team member, she has devoted up to 35 hours a week to practices, travel, and competition while maintaining high academic achievement on a very intense courseload. Micah has made the dean's list every semester of her college career, maintaining a cumulative GPA--grade point average--of 3.87.

Post grad, Micah plans to enroll in a dual program to become a licensed attorney and earn her Ph.D. in legal psychology, and that is not just pipe dreams. On a personal note, understanding that Micah herself has faced some very significant challenges. Despite that, she has come back to serve in her internship. She maintains actually more than one internship with several other opportunities in the district as well. She is an amazing young woman. The things that she is talking about in terms of her future career--I know she will make it happen. Mr. President, would you ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming Micah Yarbray to our Senate? Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guest of Senator Schwank please rise so we can give you our usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

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, as we started yesterday and will continue today to very appropriately spend some time talking about and giving our Members who have decided to retire a chance to address the Senate and allow those Members to say a few things about them and allow their families and guests to come and be with us here on the Senate floor. Today, our first honoree is Senator Robert "Tommy" Tomlinson. Where do I start with Uncle Tommy--how my kids refer to Tommy Tomlinson? You know, Greg Milligan from our Senate communications staff said to me yesterday--as I am retiring as well with Tommy--that: you are the two last Senate Republicans of the 20th century, which I immediately fired Greg at that point in time (laughter) because it gave me a sense that we are really old. There are a few on that side of the aisle who were there in the 20th century, so you will have to hold down that label next year. But when I got to the Senate, Senator Tomlinson--my first swearing-in day--put his arm around me, and Joe Conti, who served with him in Bucks County, they both put their arm around me and said to my father: do not worry Senator Corman, we will take good care of Jake. Which my father about passed out on the floor and was very concerned that they would be a part of my education here in the Senate.

But one thing I learned about Senator Tomlinson very quickly was his independent voice and willingness to go it alone if he had to. You know, coming from the suburbs of Philadelphia, he had different priorities of his constituents than maybe some of us did in rural Pennsylvania. And many times it put him basically alone in our Caucus, or at least in the strong minority. But he continued to fight on those issues no matter what, whether it was supporting the building trades--whatever have it--Tommy was always willing to be a strong advocate for what he believed was right. And never was that more evident than the passage of gaming in Pennsylvania. He was in a strong minority in our Caucus. His leadership team did not support it, but Tommy--I can remember the argument he made from the beginning. He always said: look, this is not about a decision whether Pennsylvanians are going to gamble. They have made that decision. The question is, are they going to gamble in Pennsylvania, or are they going to gamble somewhere else? And so, probably the most contentious issue of my 24-year career was the legalization of gaming in Pennsylvania, and Tommy took a lot of shots. A lot of people went after him, personally and otherwise, but he kept staying strong. He stayed

strong and ultimately got the votes necessary to pass that law in--I think it was in 2003. And I think history has shown that Tommy was right. You know, we have probably one of the best gaming laws in the country. You know, every State in the nation that had passed gaming prior to that law, a legislator went to jail. Every State; not in Pennsylvania. Tommy passed a bill that put all the protections in place to make sure that did not happen here in Pennsylvania. And I think we have seen that they have been great employers, great revenue generators for the Commonwealth, as we have expanded it over time, years and years. And a lot of the issues that I know I was a "no" vote in that day--so, as usual, Tommy was right, and I was wrong--but I was a "no" vote. But a lot of the issues that some of us were concerned about--a lot of the social concerns--did not materialize. And so, Senator Tomlinson, who really took the lead on that issue and took the arrows on that issue--that is a tremendous legacy, I believe, for him. And again, at the end of the day, he was fighting for his constituents, a constituent's casino that was located--a racetrack--that was located in Bensalem. But again, he was never afraid to take on the tough issues, and he was never afraid to go it alone.

But probably his most crowning achievement in his career was when he got to vote on a bill sponsored by Representative K.C. Tomlinson. Not many of us--and K.C. is here on the floor with us today--not many of us get to vote on a bill that is sponsored by--and ultimately passed by--one of our children. And that had to be a tremendous, tremendous feeling of gratification and pride that--fortunately K.C. takes after her mother. (Laughter.) But he has been a great friend to me personally, to my family--my first friend here in the Senate. When you replace your father in the Senate, you have a feeling you maybe do not belong, that you are a little concerned you may not belong, and Senator Tomlinson's friendship early on in my career showed me that I belonged, and it has been a great 24-year run together. And as the old dogs of the 20th century, you will be missed, my friend. Mr. President, would you please recognize the gentleman from Bucks County, Senator "Tommy" Tomlinson.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Tomlinson.

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, thank you very much for that recognition, and Jake, thank you very much. I am glad that most of the stories you did not tell. I felt honored to serve with your father, who was a fine gentleman and a great Senator; and it was an honor to serve with you and watch your career and watch you grow and watch you become what you became; and I am very proud of you, Jake, and thank you much for those very, very kind words. With that, I really have more people to introduce than I have words to say, because so many people were part of the--as my daughter puts it, the "Team Tomlinson" group--and we really did not have staff, we had a team. And they really served our constituents; they worked on legislation; it was a really, really good team, and that team accomplished a lot, and of course I got a lot of credit for it. So, I would like to start with introducing some people. Before I do that, I want to congratulate Senator Mensch and Senator Scavella and Senator Yudichak on your leaving this fine institution, and you are going on to better things in life. It has been an honor to serve with you, also.

And with that, I would like to just introduce a few people from the staff who have come here. I guess I better start out with K.C.

Tomlinson first, I know she has been introduced, but K.C., I think we are the first father and daughter team to serve in the House and the Senate at the same time. (Applause.) So, I think that is quite an honor.

And with that, I have some staff members who have just done such a great job, and it is hard to put them in order, but I am going to start out with Tammy Blauch and Jen Smeltz and Gail Fuoti, who are working right here in Harrisburg. Would you please stand? Where are they, in the back? (Applause.) And previously here in Harrisburg—I think some of you did and some of you did not—but Fran Cleaver was my legal counsel for the committee, and Fran was outstanding, and she scared a lot of people (laughing). And I think I am the only legislator who people would rather see me than my staff. But she was a great one and is a good one and has retired to Florida. Jim Cawley has been introduced, but Jim Cawley was my chief of staff and went on to become lieutenant governor and very, very proud of his career. Sean Schafer: Sean Schafer then became my chief of staff, and he is now working as a lobbyist. Bob Dampman is not here, but he was our school superintendent, and he came up here to work for me for a while. Jill Heffernan: Jill actually ran my life for me pretty much along with Kitty Walsh. Jill is back here today. Meg Crompton is here, and Meg worked for me for many, many years, and she is here with the Honorable Drew Crompton and many of you should remember Drew. He spent a few years working around this fine institution and yelled at me quite a bit.

And then Jen Zeamer, Bruce McLanahan, and Geri Sarfert all worked for me—wonderful people—and really added to the accomplishments that we had. My staff back down in the district, Ryan Skoczylas. Ryan is here. I wish Ryan would just stand for a minute. Ryan is my great chief of staff now. (Applause.) Michele Sutter, Kathy Huber, Linda Prosek, and Kerry Judge, all members from my district staff. And when I talk about my district, Kitty Walsh could not be here today because of health reasons, but Kitty came on with me when I first went in the House in 1990 and stayed with me until just a few years ago. But she has some health problems, could not be here, but Kitty ran my life. Everybody knows it. Kitty kept me in line, and that is not an easy thing to do, and kept me going in the right direction. So, we have got to thank Kitty for that. I have some previous members: Al Sutter, Steve Klucaric, and Marilyn Kopczemski who worked for me. Kristen Benhayon, Anna Marie Shedaker, Kathy Passaretti, and Brittany Toryk, all wonderful, wonderful staff people who contributed a lot to the betterment of the district, and I cannot thank these people enough for all that they did for me.

I would like to introduce a couple of the people who are here: Dave Christian and his daughter, Colleen Christian, who is our prothonotary. But Dave is one of the most decorated Vietnam veterans in the United States. Dave, would you stand up, please? (Applause.) Thank you. Dave took a couple swipes at running for Congress, and I was very proud to help him and work with him, but we did not quite make it. But he has been a great contributor to our communities. I would also like to mention Pat Deon, our chair of SEPTA and the Turnpike Commission, is here. Pat, please stand. (Applause.) Pat is a dear friend and a family friend, and I am honored to have him here. But I think I got just about everybody; if I missed you, I am so sorry.

But just a few words. Jake hit on it. It was a tough little battle getting the gaming bill done. I spent about 10 years trying to get

that bill done, a couple of tough days in caucus getting beat up pretty good by very conservative Members who did not think gaming was a good thing for the State. And Jake is right, I said: people are going to Atlantic City—you know, I live an hour and a half from Atlantic City—and my people were running down the Atlantic City Expressway going to Atlantic City and spending all their money down there. You could not drive down the Atlantic City Expressway without seeing a bus or limousines and things like that. Now I go down to the shore, to Atlantic City, there are no buses, there are no cars. They lost over 40 percent of their business when we put gaming in Pennsylvania. So, Pennsylvanians who were gambling in New Jersey are now gambling in Pennsylvania to our benefit, to a large benefit. So, it was a very, very good thing, and I think that—when you think about that we have raised over \$47 billion in taxes, the Atlantic City tax rate was 9 percent, we tax them at 54 percent, that was a little heavy, but we became the biggest partner in gambling. The State is actually the biggest partner because we get the biggest chunk. And then, of course, they had to go out and make the investment. They spent hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars, billions of dollars, building facilities and, of course, employing over 20,000 people across the State. That is a lot of people to employ, and those people, they love their jobs. So, I think the accomplishment, finances to the State, employment, and then you cannot drive by my casino without seeing one of the top-name restaurants from every franchise in the United States outside my casino picking off customers to have dinner, and they are doing very well. So, the spinoff of that is actually more than I just said. So, it was a great accomplishment, it was quite a struggle, I am glad to see that most people recognize now that I was right about that. I do not think it has done any damage, and I think it has only done good. And property taxpayers benefited from that, my community benefited from that, this State benefited from that, so I am very proud of that accomplishment. It only took me 10 years (laughing) and a few interesting days in our caucus.

With that, I just cannot tell you how proud I am to have served with you, to serve with Members from the past, who are wonderful people, who contributed greatly to this great State. You know, when I first started out in public life, I was involved with my father in a rotary club, and the saying for the rotary club was "service above self." And from a very young man, I learned that you go out and you work hard and you serve your community, you serve the people, and you help people. And that came from when I just got out of college, and I have used that my whole life. In fact, now I have turned it around a little bit, and we have another little saying that says, "people above politics." And I know many of us said that, and that is true, too. So, we serve the people whether we are Democrats, Republicans, Independents, we serve our communities. We really do care, every one of you, I know, does about your district, and you are here every day fighting for your district, and I am just proud to say that I really enjoyed it. I enjoyed working with you; I enjoyed the conflicts that we had and the things that we agreed on. And I think when you put that together, and you work it around a little bit, it comes out the right way. So, thank you very much. And just one more note to Lisa Boscola, I do not know how you put up with me for 20 years. Lisa and I were chairs of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. I do not think we had one bad word, and I think the committee worked well, and I want to thank you

so much for that, Lisa, for being my cochair and not the Minority chair of that committee. And we did a lot of good things out of that committee. There are so many people here who I could mention personally, but I will not. But I want to thank you all for giving me the honor today, and I want to thank my constituents and the voters for giving me the honor to serve them. Thank you, and God bless you.

(Applause.)

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, Senator Robert Tomlinson, who we just heard, better known as Tommy. You know, when I got here, he was already a legend in the Senate. He was just Tommy. So, finishing his seventh term, he has represented the 6th Senatorial District of the Commonwealth in some manner for nearly 30 years. He is a mainstay of Bucks County politics for decades. He served as a Bensalem school board member and was a State Representative for Lower Bucks. Well, he is quick to say it has been an opportunity of a lifetime to serve the people of Bucks County. It is fair to say that he has done an excellent job, really, representing those people and enjoying doing it. You could always tell that he really liked his work. He was very, very tenacious. I think tenacious probably is not a strong enough word for him when there were things that he wanted to get done. He has achieved a great deal, not only for the residents of the 6th Senatorial District, but has had a significant and positive effect on Pennsylvania communities all across the Commonwealth. He championed legislation that would allow 100 percent service-disabled veterans to qualify for a complete exemption of property tax. He worked in a bipartisan manner to expand CHIP to ensure that all children have access to quality healthcare. He authored legislation that banned texting while driving--I do not always pay attention to that law. Increased penalties for repeat DUI offenders and increased access to affordable energy for low-income seniors. You can tell from those pieces of legislation that he really cares about people and those who may not be able to help themselves.

But, most notably, it was his dedication to bring the legalization of gaming to Pennsylvania, and that was a game changer for his district, but it was also a game changer of the Commonwealth. He is known as the grandfather of gaming in Pennsylvania, and we would not dare ever make a move on gaming without first checking with Tommy. And I am sure that is going to continue. For 10 years, as you said, often working all alone, you put forward a proposal that would transform your community and transform our Commonwealth. Gaming has generated, as you said, \$47 billion in revenue. It created more than 20,000 full-time jobs, and those are good-paying jobs with benefits in our Commonwealth. In his district alone, Bensalem community has received more than \$150 million in fees. Surrounding communities benefited almost \$50 million in funding to put to work, to purchase emergency vehicles and improve local infrastructure. But the truth is, without this legislation, it would have been very difficult to secure critical funding to keep Lower Bucks Hospital open during financially difficult times. The absence of a healthcare facility would have been devastating to that community, and Tommy dedicated himself to finding a solution to make sure that that community, that that hospital, that healthcare system stayed open.

You know, I am going to tell you a personal story about him. I hardly knew you, of course, Tommy, when I first got here, but I sat right in front of you on the floor. And so, I am sitting there as a new Senator, and somebody is saying something that is making me so mad, and I said: that is it. I started to get up, and I feel my hair get pulled back like this, and I turn around; he goes: do not talk. (Laughter.) I said--I am like--he goes: you have not been here long enough, you need to get the lay of the land, do not talk. I am like: okay. And I have always had that relationship with him ever since. Okay, is that okay?

But the other really big thing he did that affected my community is when West Penn Power was going to sell out, I called Tommy, and he helped make sure that jobs stayed in that community, and he made sure that they treated us fairly. And you mentioned Fran. I will never forget the phone call I got from West Penn Power saying: who called Fran? So, you know, you have done great work, and I will miss you, and I know that you have done a lot of things that benefitted all of us across the Commonwealth. So, it is a very bittersweet moment. I really--I am happy for you that you are going to go and spend time doing what you want to do, and go on your boat, and do all those fun things. But we will miss you terribly. So, thank you, and we will miss you. I will miss you. Thank you for your service.

(Applause.)

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I too rise and offer my thanks to Senator Tomlinson. And I guess, let me be clear, as I understand, many folks who have walked through this Chamber and through this building, very few of them were known universally by their first name, Tommy. And I think whenever somebody--whether they be government relations people, they be staff from Members--would ask the question: what does Tommy think? We always knew who they were talking about because that is the type of respect that he enjoyed here in this building, in this Chamber, and certainly on our side of the aisle. And as you know, a number of my colleagues on this side of the aisle, in addition to myself, will be speaking in that regard. I know that you know who they are, to show their respect to you for your career and your work here. And collectively, we want to say thank you, because it has been an honor to work with you, particularly a number of years ago when there were matters and issues that we were working on here in a variety of different spaces. We were able to reach out to you and others on the other side of the aisle to get things done working together because we had many issues that were similar in nature that we had both experienced and wanted to deal with, and you were always a supportive voice in that space.

The work that you and Senator Boscola have done in the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure really has been tremendous. It has been steady. It has been thoughtful. The two of you working together--as you indicated--as cochairs, and we respect that very much and want to say thank you for that, because that does not always happen that way in this Chamber and in this building. So, we want to say thank you. But the work that you did working with the licensure part of the committee, the consumer protection stuff, and the utility work was always thoughtful and well managed, and we want to say thank you for that, because Pennsylvanians are better off because of that. We have talked a lot about the gaming activity, which again, certainly,

we were able to work closely with you--a little more than a handful of folks--to be able to get that done, and it has been everything we thought it might be collectively, and as you said it would be. We talked a lot about the tax revenue that has taken place, and I think it is important that while we talk about the establishment of a new industry in Pennsylvania that was created and the revenue that has come from that, my recollection of Tommy Tomlinson was he was also concerned about the consumers, given the nature of his chair position, but always worried about making sure that we had programs that address those individuals who maybe had an addiction problem in this space that needed to be addressed. And we made certain we put provisions in the law to be able to protect that, and I think that is something we need to recognize and say thank you for. That is important to know that there are resources available to folks who are dealing with any type of crisis along those lines and the work was done in that space.

But I just want to bring also, quantify those dollars, what they have meant to people in Pennsylvania. When you think about the Property Tax Relief Fund, nearly \$800 million every year is going out to property tax owners on their primary residence. Hundreds of millions of dollars have gone out to communities all across Pennsylvania through the local share and through other programs. When you think about large ticket items that have been funded through this revenue: the Philadelphia Convention Center, to the tune of nearly a billion dollars; the Pittsburgh Airport, to the tune of almost \$200 million; a stadium, PPG Paints Arena, to the tune of about \$75 million. These are large, signature projects that have had an economic impact in the community. And, as Senator Kim Ward mentioned, all those dollars that went to our local communities, they were needed, and they also helped them provide, through the local share commitment that we made, to ensure that they had resources to take care of the issues that folks thought would arise. That is really, in my mind, a mark of a piece of legislation that has been replicated around the country that has really been really important to the people of Pennsylvania, to know that is the case. And not only do it once, but we had to come back three or four other times to make changes and to expand it to some degree. But again, always with an eye looking out for the economic development aspect of it and other things that took place.

So, while I recognize that you have had a significant role in other spaces, Tommy, that is probably one you will be recognized for as we move forward, and it was done well and done right, and we want to say thank you for that. But also thank you for your service on the committee and all the things that you have done, and quite frankly, just the relationship that I think a lot of us have had with you over the course of these years. Thank you, sir, very much.

(Applause.)

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, I have known Tommy Tomlinson since his freshman year in the House, and you probably will not believe this, but we have seen six governors come and go in that time, but only one Tommy Tomlinson. I actually got him in a lot of trouble with the House Leadership within his first few months, but following up on Senator Corman's example, I am not going to tell that story either. Most of us know him for his many years as chair of the Committee on Consumer Protection and

Professional Licensure, and his specialty was very simple. He encouraged warring professional groups to stop yelling at each other and to sit down and knock out a realistic compromise. When they took his advice, the bill often moved to the Governor's desk. When they did not take his advice, for some reason, those bills are still in committee. Tommy, I enjoyed working with you on school safety and a host of those pesky consumer and professional affairs issues. Thank you for your many years of service.

(Applause.)

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, Tommy, 28 years ago, you and I walked into this building for the first time. We were bright-eyed freshmen, ready to take on the world. Through these years, I have been happy to call you friend, colleague, and sounding board. We have seen so much happen and a great many changes to each other and this institution. And, unfortunately, a majority of our colleagues will never experience the way it was when it was bipartisan. We could fight on the floor, but as soon as that gavel hit, we would get up, and we would go out. And for that, I thank you. As you move into your new chapter of life, I want you to know how much I appreciate you and value the friendship that we have developed over these years. I wish you luck, happiness, and most of all, that you remember that you have a friend in me, and I am honored to have a friend in you. Thank you, Tommy.

(Applause.)

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, Tommy, I do not even know where to start. It is just kind of hard for me to do, but I am going to--darn it, I am going to try my best. We have chaired the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure--came on board in 2003--so it has been 20 years we have chaired that committee together. And, as you said it, you never called me Minority chair. It was always: she is my co-chair, and that is an honor in this building. I will never forget it. We spent that time together, and I am not sure that many other committee chairs can even say the same. I do not think they have worked as long together, and we did a lot of hard work. We appreciated each other. When we first started to work together, I was more than happy to take you under my wing since I was a Democratic chair since 1997. So, I guess that makes me the more senior member of the committee. You might be senior in age, but on the committee, I am the senior member (laughing).

Anyway, during our time, we worked together in a bipartisan manner--and this should be taught on college campuses on how to effectively craft and pass policy. Even times when we disagreed, we found a way to compromise. It was very rare that we disagreed, but we did always compromise and always shook each other's hand and even gave each other a hug. Our work shined when we were able to get lobbyists and stakeholders to compromise on various issues, from implementation of Act 129--that was very difficult in 2008. And back in 2004, we spent, together, a lot of time on AEPS--that act under Governor Rendell. That legislation revolutionized how we diversified our energy portfolio here in Pennsylvania. Most of the time when we met with lobbyists and stakeholders, we would play good cop, bad cop. For some reason, I always ended up being the bad cop, and I think it is

because you did not have it in you to be the bad cop. I had to be the bad cop, but you were a great good cop. That is how we got things done. I will always comment and think about the hard work we did to accomplish what we did on the authorization of Chapter 14. That was difficult, too. The Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure will take that issue up again next year, believe it or not. So, I will be calling you. I do not know if you will answer the phone, but I think we could use your advice on that one.

Lastly, I need to highlight the work we did on legalization of the TNC's, the ridership programs here. The thousands of people who utilize the services of Uber, Lyft, every day can thank you for your commitment to get that legislation over the finish line. That was difficult, too. And, oh, remember the Tesla, when we tested the Tesla? Oh my God. So, Tommy and I are in the Tesla together for the first time, and he did not hesitate to get in that driver's seat. And I am like going, oh my God this thing is going from like zero to 80 miles an hour in a heartbeat, and I am like, I cannot do this. And you were like--he is driving and whizzing around Harrisburg. Finally get to me, and he goes: Lisa, you are going to drive this. And I go: I am not, no way. I was scared. I was just like, there is no way. I cannot handle this vehicle. It was just, I did not trust it, and it went from, like I said, zero to 80 miles an hour. And he is like: Lisa, you are tough; you can do this. I got in that car, and we are driving, buzzing around, and he goes: are you going to give it up now? And I am like--so, I would not get in the car, but then I just loved that vehicle. And, Tommy, I would not have tested that vehicle if it was not for you saying you can do this.

So, there is no doubt in my mind that retirement is going to treat you well. You are going to be--no more driving to Harrisburg. You are going to stay down at the shore. You will be spending much time cruising around in your new Corvette or sailing around the east coast. Either way, the next chapter of your life is well-deserved because you were remarkable and had a successful career here in the Senate. There are very few videos that I did recently, and this one was a heartfelt, difficult one. You are a wonderful colleague, a truly wonderful friend. I will keep in touch with you as the years go by, and I am sure I will call you for the perspective when we open up Title 66 next Session.

There is one little last story that I want to tell you. After years of chairing the committee, we--remember being in the meeting one day, and I looked over at you. I am like: you know, I am the Minority chairperson and other Minority chairs will actually let legislation come out of their committee. And I am like: Tommy--and this has been years and years and years of us working together--I go: how come you never run a bill, my bill, out of committee? Why not? And I remember you looking over at Fran Cleaver: Fran, why are you not running any Boscola bills? (Laughter.) And Fran did her research like she always does, quickly replies: because Senator Boscola does not have a bill in committee. (Laughter.) I am like--so I look over at Steve DeFrank--I am like: Steve, why do I not have a bill in this, my, committee that I am chairing? He goes: we do not? I am like: I do not know. Ever since that day, I have a bill in committee, and you have always been respectful of looking at that legislation and seeing if it is something we can get passed out of committee. Your days are cherished. For me, personally, I just know that when I look back at my career, you are just going to be one of those

individuals, I say: we have done a lot of work together, we respected each other. I will cherish my time here because of you, and your leadership in this building is something that affected the lives--in a good way--for all citizens of Pennsylvania. I am honored. Thank you.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Santarsiero.

Senator SANTARSIERO. Mr. President, Tommy, as a fellow Bucks Countian, it has been a pleasure in just these last 4 years, serving with you here in the State Senate. I have to tell you, in the last few months I have been doing a lot of canvassing in Bristol Township and borough, which are towns that are being added to my district from yours. And, from door to door, I go introduce myself to folks, and they say: wait, are you running against Tommy Tomlinson? I say: no, I am not running against Tommy Tomlinson. The first couple of times it was okay. I understand they are a little confused. Now it is getting irritating (laughing). One guy actually says to me: well, are you our State Senator now? I said yes. You do not look like a State Senator. You do not have the hair. Tommy, you know, that reaction at the door--aside from the hair comment--is a consequence and a result of the years that you have served those communities.

And, you know, I often think about what we do in the legislature. Obviously, there is the legislative component--what happens here in Harrisburg--but there is what we do back home as well. Helping the communities as recently as last year when Ida came through--I know you were very involved in the response to that--and being there for the kind of economic investment that Jay Costa was referencing earlier. And I think it is clear after the years that you served--both as a State House Member and then as a State Senator--that the community has always been foremost in your heart. And it did not matter who you needed to work with to advance that goal, you did it. And I think that is a reflection of that reaction as I go door to door and I talk to folks about what is happening in the community and the concerns that they have.

But there is another aspect of your service that I want to touch on today, and that is something that I think we are increasingly in short supply of. And that is a level of civility and an ability to work with people of the other side of the aisle. You have heard it from some of our Members already today. I think it is heartfelt, and I think that ability to understand that we are all in this together--and we may disagree from time to time on a particular policy--but that we are all coming at it from the standpoint of wanting to do the right thing, however we may conceive that right thing to be, and just being able to have those conversations. And I hope, as you move on to your next stage in life, that your example here is one that is not soon forgotten. That outlook and that ability to work across the aisle--the willingness to have those conversations and understand, at the end of the day, we are all people first, and we are all here with the goal of trying to do the right thing--is something that each and every Member keeps in mind; and when they think about you, they think about that example moving forward. So, I want to thank you for that because I have certainly felt that in the 4 years that I have served here in the State Senate and even before when I was in the State House, and you were here in the State Senate as a member of our Bucks County delegation. That is an important legacy, and I think it is one that you should be proud of. Simply being able to stand for--really, at

the end of the day--what, fundamentally, our country is about. And so, I thank you for that, and I wish you the very best moving forward. Thank you.

(Applause.)

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, uh-oh is right (laughing). My friend, I will try to get through this. First, professionally, I will say this about Tommy Tomlinson: if you ever had the experience of being in his district with him, whether you are going to a fire hall-related event, whether you are at the racetrack, you will see what he means to his community. He is Tommy, and it is amazing when people say: there is Tommy; or Tommy, can you help me with that? And, you know, as he has wound down here and you see some of the accolades his community has been giving him, you really, truly see what he has meant to them. And that is people of all political stripes. You know, just a couple weeks ago, someone sent me a video--I do not know if it was Bristol Borough--on a stage event that you might have been at, and the mayor who literally could not keep it together in order to honor Tommy and say his goodbyes and asked his son to do it instead because of what Tommy meant to his community. But when I think of Tommy, and you have heard a lot about the different things that he has worked on, and it goes well until his time that he is calling it done. A lot of people may not know, he played a huge role in working with me and Senator Corman and Senator Browne in one of the historic changes for college athletes in name, image, and likeness. And for a Millersville guy and for a West Chester guy to think that we will be working together for the most historic change in the State System of Higher Education since its inception, it just goes to prove that Tommy took on tough issues. Tommy always did the right thing.

What I also appreciate about Tommy--and you see is the people who are introduced here today--is he always surrounded himself with great people. And that kind of fostered a work environment too, to help not only get him get things done, but you see, a lot of the people who were in his life professionally, those great people went on to do great things. Now mind you, that was not easy for the staff. I mean, I can tell you every time someone sitting in Tommy's office--and I am guilty as ever--and we just start going on rants of football days of yore, or talking about deep sea fishing, you can see when the eyes start rolling and they all kind of retreat away and we keep talking about sports. You know, I am going to miss the jokes in the office when the staff knew that they were off watch and now, officially, it was Senator Martin's time to watch over Senator Tomlinson--maybe on a trip down the shore. But I am especially going to miss popping the door open on a Session morning and looking in and saying: is my grandpapa here yet?

On a personal level, a lot of folks may not know about Senator Tomlinson, as he was more than just a guy running a funeral home in his community, he was more than just a Senator representing people, did you know that he was also a captain of the 1967 and 1969 champions at West Chester for football? And if you ever see old pictures from back then in the paper, which I came across one, and it said: Bob Tomlinson--he had a neck as thick as a tree trunk, just a very hardnosed tight end, who always got off the ball faster than the defensive lineman, and that is what made him so good, as he likes to tell me. He also led them in 1967

to the Tangerine Bowl, which is very unheard of, and a lot of folks may not know, but he is actually in the Athletics Hall of Fame for West Chester University. And the biggest thing people may not know, back in the formation of the Cincinnati Bengals and Paul Brown, when he broke off, Tommy Tomlinson was there with the Cincinnati Bengals. It is an amazing sports career, and it really pains me because if you know that Millersville and West Chester are archrivals, for me to say good things about Tommy being a West Chester Ram is very tough.

But on a personal level, I heard the term Uncle Tommy, I think Jake used it, my kids use it. You know, when I first got here, Tommy's and my paths had not really crossed much prior. I knew of him, I probably knew Lieutenant Governor Cawley better and some of the other people, and you get to know people. That is what is amazing when you get to listen to people's stories, you know, and come to find out that Tommy grew up with my dad's family up in the Somerton and Bensalem area. I come to find out Tommy was very involved in the Ocean City Marlin and Tuna Club; loved to deep sea fish. That is kind of funny, Tommy, my grandparents were both the weigh masters of the Ocean City Marlin and Tuna Club, and to think there was a time where he was coming in to go out on a tournament trip and be pulling in on that boat, trying to angle it right as we would hang off and hand off registration packets and a box of donuts. That little Scotty Martin at the time was handing those things to someone who would mean a lot to him later in life, Tommy Tomlinson. It is not going to be a shock to you that one of his most favorite places in this world is Ocean City, New Jersey; same thing as my family. He has his routine. The guy still, even after having his hip done, even after having back surgery, gets his 20 miles in on his bike. You can find him at Bob's restaurant holding court in his booth overlooking the boardwalk and the ocean, or you may see him at The Crab Trap, having a drink and eating oysters with a Senator from Lancaster County.

It has truly been a pleasure, and one of my biggest regrets is that we had not more time here. But I know, especially given fate, a lot of folks may not know that Tommy just recently got another place down the shore, and the most ironic thing of all of that is that he can literally lean over his back deck and look back and wave to my parents on theirs. Tommy loves his family more than I can express. He loves his kids, and know that K.C. will always have an office to come and vent in now, now that dad will not have an office here. He loves his grandchildren. But I will tell you, to see the pictures I constantly get and see his face light up whenever he sends me pictures of little Landry O'Malley, his granddaughter, it is something it is just so hard to express and what that means to him. Tommy, I am certainly going to miss you here. You certainly are not going to get rid of me and the family, and we will constantly be talking. And, my friend, the day is coming when we are going to finally get that elusive swordfish we have been fighting to get all along. So, I love you, brother. Godspeed.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. One last round of applause for Senator Tomlinson everyone.

(Applause.)

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, Senator Yudichak and I came into the legislature in the same year in 1998, and in those days—I do not know that they still do this—but in those days we freshmen attended orientation-type classes to sort of give us the landscape of Harrisburg. And whether you are a House Member, Senator, Republican, Democrat, we all attended these things, and that is where I first got to meet John. And did not know him beforehand, and so, we got to be friends a little bit, but not, did not see each other a whole lot over the years until he came to the Senate. And now I look back, I cannot think of a person who I have served with in 24 years who I have more in common with. First of all, we came from big families. You know, not everyone has that privilege, not everyone has had that ability. And so, it had such a big impact on us, both his family and mine on me. Both of us went to Penn State, hard to say it after last Saturday, but still, we both went to Penn State. We both had great fathers as role models who had major influences on our lives. Both big sports fans: my loyalties went west to Pittsburgh; his loyalties went east to Philadelphia, which he is having a really good run these days, including last night. But probably most important of our similarities and our legislative styles has been, there is not a problem in our districts that we cannot help alleviate by creating a job.

I do not know anyone who I have served with who had more of a strong advocacy for jobs in his community, his beloved Luzerne County. You know, whether it was trying to maintain and keep jobs that were there—whether they were State facilities that were being shut down—there was no stronger advocate, even in his own party to say: you know what, this is wrong; we have to keep these jobs here; it is too important to the families, to the community, to the vibrancy of my community, or finding out ways to create new jobs in his community. And obviously, we as a Senate, recently—and the Governor signed—passed the Local Resource Manufacturing Tax Credit, which, hopefully, if it achieves what we believe it will and what John lobbied for here hard, envisioned hundreds of thousands of new jobs in northeastern Pennsylvania, an area that could use hundreds of thousands of new jobs.

You know, that is what we are here for, to improve our communities. And there is no one who was a bigger, stronger advocate than one who breathes Luzerne County—with all due respect to Senator Baker, who is from Luzerne County as well—it emanates from his body; he is Luzerne County, that is what John always fought for in his career. And it did not matter what it took, whether it was working with colleagues on the other side of the aisle, whether it was working with administrations, whatever mattered, had to get the job done, and he got the job done. And I think will go down in history, as he and his colleagues from the northeast who put that plan together, as the moment when we really began to revitalize a part of the State that desperately needed a revitalization. You know, he educated us when he became an Independent and sat in our Caucus. There were not a lot of building trade supporters within our Caucus—Senator Tomlinson was clearly one—and he developed a relationship, in a lot of ways, with our Caucus and the building trades to the point where that tax credit got a unanimous vote on a prevailing wage issue in the Senate Republican Caucus. Now, Senator Tomlinson, did you ever think it would be a unanimous vote on the prevailing wage issue? But he made the point, and he accomplished it.

I guess maybe the final thing that we have in common is through the magic of redistricting, we both lost our seats. They both got moved to different parts of the State. So, if there was ever a sign it was time for us to go, I think that was the final sign. But you have been a great friend; you have been a great advocate for your community; and when people look up the term public service, I think they would look and see a person like John Yudichak and the career that he is had here in the legislature of Pennsylvania. God bless you, John, we are going to miss you.

Mr. President, would you please recognize the gentleman from Luzerne County, Senator John Yudichak?

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne, Senator Yudichak.

Senator YUDICHAK. Mr. President, January of 1999, I took the oath of office as a new State Representative in the 119th District. I was just 28 years old. As I basked in that great moment of personal triumph, the late Tom Tigue, a former colonel in the Marines who possessed a potent pugnacity for contrarian debate, grabbed me, pulled me aside, and said: young man, I have one piece of advice for you: do not stay too long. I said: Tom, it is day one (laughter), could I stay the week? As it turned out, I stayed 24 years. But, today, I am finally listening to the very sage advice from Tom Tigue. It has been the joy of a lifetime, the joy of a lifetime, serving the hard-working people of Carbon and Luzerne Counties in the 14th Senatorial District.

In my final days in office, I have been overwhelmed by an enormous sense of gratitude. Every blessing, every single one that I have enjoyed in public life, has been bestowed on me by an amazing group of family and friends who knocked the doors to get me elected. Many of those original doorknockers traveled to Harrisburg for my swearing-in in 1999, and some of them are still with me in the Chamber today. For those we lost, like my beloved mother, Sally, I placed a photograph from that first bus trip to the Capitol on my Senate desk today to ensure everyone who was with me when I started this political journey is with me today as the journey comes to an end. The boss of those original doorknockers was Joe Yudichak, my 88-year-old father. Dad, without you and Mom, without our dear friends, Lois and Gene McKeown, I never would have found the courage, and I most certainly would have never found the money to run for public office. Thank you for making my political success possible. I am forever grateful, Dad, and I love you. Now, saying I love you in Slovak families is not easy. Saying I love you on the record in the Senate Journal—well, that is the equivalent of sending 1,000 Father's Day cards. So, Dad, I am all caught up. (Laughter.) All caught up.

I want to thank a few members of my family who have always been there for me in life and in politics: my sisters, Patty and Linda, who join us today; my brother, Joe; and my brother-in-law, John Zyla. Thank you, thank you for always being there for your baby brother. Most of all, I want to thank the four most important people in my life, my beautiful daughters, Sarah, Anna, Evelyn, and Grace, who are with me today. (Applause.) Each of my daughters were born long after my career in politics began. As a result, they had to sacrifice a lot for Dad to be the Senator. And I remember the girls would often ask me: Dad, what does a Senator do, because you sure do not do anything around the house. (Laughter.)

When I ran for the Senate, Sarah was 5; and Anna and Evelyn were 3; and Grace had not yet arrived. The three girls were the stars of the best political ad of my career: the Evelyn ad. I hired a film crew that was costing me thousands of dollars, and we were trying to shoot a family-at-the-kitchen-table ad where I delivered the line: I am John Yudichak, and I want to be your State Senator. Simple enough. But every time I delivered my line, Evelyn would pop up and shout: why? (Laughter.) The director would yell: cut, stop the shoot. And for at least 10 or 15 more takes, Evelyn kept asking: why? She was giving us a great political gift, and we did not know it. Wisely, we crafted a new ad featuring Evelyn's important question. And that innocent little ad went viral, and every voter I met in the 14th Senatorial District wanted to help Evelyn's Dad get elected. The only one who was not happy with Evelyn's ad was Evelyn's twin sister, Anna. Anna pulled me aside and said: Dad, I was quiet for that entire commercial, Evelyn misbehaved and became a star; Dad, politics is not fair. (Laughter.) How right you are Anna; how right you are.

On my swearing-in day in 2011, the Senate photographer captured a beautiful picture of my oldest daughter, Sarah, who was so bored with the day's proceedings, she was sitting at my desk leafing through the Bible just to pass the time. In recent years, I began to look at that photo, and I brought it with me today. I began to look at that photo with wistful reflection on how much time I missed with my girls. After my reelection to the Senate in 2018, I made up my mind to spend more time with my family. And as Senator Corman mentioned--the reapportionment process--the reapportionment process made sure there was no backsliding on that decision. But I have absolutely no regrets on stepping away from the Senate. I eagerly look forward to a private life where my only constituent issue will be being a good Dad. Sarah, Anna, Evelyn, and Grace, I love you more than anything in the world. I am immensely proud of you, and now, now that we are going to have all this time together, I bought a book of Dad jokes to help us pass the time. (Laughter.) Here is one of Grace's favorites, and she has a great sense of humor. When does a joke become a dad joke? When the punchline becomes a parent. (Laughter.) Your ability to laugh, your ability to laugh keeps you grounded. Politics in the social media age is too divisive, too impersonal, and often lacks, often lacks that empathetic acknowledgement that we are all in this crazy life together.

In my first month in office as a State Rep, I got a call from a family who had a father who was battling cancer. I had no idea how to help the family. I had no contacts, no relationships. I started asking around, and out of the blue I got a call from Speaker Matt Ryan. It was like hearing the voice of God over that phone. He said: young man, I understand you have a constituent who needs help. You tell that family their father will be in the University of Pennsylvania hospital on Thursday, and you take all the credit. I was stunned. I asked Speaker Ryan, what could I do for him? What did he need from me? He said: all I ask of you is this, respect the institution of the House and respect your fellow Members. Speaker Ryan's advice became the moral foundation of my political career, and I am so grateful for how it has shaped my life in the legislature.

The work we do in State government is important, but the relationships we forge in the crucible of public life are what remain long after the spotlight of the political stage fades. I cannot believe how lucky I have been over the years to acquire such a

wonderful group of friends who have made my time in the legislature so colorful and so rewarding. In the House days, it was the Green Street gang: Tom Tigue, Gaynor Cawley, Bill Keller, Paul Costa, John Sabatina, Tim Solobay, Harry Readshaw, Mikey Diven, and Dave Mayernik, and our auxiliary Green Streeters, Jen Mann and Rich Grucela. And, yes, if you do the math, we were in violation of numerous city ordinances here in Harrisburg on Green Street. But, boy, did we have fun. And no one was funnier than the late Gaynor Cawley. Gaynor had a way of telling jokes with such affection you just had to laugh. He was the human embodiment of a warm chocolate chip cookie. Tigue, on the other hand, was the embodiment of that hard candy your grandmother used to give you, and when you left the house, you spit it out. (Laughter.) They were great friends but polar opposites. In honor of the Green Street gang--and some of them are here--in honor of our Green Street gang and our good times together, I asked Paul Costa and John Sabatina to join us today on the Senate floor to perform the iconic dance scene from "Dirty Dancing." (Laughter.) Gentlemen, they did tell me they were a little concerned that Judge Sabatina's judicial robe may get caught in the chandeliers, so you are going to have to visualize it with me. If you did not know it, Paulie and Sabs are infectious dancers and, someday, I hope they find the cure. Paul and John, thank you.

And then there is my mentor, Bill Keller. The man who taught me how Harrisburg really works, and who serves as a daily reminder to me why no one, no one should ever eat the ham steak at the Glass Lounge. (Laughter.) Bill's bedroom at Green Street was right next to mine. Every morning I would wake up to Bill's phone ringing, and I would hear him ask the following questions: Who has been shot? Who is in jail? How many people saw what happened? Just another Sunday night at the Jokers Club in South Philly. No one worked harder, no one delivered more for their district than Bill Keller. I did my level best to soak up his legislative knowledge and to capture every State grant that fell off his plate. Thank you, Bill.

When I first came to the Senate, I got lucky again. I sat next to Shirley Kitchen in caucus. Through her kindness, Shirley made me more compassionate and a more understanding person. Shirley still texts me, always encouraging me to cause good trouble up here in Harrisburg. The person who sat to my right was Senator Jim Brewster. Jim is a guy with a tough exterior and a heart of gold. Jim, I watched in awe when you rose above the political divisions of this Chamber and put the institution and your fellow Members above your own personal situation. Jimmy, you are one of the last great, stand-up guys. My friend, Senator Boscola, taught me to be tough and independent long before I ever dreamed of being one. And my friend, Senator Tony Williams, taught me to be open-minded and always open to a good deal. And, Senator Jay Costa, despite our political differences, I still rank you as one of my top 25, all-time favorite Costas. (Laughter.) And, for the record, there are thousands of them, thousands. (Applause.) But the number one, the number one Costa will never be Jay or Paul. In my heart it will always be Louise Costa. She will always be number one.

To my Senate colleagues from northeastern Pennsylvania, Senator Baker, Senator Argall, Senator Gordner, Senator Scavella, and Senator Flynn, thank you for your friendships. Through natural disasters, pandemics, and economic challenges, we have always stood together as one group of leaders for a better

northeastern Pennsylvania. I am very proud of our work together. Thank you to my friends and allies in the House: Representative Kaufer, Representative Schnee, and Representative Heffley. And to all the Senators and Representatives, past and present, who have been great partners with me in the legislature, especially my dear friend, Speaker Keith McCall.

The toughest decision I had to make in my political career was the decision to become an Independent. Three people made that transition a lot easier for me: Senator Joe Scarnati, Senator Jake Corman, and Senator Kim Ward. I am eternally grateful for the kindness and professionalism these three Senators exhibited towards me and my family in these challenging days. Senator Corman, congratulations on your own retirement. As you mentioned, we graduated Penn State together in 1993, we got elected to the legislature in 1998, and here we are retiring together in 2022. Why do you keep following me? (Laughter.) Get a hobby, buy a dog, leave me alone. I still should have never agreed to play that guitar in that commercial, I should have never done that. (Laughter.) That really hurt. And it hurt us both. Jake, you have been a great friend and a great leader, and we see the political world, as you mentioned, in the very same way. We are here to get stuff done for the people of Pennsylvania. Jake and I have always been proud members of the get-stuff-done caucus, and I must tell you from the bottom of my heart, no single legislator has helped me or the people of the 14th Senatorial District more than Senator Jake Corman. Thank you, Jake.

Senator Kim Ward, I want to publicly acknowledge just how proud I am--as I have mentioned to you in private--as the brother of five sisters and the father of four daughters, to serve as the first female Majority Leader in the history of Pennsylvania. (Applause.) You are a trailblazer, and you are a tough and gifted politician. Thank you, Kim. And then there is my friend, Judy Ward, who I must constantly remind that here in the Senate, two Wards do not make a right. (Laughter.) Senator Judy Ward, Senator Robinson, Senator Bartolotta, Senator Phillips-Hill, and my fellow retiree today, Senator Tommy Tomlinson, you have helped me keep the laughter, the friendships, and the cocktails rolling here on this side of the aisle. Thank you.

One of my more interesting days in the Senate came when I served as the Minority chair of the Senate's Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy with Senator Gene Yaw. Senator Yaw decided he was going to give me a lesson in crowd control at a committee hearing. It was a controversial hearing, and the room, 8 East Wing, was packed. Senator Yaw addressed the audience in his quiet, button-down voice; button-down conservative voice: This is not a football game, if I hear one outburst, one cheer, one round of applause, I will take a flamethrower to this place and burn it to the ground. (Laughter.) The meeting went rather smoothly after that, and the next day Senator Yaw's staff encouraged him to switch to decaf coffee. (Laughter.)

I want to take a moment or two to acknowledge some dear friends from outside the building who have been so important to me in my political career: attorney Neil O'Donnell and the O'Donnell family, Gail Conrad and the gang from my hometown in Plymouth Township, Bill Rinaldi and the Rinaldi family, Mike DeCosomo, John Pekarovsky, attorney John Moses, attorney Chris Slusser, and Chuck Volpe. Good people, good friends, and good politicians. To my friends in organized labor, especially the men and women of the Pennsylvania Building Trade Unions,

PSCOA, and my mother's own union, AFSCME, thank you. With the unwavering support, especially from two unions, my brothers and sisters at Local 98, and LiUNA. Because of them I got here, and I made a difference for working families.

With the support of the northeastern Pennsylvania building trades, led by my friends, Warren Faust and Tony Seiwel, I got to champion an economic agenda for working men and women that last year led the Governor's action team to name northeastern Pennsylvania the number one region in Pennsylvania for job growth and private economic investment. (Applause.) So proud of that. I am so proud of this regional achievement because it embodies--as Senator Corman mentioned earlier--every reason, every reason why I wanted to serve in the legislature. I wanted to create jobs, and by God, we did.

Speaking of good fortune, I have assembled a world-class staff of people who have become a special part of my family and my life: Liz Gorski and Joan Pekarovsky, who served in both the House and the Senate; my chief of staff, Mark Grochocki; and district director, Bill Richards; Brad Hurley, my communications director; Mily Maiden, my executive assistant; and Merritt Reitzel, the attorney and executive director for the Senate Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development. Thank you, thank you, thank you. You have made all the difference in my life here in the legislature, and whoo, we had a great time along the way.

I also have to say a special thank you to my former chief of staff Kyle Fitzsimmons, and my former House chief of staff Joe Boylan. Good men; good friends. Kyle Fitzsimmons, as I reflect upon it now, probably did more for my career, more for my career in the Senate than anyone else. He introduced me to his wife Anna (laughter), or as we like to call her in the Senate, "Anna Claus." Anna was instrumental, along with my friend, Mark Mekilo, in making one of my favorite projects, the SHINE after-school program, a reality for thousands of kids in northeastern Pennsylvania. Thank you, Anna. Thank you, Mark. The Senate is also very lucky to have some outstanding senior staff on both sides of the aisle: Scott Sikorski, Adam Pankake, Mike Gerdes, Rob Ritson, Mike Rader, Shelly Brown, Crystal Clark, CJ Hafner, and Ron Jumper. Ladies and gentlemen, these folks are the best in the business. To give you a sense of just how hard these guys work, when we were working on Act 66, the Local Resource Manufacturing Tax Credit, Adam Pankake called me at 2 o'clock in the morning. He was on his front porch whispering to me over the phone, and in the background, I could hear Adam's wife yelling at him: my God, who are you on the phone with at this hour? I said: Adam, tell her it is Jake from State Farm and let us get back to work. (Laughter.) Thank you to all the staff in the Senate, all the staff with us today, especially the support staff here in the Senate Chamber and our security team. You have all been very kind to me, thank you. Now, I will say goodbye to the Senate, farewell to the legislature, and amen to the good people of the 14th Senatorial District with these final words that will forever, forever be inscribed in my heart: humbled, blessed, and grateful. Thank you.

(Applause.)

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, you know, Senator Yudichak is a lone, Independent voice in this legislative body. That is a tough place to be, an Independent. He has served the

14th Senatorial District with great distinction, and his Independent voice is representative of the people he serves and a direct value which was instilled in him by his parents, Joe and the late Sally Yudichak: responsibility to family and to community. Over his 24-year tenure in public life, John has been inspired by the working families of northeastern Pennsylvania who go to work every day to provide a better life for their families and better days for their community. John has been a great asset to our Caucus in expanding our line and our communications with the trades. Those are very important workers in our Commonwealth because they really build our communities and help our economic growth. Putting the people of his district first, he has always tried to match their work ethic and mirror their working-class values in every vote he makes or project he backs. His purpose and intent are certainly reflected in his record of success for the 14th Senatorial District. His ability to cut across party lines and bring people together was a major reason as to why the Governor's Action Team was able to declare northeastern Pennsylvania as the number one region in the Commonwealth in both job creation and private investment. That is quite a legacy. And you cannot argue with someone who is a major player in securing critical economic development projects, such as the \$6 billion Nacero manufacturing facility in Nanticoke and Newport Townships, which is the single largest economic development project in Luzerne County and one of the largest in the Commonwealth. You know, he has been with our Caucus for a couple of years, and one of the regrets I have is that I did not get to know him better earlier, because the past year I have gotten to know John very well and have found him to be--as you all know, entertaining after that speech--but, to be honest, to be truthful, and to be somebody I could trust. And I kept thinking this whole year, I wish I would have known him better earlier.

So, John, I would just like to say thank you for your service. I think servicing your community and the people run deep in your blood, and that is not going to stop. I am sure that we will see you soon in perhaps a different but equally important role in service to your community. But you are having a little bit more time to enjoy those beautiful daughters of yours, and you will be very, very dearly missed here. Thank you, John, for your service.

(Applause.)

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I too rise to say thank you to John Yudichak for the tremendous service you provided to the northeastern part of Pennsylvania. The Luzerne County community was evidenced by the strong work that you did in many of those spaces, and I can remember going up to Luzerne--your district--many times for different instances and you showing us around and showing us exactly what needed to be addressed. I can think of the time when we went up and did some work on the river, talking about some of the investments that needed to be made there, have been made, and more work you wanted to do. Sometimes standing on the highways, trying to encourage more funding for highways and roads and bridges in that area in the northeast part of Pennsylvania. And you were always a champion in our Caucus along those lines and certainly in the work and the tradition that you continued at the time of Senator Ray Musto. And having somebody from the northeast always being part of the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, and the

work that was needed to be done there, and the role that you played there in continuing that thoughtful work along those lines. We certainly miss you in our Caucus. But I will say to you, I think you--as your speech demonstrated--that you injected tremendous humor and tremendous opportunity for us to laugh. And many times here we fail to do that, and I want to say thank you for being able to bring that to all of us; to be able to recognize how important that is and the work that you did. And your humor was tremendous and really broke the ice in many instances with a lot of things that were happening along those lines.

You talked about your next chapter, and I will say to you that you are blessed to have four beautiful daughters, as you mentioned, to be able to spend time with them going forward. The comments that Tommy Tighe mentioned to you, the colonel, I want to stop and think about something we all need to think about: when is it time to move forward and move on. You thought through that and made a wise decision along those lines to spend time with your daughters, and I applaud you for that. I will say to you that you referenced the top 25 list of your favorite Costas. I am happy to be on your list. There are not many lists--probably my wife, I would not even be on my wife's top 25 Costas for that matter (laughter). And I know--I think maybe Paulie will stay with me through this process, but, nevertheless, in recognizing our mom, I thank you for that because I know she had a fondness for you as well. So, thank you for your service, John. Thank you for your friendship. Thank you for your support of my efforts, and, more importantly, thank you for the work that you did with your colleagues in the northeastern part of the Commonwealth to make sure that folks--you were growing jobs; you were fixing those communities and did a lot of work along those lines. Thanks, my friend, and all the best.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, as those who remember the many years that Charlie Lemmond and Ray Musto served together in this Chamber, Luzerne County has had a long history of working cooperatively across partisan lines. Back home, many people feel there is a campaign time for contesting elections and a legislative time for serving the public. Each has their season. Each requires ample attention and dedication. So, when John Yudichak was elected to the Senate, I was proud to work and follow a similar path, sharing constructive communication, collaboration, and a similar commitment to northeastern Pennsylvania. And, over time, we did discover how our priorities for the communities we represented were so closely aligned. Whether it was education, healthcare, child protection, workforce development, support for institutional and commercial growth, there were no dividing lines between the concerns and aspirations that the people in his part of Luzerne County had from those in my side. So, you have heard both of us stress the importance of passing legislation for universal lead testing in children; for additional reforms to juvenile justice; for flood relief that enables communities to rebuild more quickly after Lee and Irene; for initiatives bolstering community safety and emergency response; and working cooperatively to secure key investments in transportation and other water and sewer infrastructure projects.

So, in all my dealings with John, he has always, always impressed me as a person faithful to his roots and his heritage--

something that he talked about. He is family-centered, community-involved, and working-man loyal to the place he calls home, and I know that will continue. He never misses an opportunity to speak about his four beautiful daughters, and I am delighted that they are here with us today. He has talked a lot about the lengthy service of his dad, Joe, as a township supervisor and the role model that he has been. And he shared how both Joe and Sally instilled in him that deep sense of service to others. These stories and all the stories that he tells—I think you and Gaynor Cawley are sort of channeling each other with the humor—but it speaks to your character and the core principles rooted in what is important: family and community.

Growing up, John and his dad spent a lot of time on the back porch looking out at the abandoned mine sites and thinking about what the possibilities meant for reclamation and redevelopment. He shared that story recently at a groundbreaking and dedication. He has been, singlehandedly, the driving force in the restoration and the rejuvenation of the South Valley region of Luzerne County, an area, as Kim said, distinguished as our top job creator in the State. And it is because of his relentless advocacy, this area—viewed from his back porch—was an environmental disaster, it is now a job-producing hot spot where companies like Upward Farms and Patagonia are creating thousands of quality jobs with more on the way. He is still leading the effort for the \$6 billion initiative and the proposed Nacero plant. This will be built on abandoned coal land. The project will create thousands of good-paying jobs for union jobs and the trades. Applying green technology and using homegrown natural gas from northeastern Pennsylvania to fuel our vehicles—a project, a legacy project that he will ensure moves forward. So, whether he is championing industrial, environmental, healthcare, all of the projects that he has touched in northeastern Pennsylvania, he has worked with a team of community leaders, economic development professionals, private investors, and most of all, his cherished and very dedicated staff.

So, I hope that the people in the future will look at him and to him and see him as a person of principle and passion who cared about the community first and foremost. Residents of northeastern Pennsylvania respect the independent judgment he has displayed on their behalf. His service will be missed, but his legacy of reaching across the aisle, finding common ground, is an example for all of us to follow. So, thank you, John, for your leadership, your friendship. Wishing you good health, happiness, continued success in whatever future path you take, and most of all, the cherished time with your four beautiful daughters and your wonderful family. Godspeed. All the best.

Thank you, Mr. President.

(Applause.)

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, today the Senate recognizes a very talented man who has put service before political labels. One short story, that is all. When John and I were still in the House, he took a one-week political science class with me back at Penn State Schuylkill to finish up his master's degree. And it was one of those terrible summers where the House and the Senate and Governor Rendell were not working together very well at all. So, I had to cancel most of the class meetings, and instead I had to require a much longer paper—I think it was 30 pages. As

you might imagine, there was a lot of student complaining, except from John. No drama, wrote the paper, aced the class, got a high A, and as you might imagine given the subject—even back then—of Pennsylvania politics, he had no trouble at all in finishing the term. As Senator Baker has noted, our work back home in Hazleton and Tamaqua and Jim Thorpe on Mine Land Reclamation and energy and economic development is very similar: no drama. As he had noted here a few minutes ago, he just focuses on getting stuff done. John, thanks for your guidance for these many decades. I suspect we are going to continue to hear from you. All the best.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Tomlinson.

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, it has been over 12 years now that I have had the honor of serving with John in the Senate. We served a couple of years in the House together. Although he hails from a different part of the State than I do, we share many of the same values. We share our common values for business and workers and the good will of the workers. Joining you here has always been the strongest champion for the economic development and small businesses. Throughout your efforts here in the State, you were able to pass legislation that will bring a \$6 billion manufacturing facility into your district, the single greatest and largest investment in Luzerne County's history. That facility will generate 3,500 construction jobs and 450 full-time jobs. Clearly, your constituents have benefited from your hard work and the dedication to your northeast Pennsylvania.

You know, when I first met John—I had a coach in high school in Bensalem, and his name was Mr. Zack. But his real name was Zajackowski, and I knew that; but John, you knew the family very well, and we talked, and we had some great things about that. And when we would go to football camp in the summertime, we would go to the Poconos. But then because of coach Zajackowski, we would always go to Nanticoke, and we scrimmaged the Nanticoke High School football team. And we would get our butts kicked pretty good by those coal miner boys; they were pretty tough, pretty strong. And I learned the most important lesson in my football life on the field in Nanticoke. When I was getting off the line of scrimmage, the guy would punch me in the head. So, what did I do? I turned around, and I punched him back. Well, he did not get thrown out of the game; I got thrown out of the game. You never punch the guy back on the play that he punches you; you always wait until the next play, then you punch him, and then that is fine. (Laughter.) But that was on the Nanticoke field; coach Zajackowski taught me that lesson; and a great memory for me and a great coach and what a great area. And I will tell you, I am very honored to serve with you, particularly since we shared so many values together, and we worked so hard for our working men and women in the unions. Thank you, John. God bless you. Good luck.

(Applause.)

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, John, it is hard to believe that you are closing out your final days here in this Chamber. We were in the House, the Senate, and I remember being a young girl in the House, only 32 years old, and probably the youngest female. There were hardly any females back then in that Chamber,

and I did not know where I was going to fit in. And it was Gaynor Cawley, Keller, Readshaw, Mayernik, you, Paulie, and I gravitated towards that group very quickly for a reason; because we thought independently, always tried to do what was best for our constituents and did not always follow the party bosses. I know you served well here as a Democrat in this Chamber, over here on our side of the aisle, and you are my friend, and we voted a lot similarly because of similar values. I know you chose to be an Independent; you always worked that way anyway, and I did respect that choice, always. You have really been a good friend to me, and when you left this Chamber, I did miss you tremendously. And then those long nights, stressful days, you always had that knack for a joke and a story, and it would lighten the mood all the time and lower the temperature. You always found a way to bring people of different backgrounds together to find a needed solution. And you have prided yourself on our job to legislate, not pontificate or preach, but actually get things done; that is you, John. It has been that ability and those moments, those conversations, when I felt you accomplished the most. You knew how to form consensus, open a dialogue, and turn that into positive outcomes for our Commonwealth. That is a skill set that will not be easily replaced in this Chamber. Yudi, I will always remember that quick wit and sense of humor, never taking yourself too seriously. I will always miss hanging out with you and Tony Seiwel, telling stories about our events and what is happening. We were in so many places where I was laughing so hard—we all were—that people would just gravitate toward us; even the wait staff wanted to be part of our conversation because we were just having fun. Your departure in this Chamber is a void not easily filled. Not just that sense of humor, but because of the issues and the people who you fought hard for, in the northeast especially. The northeast is going to lose a tremendous champion when your service is done here, and this Chamber loses a passionate, committed, public servant who holds steadfast to his values regardless of political consequences.

As a colleague, I wish you the best; as a friend, I hate to see you go, but I know that wherever you go, our friendship is never going to end; it is just never going to end. One last thing, John, you walked that D&L Trail. Remember? That whole trail. When the Eagles win the Super Bowl—right, they will—I am going to meet you halfway on that D&L Trail; you will start in Wilkes-Barre, I will start in Easton, and we will get there. Go Birds.

(Applause.)

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I am going to ask the first question in the form of a Jeopardy question, and the answer is Joe Rocks. You know the answer? You know the question? You do, and I do. Joe Rocks is the only Member of the General Assembly, in the history of this General Assembly, who ever served in four Caucuses: both Caucuses in the House and both Caucuses in the Senate. We are sort of an asterisk to that question, having both been the only ones here on the floor to have served in three Caucuses during our time here in the General Assembly. Going back to our House days, for close to 8 years, I sat right behind Tom Tigie and Gaynor Cawley. You are a bit of both of those guys, as Bill Keller and some of the rest of us would probably agree upon. You have the "I am going to tell it like it is" of Tom Tigie, and

you have that incredible sense of humor that Gaynor Cawley was just amazingly known for.

I remember the one summer, as we were running late into Session in June and July, where there used to be a booklet that would come out with all the freshmen pictures and stuff like that, and he decided to take that book apart and put two opposite Members together with their face and would share that. So, it would be like Babette Josephs and Bill Keller. Your faces were merged, just so you know. But you had that humor. Now, we both had a same nemesis, and I am sorry to see that the person behind you is not here by the name of Bill DeWeese. I do not know if you remember Bill or not, but we both got the wrath of Bill from time to time, and actually I have a picture that popped up in my photo group of 4 years ago of us three having dinner at Char's. Just one big happy reunion family, sort of.

I am going to bring up one sad subject. Majority Leader Ward—just if you want to—Majority Leader Ward, if there is a bill that you want to bring up in the last month or so of Session to correct something from 2001, I am sure that someone would have an interest in that, because back in 2001, there was this great piece of legislation to increase the multiplier for all legislators and State employees. All of the State unions were supportive of it. PSCA was supportive of it. I remember John Perzel saying on the floor that: forever our pensions will be fully funded, this will not have any effect on it. There were about 20-some people in the House who voted "no." And the two of us voted "no." We, for whatever reason, thought that it was just too good to be true, and that it just was not going to last. And then there were two of, I think, out of those 20-some legislators who voted "no," about 3/4 of us decided not to take that increased multiplier. Majority Leader Ward, if you want to make Senator Yudichak happy, you would allow for a 15-day window for some folks to reverse that decision. For the four daughters who are sitting over there looking for Dad's enhanced pension, and again, that was an irreversible decision when we made that back in 2001, and I also took the lower amount.

I guess I am going to bring the final point, something that Senator Boscola ended with. But, you know, back in 2017, you made a pledge that if the Eagles won the Super Bowl, you would hike this 150-some mile trail. And I actually pulled up, if you want to have some fun, I just pulled up a picture of you starting that hike on the trail. You are in hiking attire, and someone wearing a suit to your right is Tommy Tomlinson. Someone wearing a suit to your left is Mike Stack, by the way. So, you were properly dressed; Tommy and Mike Stack, not so much as you started that 150-some mile hike, which you completed, took you a couple of years in order to do it, but you got it, you got it done. So, you know, the Phillies are seven games away from being World Series champs, and the Eagles are undefeated and the talk of the town. So, if you want to verbally make some sort of hike or pledge or something along those lines now or soon will be that. But, John, you have been an incredible legislator, an incredible individual. You have always been, frankly, an independent type of person, whichever those three Caucuses that you were in at the time. But you have been an incredibly effective person, and all of your focus was for the folks who you represented back in the district. And, again, as said in your bio, I am not sure that I have ever seen someone so effectively have folks work together. Business folks,

labor folks, in order to get things done for the working people of your district. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Thank you, one last round of applause for Senator Yudichak.

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of giving some folks, everybody, some time for some pictures, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations and a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, after the meeting, we will continue with our Calendar. Thank you, sir.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For purposes of a 5-minute photo session, followed by off-the-floor meetings of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations and the Committee on Appropriations, 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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Mastriano and Senator Yaw have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

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 Gebhard and Senator Bartolotta, and a legislative leave for Senator DiSanto.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Costa, any further leaves? No leaves at this time.

Senator Gordner requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Gebhard and Senator Bartolotta, and a legislative leave for Senator DiSanto. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 121 (Pr. No. 3560) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-47

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

NAY-2

Dush

Phillips-Hill

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

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

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

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.

SB 145 (Pr. No. 1554) -- 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 restrictions on use of highways and bridges.

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 324, SB 358, HB 365, HB 397 and SB 492 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 589 (Pr. No. 714) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to home rule and optional plan government, further providing for definitions, providing for appointment of government study commission in distressed municipality and further providing for first meeting of commission, for function and duty of commission, for hearings and public forums, for report of findings and recommendations, for limitation on enactment of ordinance or filing of petition and for limitation on municipal powers.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator KEARNEY. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 589 is a Local Government Commission bill that amends the process for distressed municipalities with Act 47 status to move forward toward adopting a home rule charter. The bill would allow an Act 47 municipality to form a government study commission by resolution rather than by referendum, skipping a step that often takes many months to complete. The study commission would also include a role for the Act 47 coordinator, and it would need to incorporate the municipality's recovery plan recommendations, levels of municipal service, and source of financial distress into

their study, and consideration of home rule or optional form of government. These provisions will help ensure Act 47 municipalities are optimizing proposed home rule charters to reform dysfunctional government and get back in the black as quickly as possible. I urge a "yes" vote. Thank you very much.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 875, SB 956 and HB 987 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 993 (Pr. No. 1287) -- 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.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1031, SB 1135, SB 1160 and SB 1161 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 1225 (Pr. No. 1932) -- 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, further providing for coverage for mammographic examinations and diagnostic breast imaging.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, statistics show that 1 in 8 women in the United States will develop breast cancer in their lifetime, and it is not exclusive to women. However, breast cancer will account for [276] new cases this year in the United States and will claim the lives of roughly 42,000 women nationwide, meaning about 2,000 in Pennsylvania. For the past several years, the work of this General Assembly and the advocacy of the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition has been working to change these alarming statistics by passing numerous pieces of legislation aimed at increasing early detection.

This bill, Senate Bill No. 1225, builds off the previous most recent bill, Act 52 of 2020, and further enhances coverage of life-saving screening for women with dense breasts, who are at much larger risk of breast cancer. And it will require insurers to cover one additional screening, MRI, or ultrasound per year for women in this category. Typical mammogram films of dense breasts are harder to read and interpret for women with dense breasts, which makes MRI and ultrasound availability so crucial. While I know all of this legislation puts us on the right track to curing this terrible disease, we still have a lot of work to do to realize the goal of the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition and their founder, the incredible Pat Halpin-Murphy, by finding a cure today, so our daughters do not have to. Mr. President, I appreciate the consideration of Senate Bill No. 1225 today, and I ask for everyone's continued support of our efforts in fighting breast cancer.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

Cappelletti	Hughes	Regan	Ward, Kim
Collett	Hutchinson	Robinson	Williams, Anthony H.
Comitta	Kane	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Corman	Kearney	Saval	Yaw
Costa	Langerholc	Scavello	Yudichak
Dillon			

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.

RECONSIDERATION OF HB 121

BILL ON FINAL PASSAGE

HB 121 (Pr. No. 3560) -- Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I make a motion that the Senate do now reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 121, Printer's No. 3560, passed finally.

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

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-46

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

NAY-3

Dush	Mastriano	Phillips-Hill
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A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with the information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1317 and **SB 1321** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1330 (Pr. No. 1981) -- 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.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, I rise to offer my support of Senate Bill No. 1330 and thank Leader Ward for her tireless advocacy on behalf of the more than 150,000 Pennsylvanians living with breast cancer, along with the 1 in 8 U.S. women and 1 in 100 U.S. men who will be diagnosed in their lifetime. As a nurse and the wife of a chronic cancer sufferer, I know firsthand how important preventative care, regular screenings, and comprehensive diagnostics are to quality treatment and positive outcomes in healthcare, especially when it comes to cancer. Importantly, Senate Bill No. 1330 will require insurers to cover, without patient cost sharing, genetic counseling and genetic testing for BRCA1 and BRCA2 gene mutations.

The role genetics play in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of breast cancer became a personal one this summer, when my chief of staff discovered through an at-home DNA test that she carries potentially harmful variants of the BRCA2 gene. Within days of learning this, well before she had a handle on her own health, she reached out to me and our legislative director with what she had learned about disparities in health coverage for people at heightened genetic risk for breast and other cancers, noting her relief that our insurance would cover any treatment she needs before immediately pivoting to the fact that many other Pennsylvanians are not as lucky. So, we needed to get to work. Shortly after, Senator Kim Ward's legislation was introduced. Rather than summarizing her recent experiences in my words, I have invited my chief of staff to put them in her own words for me to read, which I would like to do now. (*Reading:*)

Thank you for taking this important issue that, I admit, wasn't high on my radar prior to this summer. On Sunday, July 31, exhausted from a busy weekend, already dreading an even busier week ahead, just as I was about to turn off my phone and go to sleep, I received an email that the results of a home DNA test I had almost forgotten I'd taken were ready. That's how I found out I had a potentially harmful BRCA mutation. Not that there is ever a good time or way to learn about this. I wish I had a good answer for why I took that DNA test, but the truth is after purchasing a DNA test for my dog, I got bombarded with online ads for them for months. Eventually, I ordered one as a lark. On some level, I was certainly curious about what it might reveal. For years, whenever doctors asked that long list of questions about things that run in your family, I'd answer with a series of no, no, not that I know of. If I felt up to it, I would elaborate that my father wasn't in my life, and my mother never goes to the doctor. So, I don't know much. I grew up in a family that was

religious, working class, proud, unexpressive, and uninsured. You kept things to yourself, you shrugged things off, you toughed things out, and you only went to the doctor when you broke a limb or were bleeding from the head and only after waiting first to see if it healed on its own. Openly discussing breasts in any context, even a medical one, would have been as unwelcome and unheard of as sex talk. It is hard to admit I had never had a mammogram. It's even harder to admit I am old enough that I should have, and it's hardest, most of all, to admit I turned into my mother.

Cancer is hard to talk about, particularly breast cancer, particularly so early in the process, and particularly when you come from a family like mine, which I know, even though none of us talk about that, many, many Pennsylvanians do. I know I have this mutation. I know my first mammogram was clear. I don't know anything else yet. I am still working through the range of emotions one feels when they get this type of news:

- Shock
- Fear--and not just fear of cancer. Fear about my ability to overcome that deeply ingrained instinct to ignore and avoid, to be able to advocate for myself. Fear about not having the time or good health to make it through my long to-do list of hopes and dreams. Not to mention fear about how it could affect my career, my finances, my appearance, my love life, even my ability to care for my dogs.
- And relief--relief that for the first time in over a decade, I had the type of job and insurance that made at least one part of this overwhelming process a bit less scary. Relief that I have a workplace like this one and a boss like Senator Collett--**I did not write that part**--and the opportunity to hopefully use what I learn through this ordeal to help others.

Bills like Senator Mensch's SB 1225 and this one from Leader Ward are critical. They alleviate some of the financial fears that keep many from even wanting to know if they have breast cancer. But, as my story highlights, making it easier for folks to access and afford care is only one piece of the puzzle. We also need to better understand the complex web of psychological, financial, logistical, and other reasons that keep otherwise rational adults from taking better care of themselves.

If I didn't think doing so might make life easier for future generations, I would not be sharing my story like this. It's terrifying. But just like I know SB 1330 will make it possible for more Pennsylvanians to detect and treat inherited forms of breast cancer, I'm hoping policies will emerge to help identify and address these negative behavioral patterns that pass from one generation to the next.

Thank you for listening. Thank you for caring. And thank you for acting.

Mr. President, I strongly urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this critical piece of legislation. Thank you.

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, thank you very much and thank you to my colleague across the aisle for sharing her story. And it is true: when you get a cancer diagnosis--and to the gentleman across the aisle--it does throw everything in the air, and it makes everything uncertain, and it makes your head twist, but eventually you straighten it all out. So, I am here today to ask for your vote on this legislation. I have a BRCA2 gene. I have asked for tests for years--about getting a BRCA2 test--because my grandmother and three of her sisters have breast cancer. On my mother's side, on my dad's side, everybody has breast cancer, and I could not get one. Nobody would order it because they would say: your mother does not have cancer, so no. So, finally I got a doctor to order it. I paid for it, and it came back that I have a BRCA gene, and I would like to have known that 20 years ago because it is truly prevention. It is prevention for you as a person,

me as a person; it is prevention for my children; it is prevention for my sister, my cousins. You know, it is a prevention mechanism because you can have a lot of tests. Once that is done, they can monitor you closely. When you look at it, it is--when you have a BRCA gene, you have about an 80 percent chance of getting breast cancer, you have about a 24 percent chance of getting ovarian cancer, and a 30 percent chance of getting prostate cancer.

So, it is important for families to know and for people to know if they have this gene. If I had known I had this gene years ago--which I was trying to find out--things may have been different. You know, when I paid for my own test and the insurance company said to me after: that was a mistake, turn your bill in. I said: no, I am not turning my bill in; I can afford to pay for this test. But a lot of people cannot afford to pay for this test, so we are not going to turn in the bill, we are going to change the law. So, you all have really helped us, and it has been a big effort the past year. And we, I think, are all finally on the same page. And we have some people who worked so hard on this because at first, you know, there were a lot of groups against it, and I want to thank the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition, the Insurance Federation, Independence Blue Cross, Highmark, Capital Blue Cross, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, and, you know, last but not least, my teammate, Adam Pankake, who has been living and breathing the BRCA gene for a year. He has been going out and meeting with people. So, this is just--it is very important to me, but it is very important to our families that we are able to have access and that everybody is able to have access to this so that we can all get good healthcare. And so, I would appreciate your vote "yes" on this bill. And I also just want to take a minute before I stop talking to again thank Senator Mensch for his tireless work on behalf of women and breast cancer. So, thank you, Senator Mensch. Thank you very much.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

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.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. You all just broke a rule of the Senate. But that is okay. We will let that one slide.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1486, HB 1795, HB 1929 and HB 1958 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 2667 (Pr. No. 3226) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

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

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 34, HB 69, SB 167, HB 185, SB 244, HB 293, SB 359 and HB 521 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 609 (Pr. No. 3566) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 722, SB 749 and SB 917 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 965 (Pr. No. 1839) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act 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, further providing for platooning; in miscellaneous provisions, 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; and, in highly automated vehicles, further providing for definitions, for highly automated vehicles and for Highly Automated Vehicles Advisory Committee and providing for construction, for operation, for local regulation, for insurance and liability, for reporting, for workforce development and for penalty.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1136, HB 1155 and HB 1178 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 1186 (Pr. No. 2411) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 14, 1986 (P.L.2, No.2), known as the Acupuncture Licensure Act, further providing for definitions, for regulation of the practice of acupuncture, for penalties and for approval of acupuncture educational programs.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1195, SB 1249, SB 1331, SB 1333, SB 1358, HB 1377, HB 1443 and HB 1500 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1630 (Pr. No. 1806) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1738, HB 1813 and HB 2293 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 2357 (Pr. No. 3233) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 2367 and HB 2372 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 2373 (Pr. No. 2895) -- 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 second time and agreed to,

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 2398 (Pr. No. 3563) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act 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.

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 2404 (Pr. No. 3204) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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.

HB 2405 (Pr. No. 3565) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 2406, HB 2407 and HB 2425 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 2458 (Pr. No. 2981) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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.

HB 2484 (Pr. No. 2932) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 2528 (Pr. No. 3254) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 2530 (Pr. No. 3006) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 2632 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED AND REREFERRED

HB 2633 (Pr. No. 3561) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

MARTIN AMENDMENT A5746 AGREED TO

Senator MARTIN offered the following amendment No. A5746:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by inserting after "Act,"; providing for intercollegiate athletics;

Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by inserting after "making" where it occurs the first time:
related and inconsistent

Amend Bill, page 23, line 13, by striking out "a chapter" and inserting:

chapters

Amend Bill, page 50, by inserting between lines 23 and 24:

CHAPTER 37

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Sec.

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§ 3701. Scope of chapter.

This chapter relates to college student athlete compensation related to name, image or likeness and professional representation.

§ 3702. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Athlete agent." As defined in section 3502 (relating to definitions).

"College student athlete." An individual enrolled at an institution of higher education who participates in intercollegiate athletics for the institution of higher education. The term does not include an individual

whose participation is or was in a college intramural sport, club sport or in a professional sport outside of intercollegiate athletics.

"Institution of higher education." Any of the following:

(1) A university within the State System of Higher Education.

(2) The Pennsylvania State University, the University of Pittsburgh, Temple University, Lincoln University or any other institution designated as State-related by the Commonwealth.

(3) The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

(4) A community college as defined in Article XIX-A of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949.

(5) A college established under Article XIX-G of the Public School Code of 1949.

(6) An institution of higher education located in and incorporated or chartered by the Commonwealth and entitled to confer degrees as specified in 24 Pa.C.S. § 6505 (relating to power to confer degrees) and as provided for by the standards and qualifications prescribed by the State Board of Education under 24 Pa.C.S. Ch. 65 (relating to private colleges, universities and seminaries).

(7) A private school licensed under the act of December 15, 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174), known as the Private Licensed Schools Act.

(8) A foreign corporation approved to operate an educational enterprise under 22 Pa. Code Ch. 36 (relating to foreign corporation standards).

"NCAA." The National Collegiate Athletic Association.

§ 3703. Compensation regarding college student athlete's name, image or likeness rights.

(a) Compensation allowed.--A college student athlete may earn compensation for the use of the college student athlete's name, image or likeness under this chapter. The compensation shall be commensurate with the market value of the college student athlete's name, image or likeness. The compensation may not be provided in exchange, in whole or in part, for a current or prospective college student athlete to attend, participate or perform at a particular institution of higher education.

(b) Prohibition regarding institutions of higher education.--An institution of higher education may not uphold a rule, requirement, standard or other limitation that prevents a college student athlete of the institution of higher education from earning compensation through the use of the college student athlete's name, image or likeness rights.

(c) Prohibitions regarding intercollegiate athletic entities.--An athletic association, conference or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics, including the NCAA, may not:

(1) Prevent a college student athlete from earning compensation through the use or license of the college student athlete's name, image or likeness rights.

(2) Prevent an institution of higher education from fully participating in intercollegiate athletics as a result of a college student athlete's use of the college student athlete's name, image or likeness rights to seek compensation.

(d) Royalty payment.--A person that produces a college team jersey, a college team video game or college team trading cards for the purpose of making a profit shall make a royalty payment to each college student athlete whose name, image, likeness or other individually identifiable feature is used.

§ 3704. Professional representation.

(a) Prohibitions.--

(1) An institution of higher education, athletic association, conference or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics, including the NCAA, may not interfere with or prevent a college student athlete from fully participating in intercollegiate athletics for obtaining professional representation in relation to contracts or legal matters, including representation provided by athlete agents or legal representation provided by attorneys, in relation to a college student athlete's use of the college student athlete's name, image or likeness rights.

(2) An athletic association, conference or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics, including the NCAA, may not prevent an institution of higher education from fully participating in intercollegiate athletics without penalty to the institution or individual student as a result of a college student athlete obtaining professional representation in relation to contracts or legal matters, including representation provided by athlete agents or

legal representation provided by attorneys, in relation to a college student athlete's use of the college student athlete's name, image or likeness rights.

(b) Qualifications.--Professional representation obtained by a college student athlete shall be from a person:

(1) acting as an athlete agent in accordance with Chapter 35 (relating to athlete agents); or

(2) admitted to practice law by a court of record of this Commonwealth.

(c) Contents.--A contract by which a college student athlete authorizes an athlete agent, acting in accordance with Chapter 35, to negotiate or solicit compensation for the use of the college student athlete's name, image or likeness shall include a statement that the contract does not obligate the college student athlete to use the athlete agent for any service beyond professional representation in relation to the use of the name, image or likeness.

§ 3705. Scholarships.

(a) Eligibility.--Earning compensation from the use of a college student athlete's name, image or likeness rights may not affect the college student athlete's scholarship eligibility, duration or renewal.

(b) Compensation.--

(1) For purposes of this chapter, an athletics grant-in-aid or stipend scholarship from an institution of higher education in which a college student athlete is enrolled may not be considered to limit a college student athlete's right to use the college student athlete's name, image or likeness rights, except as expressly provided in this section.

(2) An athletics grant-in-aid or stipend scholarship may not be revoked or reduced as a result of a college student athlete earning compensation under this chapter, except if otherwise mandated by Federal or State aid guidelines.

§ 3706. Contracts.

(a) Opportunities.--An institution of higher education, athletic association, conference or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics may not be required to identify, create, facilitate, negotiate or enable opportunities for a college student athlete to earn compensation for the college student athlete's use of the college student athlete's name, image or likeness rights.

(b) Use of trademarks.--This chapter shall not establish or grant a right to a college student athlete to use the name, trademarks, services marks, logos, symbols or any other intellectual property, registered or unregistered, of an institution of higher education, athletic association, conference or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics, in furtherance of the college student athlete's opportunities to earn compensation for the college student athlete's use of the college student athlete's name, image or likeness rights.

(c) Enforcement.--This chapter shall not limit the right of an institution of higher education to establish and enforce any of the following:

(1) Academic standards, requirements, regulations or obligations for the institution of higher education's college student athletes.

(2) Team rules of conduct or other rules of conduct.

(3) Standards or policies regarding the governance or operation of or participation in intercollegiate athletics.

(4) Disciplinary rules and standards generally applicable to all students of the institution of higher education.

(d) Prohibition.--A college student athlete may not earn compensation as a result of the use of the college student athlete's name, image or likeness in connection with a person, company or organization related to or associated with the development, production, distribution, wholesaling or retailing of any of the following:

(1) Adult entertainment products and services.

(2) Alcohol products.

(3) Casinos and gambling, including sports betting, the lottery and betting in connection with video games, online games and mobile devices.

(4) Tobacco and electronic smoking products and devices.

(5) Prescription pharmaceuticals.

(6) A controlled dangerous substance.

(e) Prohibition.--

(1) An institution of higher education may prohibit a college student athlete's involvement in name, image or likeness activities that conflict with existing institutional sponsorship arrangements at

the time the college student athlete discloses a contract to the institution of higher education as required under subsection (f).

(2) An institution of higher education, at the institution of higher education's discretion, may prohibit a college student athlete's involvement in name, image or likeness activities based on other considerations, such as conflict with institutional values, as defined by the institution of higher education.

(3) An institution of higher education shall have policies that specify the name, image or likeness activities in which college student athletes may or may not engage.

(f) Disclosure.--The following apply:

(1) A college student athlete who proposes to enter into a contract providing compensation to the college student athlete for use of the college student athlete's name, image or likeness rights shall disclose the contents of the contract prior to execution of the contract to an official of the institution of higher education, who is designated by the institution of higher education.

(2) An institution of higher education shall have policies that specify when the contract shall be disclosed and the contents of the contract to be disclosed in accordance with paragraph (1).

(3) If an institution of higher education receives direct financial compensation from a third party arising from the third party's contract with a college student athlete relating to the use of a college student athlete's name, image or likeness, the institution shall be required to disclose in a timely manner the financial relationship between the institution and the third party to the college student athlete. This section shall not apply to compensation received by the institution of higher education for the use of the institution's intellectual property.

§ 3707. Violations and claims.

(a) Protections and right to adjudicate.--A college student athlete, institution of higher education or conference shall not be deprived of a protection provided under State law with respect to a controversy that arises in this Commonwealth and shall have the right to adjudication in this Commonwealth of a claim that arises in this Commonwealth.

(b) Private civil action.--A college student athlete shall have the right to pursue a private civil action against a person that violates this chapter. The court shall award costs and reasonable attorney fees to a prevailing plaintiff in an action brought against a person violating this chapter.

§ 3708. Settlements.

Legal settlements made on or after June 30, 2021, may not permit noncompliance with this chapter.

§ 3709. Severability.

The provisions of this chapter are severable. If any provision of this chapter or the application of any provision of this chapter is held to be invalid, that invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of any other provision that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

Amend Bill, page 50, line 30, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

(3) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under paragraph (4) is necessary to effectuate the addition of 5 Pa.C.S. Ch. 37.

(4) Article XX-K of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is repealed.

Section 5. The addition of 5 Pa.C.S. Ch. 37 is a continuation of Article XX-K of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949. The following apply:

(1) All activities initiated under Article XX-K of the Public School Code of 1949 shall continue and remain in full force and effect and may be completed under 5 Pa.C.S. Ch. 37. Orders, regulations, rules and decisions which were made under Article XX-K of the Public School Code of 1949 and which are in effect on the effective date of section 4(4) of this act shall remain in full force and effect until revoked, vacated or modified under 5 Pa.C.S. Ch. 37. Contracts, obligations and collective bargaining agreements entered into under Article XX-K of the Public School Code of 1949 are not affected nor impaired by the repeal of Article XX-K of the Public School Code of 1949.

(2) Any difference in language between 5 Pa.C.S. Ch. 37 and Article XX-K of the Public School Code of 1949 is intended only to conform to the style of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes and is not intended to change or affect the legislative intent, judicial

construction or administration and implementation of Article XX-K of the Public School Code of 1949.
Section 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, this amendment moves the Name, Image or Likeness Law out of the School Code and into the Uniform Athlete Agents Act and makes a few adjustments to the law, which will allow for increased opportunities for our college student athletes. I believe this is an agreed-to amendment, and I would like to thank both Caucuses and stakeholders for their work on this.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?
It was agreed to.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration, as amended?

It was 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, as amended, was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 2637 (Pr. No. 3564) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 2800 (Pr. No. 3436) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, further providing for prosthetists, orthotists, pedorthists and orthotic fitters.

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 139 (Pr. No. 1922) (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 moment of silence on September 11 anniversary.

SB 822 (Pr. No. 1001) (Rereported)

An Act providing for museum unclaimed loaned property.

SB 1226 (Pr. No. 1639) (Rereported)

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in criminal history record information, further providing for juvenile records; and, in juvenile matters, further providing for powers and duties of probation officers, for informal adjustment, for consent decree, for adjudication, for disposition of delinquent child and for powers and duties.

SB 1227 (Pr. No. 1756) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in children and youth, providing for purpose.

SB 1228 (Pr. No. 1640) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in juvenile matters, further providing for limitation on and change in place of commitment.

SB 1229 (Pr. No. 1838) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in children and youth, further providing for payments to counties for services to children and for review of county submissions.

SB 1282 (Pr. No. 1742) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 19, 1995 (P.L.33, No.3), known as the Economic Development Agency, Fiduciary and Lender Environmental Liability Protection Act, further providing for definitions.

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

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

HB 220 (Pr. No. 187) (Rereported)

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

HB 2209 (Pr. No. 2976) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in land banks, further providing for legislative findings and purpose, for board, for powers and for disposition of property and providing for exemption from realty transfer tax.

HB 2210 (Pr. No. 2575) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of November 26, 2008 (P.L.1672, No.135), known as the Abandoned and Blighted Property Conservatorship Act, further providing for definitions.

HB 2538 (Pr. No. 3021) (Rereported)

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.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 139 (Pr. No. 1922) -- 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 moment of silence on September 11 anniversary.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, it has been just over 21 years since the tragic day of 9/11, the terrorist attacks that extinguished nearly 3,000 lives and left a deep scar in this nation and in the hearts and minds of Americans. None of today's K through 12 students--it is hard to believe--were alive when that attack happened. September 11 is a dark chapter in our history that, often, these kids learn about through video footage or memories or photographs. And maybe they have seen some of the tributes broadcasted on TV or stood in the sad field in Shanksville where Flight 93 went down. It is shocking to me that, although a defining moment, that it is often forgotten in our schools these days. This legislation would change that: Senate Bill No. 139 requires schools to observe a moment of silence every 9/11 to honor the lives and families left behind. And thanks to the amendment from the gentlewoman from York County, Senator Phillips-Hill, current and future generations of students learn about the events and significance of 9/11 through a State-developed model curriculum. Thank you, Senator. We cannot let the tragedy of these events fade from our collective memories, nor can we ever forget. Senate Bill No. 139 ensures that Pennsylvania students will indeed never forget.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

SB 1282 (Pr. No. 1742) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 19, 1995 (P.L.33, No.3), known as the Economic Development Agency, Fiduciary and Lender Environmental Liability Protection Act, further providing for definitions.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator SAVAL. Mr. President, I rise today in support of Senate Bill No. 1282, which I was proud to introduce as a bipartisan piece of legislation with the Majority chair of the Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing, Senator Pittman. Senator Pittman and I held two hearings earlier this year through the auspices of the committee--one in each of our districts--where we explored how rural and urban communities across our Commonwealth are engaged in a shared struggle against the detrimental effects of blight. In response, the local governments within each of our jurisdictions have turned to land banking as a key tool to facilitate the redevelopment of vacant and abandoned land. But unlike other economic development agencies, land banks are not exempt from environmental liability when they acquire property that was contaminated by a previous owner. The associated risk has a chilling effect on aggressive brownfields remediation. Senate Bill No. 1282 will provide our local governments with the confidence to carry out testing and develop remediation plans. I want to thank Senator Pittman and his executive director, Sarah Stauffer, as well as my policy director, Jane Allen, for working together on this legislation, and I urge an affirmative vote on this bill. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator Pittman.

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I rise to echo my friend and colleague from Philadelphia and his statements about the legislation before us today. Indeed, we have worked together collaboratively in a bipartisan manner through the Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing to advance this important legislation. This legislation will allow for revitalization in communities, both urban and rural, that make use of land banks to remediate blight. It is a critically important initiative. We are extending this liability limitation just as we have already to economic development agencies. It has been an honor to work on this piece of legislation, and I certainly ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

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.

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

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

October 12, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 7, 2022, of Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Lynell Scaff, Aliquippa, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE AGRICULTURAL LANDS
CONDEMNATION APPROVAL BOARD**

October 6, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 13, 2022, of Rebecca Dombrowsky, 6466 Heatherfield Way, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Agricultural Lands Condemnation Approval Board, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Marlin Lynch, Warfordsburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE AGRICULTURAL LANDS
CONDEMNATION APPROVAL BOARD**

October 6, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated August 4, 2022, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Agricultural Lands Condemnation Approval Board, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jaclyn Matter, Millerstown, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BANKING AND SECURITIES COMMISSION

October 14, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 7, 2022, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Banking and Securities Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Gerald Pappert, Plymouth Meeting, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

October 14, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 7, 2022, of Rebecca Dombrowsky, 6466 Heatherfield Way, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice George Khoury, Bridgeville, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

October 12, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 7, 2022, of Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Christopher Decker, Shohola, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE CONSTABLES'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD**

October 14, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 13, 2022, of Rebecca Dombrowsky, 6466 Heatherfield Way, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Constables' Education and Training

Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Thomas Brletic, McKeesport, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 14, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 7, 2022, of Betsy Phillips, 3607 North Fourth Street, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Colleen Sheehan, Wayne, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 14, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 7, 2022, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Craig Snider, Bryn Mawr, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING BOARD

October 14, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 7, 2022, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Environmental Hearing Board, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard P. Mather, Harrisburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

October 14, 2022

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

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

September 7, 2022, of Moriah Hathaway, 112 Juniata Hall, Middletown 17109, Dauphin County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Donald Houser, Jr., Coraopolis, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

October 14, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 7, 2022, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2022, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice B. Michael Schaul, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

October 14, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 13, 2022, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Douglas Grimes, Canonsburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

October 12, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated July 6, 2022, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Randy Litman, Lansdale, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

October 14, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 13, 2022, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, 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, vice Robert Frankil, Collegeville, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

October 14, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 13, 2022, of Betsy Phillips, 3607 North Fourth Street, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of [data missing] University of Pittsburgh of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 5, 2022, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kevin Washo, Philadelphia, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

October 14, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 13, 2022, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Pittsburgh of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 5, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Bradley Franc, Sewickley, whose term expired and whose last day was April 23, 2021.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,
LAND SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS

October 12, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 13, 2022, of Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, 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, vice Joseph Mackey, Mount Bethel, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

October 12, 2022

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 13, 2022, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment 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, vice Joyce Haas, State College, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

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

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

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

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES
AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

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

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

September 20, 2022

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Jonathan Green, 501 University Avenue, Selinsgrove 17870, Snyder County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, to serve until June 30, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice the

Honorable Roy Reinard III, New Hope, whose term expired and whose last day was April 23, 2021.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

September 20, 2022

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

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

September 20, 2022

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

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

September 20, 2022

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

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

September 20, 2022

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

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

September 20, 2022

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

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

September 20, 2022

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

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I move that the nominations just read by the Clerk be laid on the table.

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

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I call from the table certain nominations and ask for their consideration.

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

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

September 20, 2022

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of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

September 20, 2022

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

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

September 20, 2022

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

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TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

September 20, 2022

To the Honorable, the Senate
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TOM WOLF
Governor

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

September 20, 2022

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

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

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

September 20, 2022

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In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mike Maguire, 445 West Caracas Avenue, Hershey 17033, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Thaddeus

Stevens College of Technology, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF
Governor

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

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

YEA-46

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

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Comitta Kearney Muth

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

HB 1546 and HB 1988.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022

10:45 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bill No. 996; the nomination of Pam Iovino to the State Civil Service Commission; and Joel Frank and Rudy Battle to the State Athletic Commission)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
12:30 P.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider nomination of Pasquale Deon to the PA Turnpike Commission; and House Bill No. 1307)	Room 461 Main Capitol
12:55 P.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider House Bill No. 1328)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Room
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider House Bills No. 140, 397, 2373, 2525 and 2527)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider House Bill No. 2648)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022

10:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider the nomination of Sarah Clark, Esq., to the Environmental Hearing Board; Senate Bills No. 1338 and 1339; House Bill No. 2528; and an informational briefing to discuss Legionnaires Disease and related legislation-Senate Bill No. 1125)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:00 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider the nomination of Rudolph P. Vulakovich to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:30 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider the nomination of Elena Cross to the Unemployment Compensation Board of Review; and a notice of intent to review Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission Regulation #52-013 (IRRC No. 3339))	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
11:30 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider the nomination of Vincent Gastgeb to the Banking and Securities Commission)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022

9:30 A.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (public hearing on antler restrictions)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:00 A.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider House Bill No. 1108)	Room 8E-A East Wing (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 Beaver, Senator Vogel.

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, I rise today to speak on Senate Resolution No. 362, recognizing October 19, 2022, as Libraries: keystones of Our Communities Day. Today's public libraries are not just about what they have on shelves, but also what they can do with and for their communities. There are 468 public libraries, plus 177 branches, with more than 5 million registered users across the Commonwealth. Libraries, offering evening and weekend hours, community meeting rooms, and convenient locations; libraries are true community centers. Libraries offer programs and services for Pennsylvanians of all ages. Last year, nearly 2.7 million children attended programs at libraries. Ninety-four percent of Pennsylvania's libraries offer STEM programs and equipment, giving children the chance to develop skills that will set them up for a successful future. From coding classes and robotics clubs, to digital production and 3-D printers, libraries are the perfect place to foster a lifelong love for learning.

Libraries also offer many adult programs, including assistance with signing up for programs like Medicare, book clubs, healthy eating, and smoking cessation programs, and 100 percent of libraries feature internet and computer access. They offer technology and support for workforce development through resources like resume creation software, job search assistance, and test proctoring services. With inflation impacting everyone, libraries support communities with mobile hotspots; low-cost printing; and access to e-books, audio books, newspapers, and business databases.

I would be remiss not to mention the folks who assist all the people who utilize the libraries: the librarians and their staff. Professional librarians and staff provide much-needed support for literacy and quality services across the State. Google may give you millions of answers, but librarians will help you find the right one. Given numerous resources and access that libraries provide, you can see exactly why they are vital and how libraries are keystones of our communities.

Thank you, Mr. President, for allowing me to speak today on Senate Resolution No. 362, and please join me in recognizing October 19, 2022, as Libraries: keystones of Our Communities Day.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, to submit remarks for the record, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I have remarks for my colleague, Senator Tartaglione, who had to step out for a moment. I ask that they be joined in the record. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator COSTA, on behalf of the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator TARTAGLIONE:)

Mr. President, I rise because today marks 5,946 days since our Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase to our minimum wage. Our minimum wage, \$7.25 an hour, leaves our Commonwealth's lowest earners most susceptible to the pain felt due to the rising inflation; and Mr. President, one of the most crushing expenses felt by our lowest

earners is housing. A recent report published by the United Way of the National Capital Area found that in the 50 largest cities across America, workers need to work, on average, more than 100 hours a week just to be able to afford rent on a one-bedroom apartment. One hundred hours. And, Mr. President, these figures are not just regional, only in the biggest cities, or tied to red or blue States.

Here in Pennsylvania, statewide workers need to work 89 hours to afford a one-bedroom apartment; and in Philadelphia, that number skyrockets to 110 hours a week just to afford a one-bedroom apartment. In fact, Mr. President, in only two cities--Buffalo, New York, and Tucson, Arizona--can minimum-wage workers afford a one-bedroom rental with under 50 hours worked per week. In Washington, D.C., minimum-wage workers must work 78 hours per week, on average, to afford a modest, one-bedroom rental. In Orlando, Florida, the number rises to 101 work hours per week, and in San Francisco, California, the number skyrockets to 161 hours.

While countless variables go into housing affordability and ensuring workers do not need to work two or three full-time jobs just to be able to put a roof over their heads, there is one variable we can help with right now. Right now, we can raise our minimum wage and put workers in Pennsylvania on the path to \$15 an hour, which would immediately make housing more affordable and accessible to all workers in Pennsylvania.

Senate Bill No. 12, which would raise our minimum wage to \$15 an hour, is currently sitting in committee waiting for a vote. Let us bring it to the floor and provide relief to the Pennsylvanians who need it most.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I am honored to join my friend, Senator Kim Ward, to rise today and ask my Senate colleagues to join me in unanimous support of Senate Resolution No. 366, which designates October 2022 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Friday, October 21, 2022, as Mammography Day in Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, nearly every family, including mine, has been touched by breast cancer in some way and knows the devastating effects this disease can have.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States, after only skin cancers. It accounts for nearly 30 percent (or 1 in 3) of all new female cancers each year. Right now, there are more than 3.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States, including one right here in this Chamber. When detected early, the 5-year survival rate for breast cancer is over 90 percent. Due to better access to mammograms, death rates from breast cancer have consistently fallen, Mr. President. But even with improved access, disparities still persist.

The rate of new breast cancer cases is highest among non-Hispanic White women, but death among every age group, rates are highest among Black women. That is why designating this Friday, October 21 as Mammography Day and the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month is so crucially important. If we can ensure early detection and screenings, especially in communities traditionally underserved, we will save lives.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, I rise today to ask for support for Senate Resolution No. 348, which recognizes the week of October 16 through 22 as Military Sexual Trauma Survivor Week in Pennsylvania. The resolution, drafted by two veterans and survivors of military sexual assault, has previously been introduced by myself and Senator Lindsey Williams in 2020 and as well as 2021. Mr. President, the Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military shows, in stark detail, that sexual assault and sexual harassment remain persistent and distressing problems in our military. The report, required annually by Congress, indicated that over 8 percent of active-duty women and approximately 1.5 percent of active-duty men indicated experiencing some form of unwanted sexual contact in the year before the survey was conducted. In 2021, survey results also found that servicewomen experienced more sexual

harassment from the year prior, and men and women alike experienced greater workplace hostility than findings from only 3 years prior. The report indicated that servicemember sexual assault reports increased by 13 percent in 2021, compared to 2020. While those statistics are terrifying and disappointing and unacceptable, not every victim of sexual assault or sexual harassment comes forward to report. Therefore, these are definitely under-reported statistics.

RAINN, the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization, estimates that there are 18,900 members of the military who experience unwanted sexual contact every year. For those who choose to report their assault, it can be a very difficult and an isolating path to walk, often alone with little or no support. In today's military, rape culture is still an epidemic, just like most institutions. And all too often, survivors are forgotten, outcasted, overlooked, and shamed. Many of the survivors, prior to being assaulted, had dreams of serving for 20 more years or have a lifetime career in the military. Experiencing sexual violence takes that future and that security away. While some may choose to stay in the military, the psychological impact of the assault and resulting trauma can push survivors out of the service and lead to tremendous difficulty readjusting in civilian life. It is not just the assault that is traumatic, but everything that follows.

Mr. President, just a few weeks ago, I hosted my annual veterans' expo for veterans and their families in the 44th Senatorial District. We had over 250 veterans attend to find out about all the programs available to them and resources. And every single participant and guests of that event signed a giant poster showing their support for survivors of military sexual assault, and specifically for this Senate resolution. I hope that by highlighting this epidemic, we can begin a conversation at the State level to bring about meaningful change and healing to those affected by military sexual trauma. Unfortunately, this resolution, all 3 years since I have introduced it, has never received unanimous consent by the Senate. I ask my colleagues to reconsider and also just want to thank Senator Phillips-Hill for currently being the only Republican cosponsor on this year's resolution. Hopefully, we will get all 50 Members.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, today I rise to speak in support of Senate Resolution No. 346, which I introduced in collaboration with Senator Stefano and would designate Pennsylvania as a Hidden Heroes State in support of military family caregivers. As a nurse who has provided care to patients in trauma centers, long-term care centers, and in a patient's home, I know firsthand that the success of a patient's health outcomes can only be improved by the additional care and support they receive from loved ones. And while this is the case for all types of patients, it is undoubtedly true that Pennsylvanians who experience illness, injury, or medical complications from their service in the military face unique challenges, and likewise, so do their caregivers. Improving conditions for caregivers and the Pennsylvanians they support has been a top priority for me since I joined the Senate. I

am proud of the work this legislature has taken on by passing Act 20 of 2021, which provides for additional financial aid and flexibility to the Department of Aging to deliver reimbursements and home modification investment for caregivers.

I have introduced, with my colleague from Erie County, Senator Laughlin, the Pennsylvania Family Care Act, which would ensure paid leave for Pennsylvanians looking to care for themselves or loved ones, including military service members and veterans, all while supporting our local small business community. And while I look forward to continuing conversations with my colleagues about the need for and merits of this legislation, we have a significant opportunity to expand services and support for our military caregivers by passing Senate Resolution No. 346. By naming the Commonwealth a Hidden Heroes State through this resolution, we will take another step forward to support the more than 5.5 million caregivers of veterans who are parents, spouses, siblings, and friends of those wounded, ill, or injured as a result of their service to the United States Armed Forces. The Hidden Heroes campaign and the Elizabeth Dole Foundation will work with partners to help with the amplification and dissemination of vital caregiver resources, such as no-cost respite relief, which will ultimately help ensure their continued ability to provide efficient care to veterans. Passing Senate Resolution No. 346 would have the Commonwealth join Allegheny, Berks, Lehigh, Monroe, and Wyoming Counties, as well as the cities of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, which have already adopted their own Hidden Heroes legislation. As this legislative Session begins to wind down, there is still time left to take action and rally behind the caregivers of our military and veterans community in Pennsylvania by putting this measure to a vote, or the House companion, House Resolution No. 210. I want to thank my colleagues, Senator Stefano and Representative Rabb, Representative Gillen, Representative Polinchock, Representative Guent, Representative Webster, and Representative Solomon for joining me in this effort; the Pennsylvanians who have served our country with distinction and did so despite any injury they ultimately obtained; and, of course, I want to thank the countless Pennsylvanians who step up every day to take care of their loved ones. Your efforts and the crucial role you play do not go unnoticed.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, along with Senator Collett, I rise in support of Senate Resolution No. 346, which would designate the Commonwealth as a Hidden Heroes State. While first and foremost, our military and veterans deserve our respect and support, we often overlook the families and the caregivers behind those heroes. As such, the Elizabeth Dole Foundation has spearheaded the Hidden Heroes campaign, bringing attention to the military caregivers and seeking solutions for the challenges they face. Hidden Heroes focuses on three main issues: raising awareness of the issues of military caregivers; inspiring individuals, businesses, communities, and civic, faith, and government leaders to take action in support of military caregivers; establishing a national registry and encouraging military caregivers to register online to better connect them to helpful resources and support. [Hiddenheroes.org](https://hiddenheroes.org) is an online resource for military caregivers. It includes testimonials from military caregivers, a directory of resources, a private Facebook community for military caregivers,

and a call to action to get involved. Joining as a Hidden Heroes State helps to grow a network of States, cities, and communities dedicated to streamlining services to military caregivers and sharing best practices.

To date, nearly 200 communities have joined the network. Elizabeth Dole has served our nation in multiple capacities while serving behind and beside her husband, the late, great Bob Dole, a military hero and disabled veteran. I appreciate all that Elizabeth Dole has done throughout her career and now, with this campaign to support military caregivers. I would like to thank Senator Collett for working with me to highlight hidden heroes in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COMMITTA. Mr. President, I had intended to speak during the PUC nominations and did not have an opportunity. So, I would like to submit comments for the record regarding those nominations to the PUC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Chester, Senator COMMITTA:)

Mr. President, while I think these seats have been vacant for too long and the public deserves to have a full, five-member board considering the important matters before the PUC, I am voting "no."

I want to note that I did appreciate the opportunity to speak with each nominee ahead of today's vote. I was able to raise my concerns and priorities for the PUC, such as: advancing the hazardous liquids pipeline rulemaking; enacting stronger protections for the public and ratepayers when it comes to municipal water and wastewater systems being bought by private entities; and the need for PUC pipeline siting authority for NGL pipelines. Some of those points require legislative solutions that I hope we can act on in the Senate.

With full respect to all of the nominees, some of them, as my constituents have pointed out, are just too close to the utility industry and have a record of siding with the pipeline industry on certain decisions. In addition, I also want to note that there is still not a PUC member from southeastern PA, which I believe would be beneficial in addressing some of the unique concerns facing our region and my constituents.

That said, I am voting "no." I think it is important that, first and foremost, the PUC represents the interests of the public. Thank you.

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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 Monday, October 24, 2022, at 1 p.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 2:14 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.